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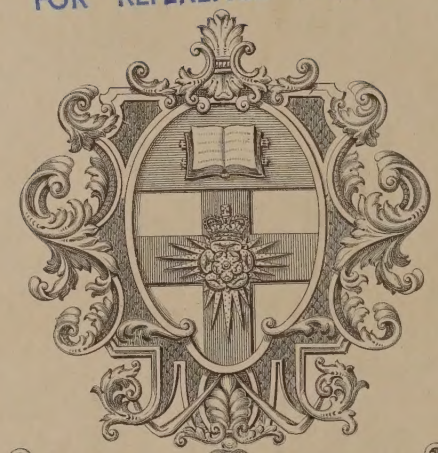

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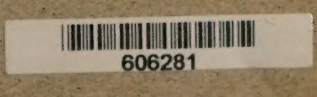
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COMMISSION.

VICTORIA R.

Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith:

To Our trusty and well-beloved George Morley Dowdeswell, Esquire, one of Our Counsel, Horatio Mansfield, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, and Robert John Biron, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, greeting:

Whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled, have by a joint Address humbly represented unto Us that Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges selected for the Trial of Election Petitions pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, has reported to the House of Commons that Corrupt Practices did prevail at the last Election for the City of Norwich, and that there is reason to believe that Corrupt Practices did extensively prevail at the said Election, and have humbly prayed that We will be graciously pleased to cause Inquiry to be made pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Parliament passed in the sixteenth year of Our reign, intituled "An Act to provide "for more effectual Inquiry into the Existence for Corrupt Practices at Elections for "Members to serve in Parliament," by the appointment of you, the said George Morley Dowdeswell, Horatio Mansfield, and Robert John Biron, as Commissioners for the purpose of making Inquiry into the existence of such Corrupt Practices:

Know ye, that We, in compliance with the Prayer of the said joint Address, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents in pursuance of the powers vested in Us by the said Act, authorize and appoint you, the said George Morley Dowdeswell, Horatio Mansfield, and Robert John Biron, to be Commissioners for the purpose of making Inquiry, under the said Act, into the existence of such Corrupt Practices in the said joint Address referred to.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the Twenty-third day of June One thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, in the Thirty-third Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

(Signed) H. A. BRUCE.

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REPORT.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

We, the Commissioners appointed under Your Majesty's royal sign manual for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices at the last election for members to serve in Parliament for the city of Norwich, humbly submit for the gracious consideration of Your Majesty the following general report upon the subject matter of that inquiry. In the special report laid before Your Majesty on the 10th day of October last we stated the conclusions at which we had arrived on portions of the evidence then before us, affecting the conduct of certain individuals therein mentioned. p. xix.

Before commencing our sittings at Norwich we directed our Secretary, Mr. John Herbert Secker, to proceed thither, and obtain all the information he could collect which might guide and assist us in the prosecution of our investigation. This he accordingly did, and we have much pleasure in recording our sense of the zeal, industry, and ability with which he performed that important duty. Throughout the whole of the inquiry, too, we must acknowledge that our labours were greatly facilitated and time economized by his assiduous exertions and judicious arrangements; great inconvenience was thus spared to the numerous witnesses, and a very heavy expense to the city.

In obedience to Your Majesty's commands we opened the Commission in the Shire House, Norwich Castle, on the 19th day of August last, and continued our sittings until the 4th day of September, when, by the permission of Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, we adjourned the inquiry until the 27th day of September.

During those sittings we examined the agents for the several candidates at the last election for Norwich and a considerable number of electors, and we had by these means, and from other information afforded us, been enabled to form a judgment as to the class of voters among whom any corrupt practices at that election had prevailed.

In the interval afforded by this adjournment unceasing efforts were made, under our direction and the immediate superintendence of the Secretary, to select from the bulk of the constituency all the persons whose evidence we had any reason to believe would assist the inquiry, so as to avoid calling those who could throw no light upon it. By this course the duration and costs of the inquiry were materially curtailed, without, we believe, the sacrifice of any of its objects.

On the 27th of September we resumed our sittings, and continued them from day to day until the 16th of October last, when we adjourned to London. We thus sat 33 days, and during that time examined about 1,500 witnesses.

The magistrates of the county placed the Shire House at our disposal. We have much pleasure in acknowledging their kindness and courtesy.

The authorities of the city afforded us every assistance in their power. A number of the city constables were ordered by them to attend our court, and in consequence of the perfect manner in which their duties were performed under the able direction of the Chief Constable and Superintendent Sharpe, perfect order was maintained in the building throughout our proceedings. The witnesses, of whom a large number were in attendance every day, were introduced without delay or confusion; and we were thereby enabled to conduct the inquiry with greater expedition than might have been anticipated.

In the prosecution of our inquiry, we regret to say, we found great reluctance on the part of the electors of the city generally to afford us information with regard to

what took place at the last election; and we experienced considerable difficulty in our efforts to draw from the witnesses the material facts with which we had reason to believe they were acquainted.

In order to conceal the truth many of the witnesses had recourse to obstinate reserve, prevarication and evasion, and in several instances did not scruple to commit wilful and deliberate perjury. This reluctance to divulge the facts we attribute to the strong party feeling prevailing among those whose conduct was impeached, and in many cases to personal animosity towards Mr. Tillett, whom they regarded as the originator of the inquiry, as he had petitioned against the return of Sir Henry Stracey.

But above all an apprehension prevailed that the city might be disfranchised; and this not only influenced the persons examined by us, but they were urged by others to "hold their own," as it was expressed, and so to suppress any facts
Evid. p. 200. which might lead to the result which they feared. The evidence of Mrs. Allen, a person who might reasonably have been expected to be superior to these influences, affords an example of the spirit which animated by far the greater number of the witnesses
Evid. p. 575. who could give us important information: and the letter of Mr. Waters illustrates the view taken by their fellow-citizens of their conduct in the witness box.

Thus the inquiry was protracted, and additional expense thrown upon the city.

Norwich was constituted a city by Royal Charter in the reign of Henry the First, and shortly afterwards was summoned to send burgesses to Parliament. It is also a county. Under the old charters freemen and freeholders were entitled to vote for members of Parliament. Mere householders were not entitled to vote until the Reform Act of 1832. The city contains 45 parishes, which are divided into eight wards. Its ancient boundaries, as defined by charter, remain unaltered. The register of voters in the year 1867 showed a total of 5,912 voters, consisting of 1,981 freemen, 1,324 freeholders, and 2,607 occupiers; on the register, after allowing for duplicates and deaths, there were, we think, about 5,000 persons actually entitled to vote.

According to the returns for the last census in 1861, the population of Norwich was 74,414, and if we take the increase since to have proceeded in the same ratio as in the previous years of the present century, the number of inhabitants must at the present time amount to nearly 85,000. The number of inhabited houses in the city exceeds 21,000, and the rateable value is 178,882*l*. There is a great deal of poverty among the lower classes, though in this respect there has been of late years a slight improvement. The standard of education is low; a large majority of the witnesses whom we examined were unable to write their names.

The Reform Act of 1867 very largely augmented the constituency, and after the revision of 1868. the numbers on the register of voters amounted to 13,296, consisting of 1,984 freemen, 1,488 freeholders, 9,798 occupiers, and 26 lodgers, leaving, after striking out the names of persons known to be dead and those entered twice under different qualifications, the real number of electors about 12,000.

The evidence taken by us shows, that for a long time past there has been a considerable number of voters in Norwich open to corruption; and the tradition is still cherished of the high prices which were given for votes at former elections. The greater proportion of the voters added to the register by the statute of 1867 consisted of the poorer class, and the facts disclosed before us show, that at the last election there was a very large number of voters open to be bribed or influenced by corrupt practices.

Evid. p. 10. 330, *et. seq.* The number of these persons was estimated by an experienced electioneering agent on the Liberal side, at 1,500, or about one-eighth of the present constituency. Looking at the evidence, however, before us we think the real number very considerably exceeded this.

Previously to the election of 1868 Sir William Russell, Baronet, and Edward Warner, Esquire, who had been elected as supporters of Lord Palmerston's ministry, were the sitting members, and were desirous in the first instance to offer themselves as candidates at that election.

The Reform Bill of 1867, however, had placed a large number of working men upon the register, and thereby added considerably to one section of the Liberal party. The immediate consequence was the formation, in October 1867, of a society called the Liberal Electoral Organisation, for the purpose of securing the return of a working man's candidate.

In furtherance of this object several meetings were held, and in the month of July 1868 this section of the party nominated Mr. Jacob Henry Tillett, the editor of the "Norfolk News," a well-known local politician, as their candidate, and thereupon many of the working men, members of the Organisation, at once commenced a canvass on his behalf, and by the end of October had procured such a number of promises as rendered them confident of success. A subscription or guarantee list had also been formed by his friends, with a view to return him free of expense; the subscriptions amounted to upwards of 1,000*l.*

Shortly after this resolution to bring forward Mr. Tillett as a candidate had been come to, the retirement of either Sir W. Russell or Mr. Warner was deemed necessary by the more influential portion of their political friends. Accordingly those gentlemen placed themselves unreservedly in the hands of their supporters, and Mr. Warner, in consequence of their decision, withdrew his claims to the representation in favour of Sir W. Russell. It is only fair to state, that in taking this course he acted with perfect honour and integrity. It has never even been suggested that he was influenced by any improper motive whatever in adopting this course.

Thus Sir W. Russell and Mr. Tillett had become in October the Liberal candidates, the former on what was termed the Whig, the latter on the Radical interest.

The Conservatives seem to have experienced considerable difficulty in procuring a candidate. They had no general organisation, but in the different wards of the city they had several political clubs, the chief of them being the Eldon Club, which numbered among its members many of the leading Conservatives.

About a fortnight before the election, a deputation of this club waited upon Sir Henry Josias Stracey, Baronet, a gentleman of considerable property residing a few miles from the city, well known and respected in the neighbourhood, and they invited him to come forward in the Conservative interest. This he ultimately consented to do, on the express understanding that he would not spend one shilling beyond the legal expenses on the election. His address was at once issued, and he held meetings and made speeches on various occasions, but from the extent of the constituency, and the lateness of his entering the field, a house-to-house canvass was deemed impracticable, and was not attempted.

No active steps, beyond those adopted by the Organisation above referred to, were taken on the Liberal side, until a candidate in the Conservative interest thus came forward. As it then became evident that a severe contest might be anticipated, it was deemed expedient that the supporters of Sir W. Russell and Mr. Tillett should combine. A meeting, therefore, was held of the whole party, when it was unanimously resolved to support those gentlemen as the Liberal candidates. They both promised to advocate the same principles and measures, and thereupon received the undivided support of the Liberal party.

After the coalition the main election expenses of these two candidates were borne by them jointly, Mr. Coaks and Mr. O. D. Ray acting as agents for Sir W. Russell, and Mr. G. A. Stevens for Mr. Tillett. The whole expenses of the election on the Liberal side were paid through the hands of these gentlemen.

Mr. J. C. Chittock, solicitor, was appointed general manager and financial agent to Sir H. Stracey, and all payments in respect of the election by Sir H. Stracey were made through his hands.

On the part of the three candidates and their principal supporters there was an avowed, and, we believe, a sincere desire to abstain from all corrupt practices, and on both sides precautions were taken to secure this result.

On the Liberal side, with the exception of one irregularity hereafter mentioned, these precautions seem to have been completely successful, and, on the part of the Conservatives, we entirely acquit Sir H. Stracey and the bulk of the party of all knowledge of, or participation in the corrupt practices which undoubtedly prevailed on their side.

In entire disregard of the precise and peremptory instructions received from Sir H. Stracey, Mr. Chittock, through Samuel Dawson, who acted as his clerk, hired and organised bands of men to parade the streets and attend the different meetings at which Sir Henry was present and addressed the electors. These men received each 2*s.* a day, and some beer, and in this manner about 81*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* was distributed before the day of polling among the lower classes in the city, some of whom Evid. p. 711.

were electors. This money was mostly spent in the beer houses, and served no doubt to increase the popularity of the Conservative candidate.

Evid. p. 777. Sir H. Stracey was never made acquainted with this proceeding, and in the accounts of election expenses furnished the sum was included in the charge for "messengers," and under that head apportioned among the different wards. By these means the real nature of the outlay was effectually concealed, and Sir H. Stracey, in ignorance of the arrangement, was induced to pay the above amount to Mr. Chittock.

We find Mr. Chittock solely responsible for this proceeding.

Apart from this transaction we discovered no trace of any illegal expenditure until the day of the nomination.

Evid. p. 22. 702, *et. seq.* The nomination at Norwich takes place in the Guildhall of the city, a room capable of containing only 300 persons, and difficult of access from the narrowness of its approaches. It is in fact a place altogether unfit for the purpose, and with so large a constituency the nomination, so long as it is held there, must always be an idle, turbulent proceeding, productive only of riot and confusion. In the words of one of the witnesses, Mr. Stevens, "There is always a rush for the purpose of getting in there, and no man who has any respect for his life or limbs would care to encounter the rush."

For many years past it seems to have been the custom in Norwich to endeavour on both sides to secure the show of hands at the nomination, by hiring men to pack the hall, and support the different candidates. The nomination took place on the 16th day of November, and on this occasion there appears to have been some hesitation as to resorting to the usual practice. On the Saturday afternoon, immediately preceding the nomination, a meeting of the Liberal party took place, at which both the candidates, Mr. Coaks, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Ray, and Mr. Youngs were present, when, among other subjects, the propriety of securing the show of hands was under discussion. The gentlemen who were present and took part in it did not altogether agree in their account. Both Sir W. Russell and Mr. Tillett stated they had no notion that it was contemplated to hire anybody for the purpose, but on the contrary, believed that the intention was to arrange that volunteers from the different factories, where the workmen supported the Liberal cause, should early in the day obtain possession of the hall, and so secure the show of hands at the nomination.

Evid. p. 11. 358, *et. seq.* Evid. p. 689. 38769, *et. seq.* However that may be, it is clear to us upon the evidence, that, in the presence of Sir W. Russell and Mr. Tillett, the two questions were distinctly raised whether the show of hands should be secured, and whether it would be legal to do so, and in answer to an inquiry they were distinctly told by Mr. Coaks, that it would not "void the election." It is obvious that the legality of that step could not admit of argument, unless upon the assumption that payments were to be made for the object in view. We are satisfied that they did acquiesce in the arrangement, though the details of the plan to be adopted, and the expense that might have to be incurred, were not brought to their knowledge, so far as they can remember.

Evid. p. 42. Mr. Ray, acting upon what he, an experienced election agent, believed to be the deliberate decision of the committee and the candidates, employed Edward Ramsbottom Barnes to procure men to attend the nomination. Barnes, with the assistance of Robert Samuel Walter Long, a gamekeeper, hired a number of men who were paid about 2*s.* each, and early in the day they secured possession of a great portion of the hall, and thus, with the aid of some volunteers from Mr. Colman's factory, the show of hands was secured for the Liberal candidates.

The expense of this proceeding amounting to 8*l.* 10*s.*, was borne, we find, equally by Sir W. Russell and Mr. Tillett, but the exact nature of this payment was not brought to the knowledge of either of those gentlemen.

An effort to pack the hall was likewise made on the part of the Conservatives, without the consent or knowledge of Sir H. Stracey, by Mr. John Bishop, a member of the firm of Messrs. Barnard and Bishop, staunch supporters of the Conservative cause.

Evid. p. 768. At the instigation of an old servant of the firm, named Amiss, 110 men in their employment were allowed to, and did attend the nomination. In the first instance there does not seem to have been any arrangement for the payment of these men, but having heard that payments had been made on the other side for the like service, they represented it to Amiss, who prevailed upon Mr. Bishop to give him the sum of 14*l.* 10*s.*, which was distributed among them for their attendance.

Though in these cases instructions are said to have been given to the agents, who were entrusted with the business, to avoid employing voters, they exercised no discrimination whatever in their selection. Many voters we found were thus hired, but we were unable to obtain all their names.

The poll was taken on the 17th day of November, and at an early hour it became apparent that numbers of the electors, principally consisting of those who had been newly placed on the register, were indisposed to vote, either from indifference or in the hope of getting money. During the morning these persons wandered about the city, or stood in groups in the market place, and in open spots in the neighbourhood of the polling booths; but towards the middle of the day they congregated at various public-houses. When asked to go to the poll, they either directly, or indirectly intimated that they should not do so unless they were paid, or provided with beer for voting; in many instances they required their day's pay, which they had lost in consequence of the places where they were employed being closed. They were quite ready to vote for either party who would pay them, and this a considerable number of them when examined before us avowed.

It may be convenient here to state the progress of the polling during the day, as it furnishes a clue to the proceedings taken by some of the supporters of Sir H. Stracey to secure his return.

Liberal Returns.

First Ward.

Hour.	Russell.	Tillett.	Stracey.
8.30	30	31	69
9.0	32	30	78
9.30	41	40	58
10.0	39	37	61
10.30	29	24	41
11.0	16	12	36
11.30	18	16	32
12.0	6	6	14
12.30	7	6	18
1.0	3	4	6
1.30	4	5	15
2.0	11	13	8
2.30	6	7	14
3.0	5	8	17
3.30	11	7	19
4.0	14	12	23
Total - -	272	258	509
Sheriff's figures	273	260	507

Second Ward.

Hour.	Russell.	Tillett.	Stracey.
8.30	30	30	20
9.0	39	37	40
9.30	34	32	27
10.0	34	29	27
10.30	26	23	24
11.0	13	11	8
11.30	24	18	19
12.0	1	0	6
12.30	7	4	13
1.0	14	11	7
1.30	13	10	10
2.0	6	5	5
2.30	4	3	17
3.0	12	12	7
3.30	10	5	13
4.0	16	12	38
Total - -	283	242	281
Sheriff's figures	284	242	281

Third Ward.

Hour.	Russell.	Tillett.	Stracey.
8.30	96	99	60
9.0	116	119	126
9.30	153	155	110
10.0	167	159	98
10.30	153	150	112
11.0	109	107	81
11.30	90	84	108
12.0	51	52	53
12.30	29	24	35
1.0	31	27	39
1.30	34	49	41
2.0	25	29	34
2.30	45	56	35
3.0	44	33	51
3.30	30	30	40
4.0	92	90	121
Total - -	1,265	1,263	1,144
Sheriff's figures	1,269	1,249	1,163

Fourth Ward.

Hour.	Russell.	Tillett.	Stracey.
8.30	10	10	30
9.0	18	18	30
9.30	16	12	26
10.0	25	25	14
10.30	14	12	17
11.0	8	7	22
11.30	12	11	8
12.0	5	3	5
12.30	1	1	9
1.0	4	2	5
1.30	3	0	10
2.0	3	3	2
2.30	7	5	4
3.0	2	1	5
3.30	6	5	3
4.0	6	4	16
Total - -	140	119	206
Sheriff's figures	140	118	207

FIFTH WARD.

Hour.	Russell.	Tillett.	Stracey.
8.30	22	19	60
9.0	51	51	66
9.30	37	31	56
10.0	37	38	33
10.30	38	34	44
11.0	15	16	13
11.30	23	22	16
12.0	10	10	13
12.30	6	6	6
1.0	10	9	16
1.30	8	7	19
2.0	6	4	13
2.30	11	8	24
3.0	12	7	14
3.30	9	8	14
4.0	21	12	42
Total - -	316	282	449
Sheriff's figures	314	281	450

SEVENTH WARD.

Hour.	Russell.	Tillett.	Stracey.
8.30	48	46	43
9.0	118	118	52
9.30	101	100	78
10.0	109	113	76
10.30	91	89	84
11.0	70	70	56
11.30	62	56	37
12.0	37	33	34
12.30	36	38	52
1.0	30	27	32
1.30	25	21	36
2.0	33	32	33
2.30	7	5	23
3.0	35	33	51
3.30	29	33	66
4.0	56	54	123
Total - -	887	868	876
Sheriff's figures	886	864	879

SIXTH WARD.

Hour.	Russell.	Tillett.	Stracey.
8.30	88	90	58
9.0	115	118	49
9.30	150	154	73
10.0	81	81	56
10.30	83	84	49
11.0	53	51	54
11.30	35	36	21
12.0	29	29	25
12.30	31	28	31
1.0	17	21	18
1.30	7	11	16
2.0	37	39	18
2.30	31	32	21
3.0	17	18	20
3.30	28	30	43
4.0	43	46	103
Total - -	845	868	655
Sheriff's figures	855	883	665

EIGHTH WARD.

Hour.	Russell.	Tillett.	Stracey.
8.30	72	72	26
9.0	70	70	34
9.30	49	46	17
10.0	69	65	19
10.30	38	37	18
11.0	28	28	24
11.30	14	13	24
12.0	5	3	15
12.30	30	24	12
1.0	10	9	13
1.30	11	12	4
2.0	12	16	30
2.30	13	8	16
3.0	25	22	22
3.30	18	17	21
4.0	26	27	73
Total - -	490	469	368
Sheriff's figures	488	467	369

	GROSS POLL.			MAJORITIES.		
Hour.	Russell.	Tillett.	Stracey.	Russell over Stracey.	Tillett over Stracey.	Stracey over Tillett.
9.0	995	958	841	114	117	
9.30	1,536	1,528	1,286	250	242	
10.0	2,097	2,075	1,670	427	405	
10.30	2,569	2,528	2,059	541	469	
11.0	2,881	2,830	2,353	528	479	
11.30	3,159	3,086	2,608	551	477	
12.0	3,303	3,222	2,783	520	439	
12.30	3,450	3,353	2,959	491	394	
1.0	3,569	3,463	3,095	474	368	
1.30	3,674	3,578	3,246	428	332	
2.0	3,807	3,719	3,389	418	330	
2.30	3,931	3,843	3,543	388	300	
3.0	4,803	3,977	3,730	353	247	
3.30	4,224	4,112	3,949	275	113	
4.0	4,498	4,369	4,488	10	—	119

Hence it is evident, that up to 2 o'clock Sir H. Stracey was in a considerable minority, and after that hour his position rapidly improved. We cannot doubt that some of his independent supporters, who had till then kept aloof from indifference, or despair of success, were induced to vote for him, when they saw that there was some chance of his winning the election, but we are convinced that the turn in his favour was mainly due to the operation of corrupt influences, which, as will be presently shown, were brought to bear between 2 o'clock and the close of the poll.

Among the most active partisans of Sir H. Stracey was Mr. Joseph Allen, surgeon, a member of the Eldon Club, and a person of considerable political influence, who, at least at one previous election, had been instrumental in bribing electors. Mr. Arthur Bignold, the son of a former member for the city, Sir Samuel Bignold, was also a strong supporter of the Conservative candidate. For many years past he has taken an active part in the elections for the city, and we have reason to believe is chiefly responsible for the bribery and corruption on the Conservative side which has taken place on those occasions. In 1860 he plainly intimated to Messrs. Lewis and Forlonge, the then Conservative candidates, that it would be impossible to win the election without bribery, and suggested its adoption, but to the honour of those gentlemen, his counsel was disregarded. Again, in 1865 he introduced Mr. Waters as a candidate, acted as his friend and financial agent, and, in conjunction with Mr. Allen, received from him 500*l.*, to be handed to Mr. Kitton, a person who had for many years been engaged in bribery at elections at Norwich, in order that it might be, as it was, expended in the interests of Mr. Waters in bribery and corruption.

About 1 o'clock on the polling day Mr. Allen, finding that in consequence of the large numbers of voters who were abstaining from voting as stated above, it was, to use the expression of Mr. Coaks, "an open election," sought an interview with Mr. Edward Stracey, the eldest son of the candidate. He represented to him, that with the aid of a sum of money to be expended in bribery the election could be won, and suggested that he should provide it.

Mr. Stracey exhibited great reluctance to do this, but at the suggestion of Mr. Allen he discussed the matter with Mr. Bignold. We were unable to examine either Mr. Stracey or Mr. Bignold, in consequence of their absence from this country, we believe, for the purpose of avoiding an examination by us; but a consultation between them ensued, which resulted in a determination that Mr. Stracey should procure the loan of 200*l.* from Mr. Webster, the landlord of an hotel in Norwich, for the purpose of its being expended in bribery. Upon this Mr. Stracey requested Mr. Webster to lend him the money, which he consented to do, and thereupon Mr. Webster proceeded to the bank of Messrs. Harvey in Norwich, where he cashed his own cheque for 200*l.*, receiving in exchange two bags of gold, each containing 200 half-sovereigns. These, according to an arrangement made between Mr. Stracey, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Bignold, Mr. Webster took to the house of Mr. Allen, and there delivered them to Mrs. Allen. By the desire of her husband, Mrs. Allen gave them to Mr. Howse Allen, who was at the house, and to whom Mr. Allen had communicated the above arrangement.

In a conversation between Mr. Allen and Mr. Bignold, it had been agreed that the money should be entrusted for distribution to persons in whom they believed they could confide, and who had been mixed up in such transactions before, viz., Mr. Hulme a chemist, the chairman of the Eldon Club, Mr. Bunn, and Mr. Wiseman.

Upon the evidence it is quite clear that these were the persons, who would have been entrusted with the distribution of any money provided by the Conservative party for the purposes of bribery. They were at this time actually employed at different committee rooms, but were wholly unprovided with any funds for illegitimate purposes. Mr. Allen immediately after parting with Mr. Bignold, who accompanied him to his house, saw them, and told them that money had been provided; he instructed them to call at his house for it at once, and to take immediate measures to circulate it amongst the voters. They accordingly called there about 3 o'clock, and received from Mr. Howse Allen the following sums, viz., Mr. Hulme 40*l.*, Mr. Bunn 50*l.*, and Mr. Wiseman 100*l.* Mr. Howse Allen retained 10*l.*, and out of this he distributed 7*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* in direct bribery, or in providing funds to enable other persons to bribe voters, but he had not time to make use of the balance before the close of the poll. Mr. Howse Allen thus personally bribed seven electors. We proceeded to trace the expenditure of the rest of this money, and it soon became apparent to us, that the agents so employed to distribute it, were at least as ready to cheat their employers, as to corrupt their fellow citizens. Mr. Hulme, on his first examination, stated that he gave 15*l.*, part of this money, to Thomas Mackley, 5*l.* each to John Houghton and William Houghton, and 5*l.* to John Hart Bowgen, to get up voters, and that he

Evid. p. 206

Evid. p. 208

retained 10*l.* in his own hands, which he had not time to make use of. But upon further investigation we were convinced that this account of the expenditure was false. Mackley, it is true, swore he had received 15*l.*, and bribed one voter, but gave his evidence in a manner which created in our minds great distrust of his statements, and subsequently facts transpired, which satisfied us he had been tampered with by Mr. Hulme, and that he was wholly unworthy of credit. John Houghton stated that he only received 5*s.*, and therewith bribed a voter, who, on being subsequently summoned, confirmed this statement, while William Houghton swore, that instead of 5*l.*, Mr. Hulme only gave him 2*l.* 5*s.*, of which he expended 1*l.* 15*s.* in bribing five voters, and the rest he spent in treating. After a protracted and strict examination we were convinced these men had spoken the truth, and that Mr. Hulme had endeavoured to persuade them, as he had persuaded Mackley, to commit perjury in order to corroborate his story, and enable him to account for the money he had received. Bowgen admitted the receipt of 5*l.*, which he handed over to Charles Andrews, who with it bribed eight voters. Thus 15 votes only were shown to have been procured by this sum of 40*l.*; and we arrived at the conclusion that Mr. Hulme was guilty of bribery, and had deliberately appropriated to his own use the greater part of the sum entrusted to him; that he committed perjury before us, and suborned, or attempted to suborn others to do the same in order to conceal such appropriation.

Evid. p. 210. Mr. Bunn, when asked what he did with the 50*l.*, said, "I do not think I made myself so officious as I ought to have done on the subject, considering," and went on to confess that he kept 29*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for himself, gave 16*l.* to Henry Durrant to bribe with, and divided the balance between three persons, Henry Read, Robert Bacon, and David Harmer. Durrant kept all the money given to him, and, on the whole, not more than six or seven votes were procured by the 50*l.* entrusted to Mr. Bunn for distribution.

Evid. p. 305. The history of the 100*l.* handed to Mr. Wiseman for distribution is no less disgraceful. He swore in his examination that he gave his son, Robert Wiseman, 25*l.*; Richard Green, 20*l.* 10*s.*; Samuel Lake, 3*l.* or 3*l.* 10*s.*; Edward Christmas Dowson, 3*l.* 10*s.*; Richard Mackley, 3*l.* 10*s.* or more, and Daniel Keddington, 2*l.* 10*s.* or 3*l.* 10*s.*, leaving, according to his statement, about 40*l.* in his hands, which he excused himself for keeping, by saying that he had not time to distribute it. Further investigation, however, showed that this account was untrue, for he subsequently admitted that his son handed him back 20*l.*, Green swore he only received 5*l.*, and Lake insisted he only got 1*l.* These statements we believed, and thus were satisfied, that out of the 100*l.* Mr. Wiseman kept upwards of 75*l.* in his own pocket, and that the balance was the means of bringing to the poll about 20 voters.

It will be seen, therefore, that out of the sum of 200*l.* thus provided, sufficient only was expended to procure about 45 votes. This comparatively insignificant result we attribute in some degree to the brief space of time remaining for its distribution, but mainly to the dishonesty of the agents entrusted with it. It was abundantly clear that there was a large number of electors waiting to receive bribes, whose votes could have been easily procured, had these agents been disposed to carry out their instructions.

In another part of the city, about 2 o'clock, active bribery was commenced by Robert Hardiment, a tanner and fellmonger in a fair way of business in Norwich. He had previously to the polling day been canvassing voters in company with Mr. Stracey. Early on that day he treated voters in considerable numbers at Clarke's beerhouse, in St. Martin's. He then went about to different quarters of the city, and was evidently regarded as possessing the confidence of his party, and likely to be provided with any funds which might be forthcoming for bribery. About 2 o'clock he proceeded to the "Woolpack" public-house, where a large number of unpolled voters were assembled, and there paid several of them sums, varying from 7*s.* 6*d.* to a sovereign, to vote for Sir H. Stracey. He afterwards went to a beerhouse, kept by Henry William Cartwright, in St. Mary's, situate about 25 yards from one of the polling places, where he remained until the close of the poll. Here, in the like manner, he bribed voters, who, hearing that he was distributing money, crowded to the spot. As many as 30 of the persons examined by us admitted they had been bribed by Hardiment. The evidence of his proceedings satisfied us that he had bribed several other voters, some of whom denied it; but the conclusion we have come to is, that he expended not more than about 60*l.* in buying votes. We were desirous of ascertaining from what source these funds had been derived, and from an examination of his banking account we learned, that although ill able to afford to spend so large a sum, he had, at the time of the election, ample credit with his bankers, and during the two or three days covering the election, had drawn out in cash some 70*l.* in excess of his usual expenditure.

Upon these facts, finding that Hardiment was the person who had been most actively engaged in bribery at the last election, we thought it right to abstain from examining him, in order that any prosecution instituted against him might not be defeated by the certificate which, if he had told us the truth, we should have felt it our duty to grant.

Hence we were unable to learn with certainty the actual source of these funds, or the motives of his conduct; but we are inclined to believe that he spent his own money, trusting to reimbursement by Sir H. Stracey or his friends, as soon as the excitement of the election had subsided.

About the same time bribery was commenced at a public-house called the "Trumpet," by two persons, viz., Arthur Hunt, a fowl dealer, and Samuel Smith, the owner of considerable cottage property in Norwich. At this house about 25 men were collected early in the morning, who openly declared they would not vote without money. They remained there drinking till 2 o'clock, when Sir H. Stracey, having been informed that they might be induced to vote, if he spoke to them, went there with some of his friends, and urged them to vote. They intimated that they wanted money, and he left the house. Shortly afterwards Hunt and Smith commenced bargaining with them, and ultimately bribed 16 or 17 with 7*s.* 6*d.* apiece to vote for Sir H. Stracey. Under these circumstances we did not examine Hunt and Smith during our sittings at Norwich, but stated to Your Majesty our conclusions respecting them in the preliminary report. No information having been filed against them within the statutory period, on the 20th day of November we examined them at Westminster. The evidence they then gave was as unsatisfactory to us, as it was discreditable to them. p. xix.

There is no evidence before us that they had been furnished with funds by any other person, and it may well be, that they expended the money in the expectation of being afterwards indemnified or rewarded. We have reason to think that this has been the mode in which bribery has frequently been practised at Norwich elections. The leading citizens have not there been in the habit of trafficking in the representation of the constituency, nor has it been the practice to buy voters in gangs, as in some places. The poorer voters have been accustomed to act independently in selling their votes, to make their own bargains in the market place or the beer house, and the transaction has been conducted often through the medium of volunteers, who entered into it in the expectation, which has generally been realised, that they would afterwards be recouped their expenditure.

We also ascertained that some sums had been expended in bribery by zealous partisans acting independently, who had thereby succeeded in inducing several electors to vote for Sir H. Stracey. Thus the sum of 10*l.* was given for that purpose by Mr. Allen to Mr. Furse, who spent it in procuring eight votes. Owen Murrell, a livery stable keeper, paid 25*s.* in sums of 5*s.* each to five men for voting, and afterwards endeavoured to obtain from Mr. Alfred Stockings 2*l.* 10*s.* by representing that he had spent the latter sum in bribing them; and there are instances, in which other individuals gave small sums, and procured votes in like manner, but they are very few in number. Evid. p. 33 Evid. p. 17

Besides the cases above referred to, in which votes were actually obtained by bribery, we learned that late in the day of the polling some electors were induced, by conditional promises of money, to vote for Sir H. Stracey. The principal instance of this species of corrupt practice occurred at the "Thorn" tavern, kept by Robert Larkman. During the morning about 24 men had assembled there in the hope that offers would be made to them. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Green, a timber merchant, called, and on learning from the landlord that the men would not vote without money, promised to make an effort to get them paid for voting. He then left the house; Larkman took down the names of the men, and induced a number of them to vote for Sir H. Stracey, by promising they should have their share of the money, if Green succeeded in obtaining it. Green, in fact, returned without money, but about 20 votes were obtained by these illegitimate means. Evid. p. 64

In addition to bribery, treating was also to a considerable extent resorted to on the day of the poll, and many voters were thereby corruptly induced to vote for Sir H. Stracey. David Cubitt, a shoemaker, admitted that he had spent about 12 sovereigns at different public-houses in treating voters. He stated that part of that sum was his own money, and that the remainder was supplied for the purpose by Mr. Woodrow, a land agent, and another person whom he did not know. This amount, according to his evidence, was sufficient, if spent in treating, successfully to influence 40 or 50 voters. He was evidently, however, inclined to exaggerate the sum spent by him, but he undoubtedly induced many voters to poll, and we think his estimate of 30 does not exceed the true number. Evid. p. 38

Evid. p. 536. A publican, Samuel Fletcher, of the "Anchor," Silver Road, on finding that the men in his house required some inducement to vote, addressed himself to Mr. Lamb, a clerk in the employ of Mr. Patteson, a brewer, and supporter of Sir H. Stracey, and was authorized by him to lay out a few shillings in treating. Fletcher thereupon expended 10*s.*, and by so doing got up about 30 voters. The money was subsequently repaid him by Lamb.

Evid. p. 528. William Maris, a potato salesman, on his first examination before us, swore that he knew nothing of corrupt practices. On being subsequently pressed, he admitted that
Evid. p. 542. he treated almost anybody, and by that means got up about 20 voters altogether for
Evid. p. 566. Sir H. Stracey. Thomas Worledge was extensively engaged on the day of the election in treating voters, and no doubt induced many to poll for Sir H. Stracey. This witness prevaricated grossly in giving his evidence, and, though he acknowledged he had spent 25*s.* or 30*s.* in drink, which he gave away, he professed not to know whether the men whom he treated were voters.

Evid. p. 565. Another publican, John Pratt, said that for a sovereign spent in treating during the day he got 50 men to vote, and found "plenty of them would vote for half-a-pint of beer." We might readily add to these instances, but consider it unnecessary to do so. In fact it was abundantly clear that, although in the early part of the day the corrupt portion of the constituency would not vote without money, towards the afternoon their demands were reduced, and as the close of the poll drew near, many of them were quite ready to vote either way, even for a small quantity of beer.

At many of the public-houses, among which we may mention the "Horse Shoes," the "Ship," the "Recruiting Serjeant," and the "Catherine Wheel," treating went on, but we had great difficulty in ascertaining to what extent; as the publicans when called before us, with one or two creditable exceptions, swore that they knew nothing of what took place in their houses on the day of the election.

In every instance we found that these practices had been resorted to in the interest of Sir H. Stracey. Those we have detailed above fully account for his majority of 119 over Mr. Tillett, and we have no doubt his return was secured by bribery and treating.

We are also satisfied that the evidence taken by us in effect discloses, perhaps with some trifling exceptions, the whole of the corrupt practices which prevailed at the last election.

We ascertained that immediately after the last election, Messrs. Ashurst and Morris, the solicitors for Mr. Tillett who petitioned against the return of Sir H. Stracey, commenced inquiries with a view to his claiming the seat under a scrutiny on that petition. In the prosecution of them they employed skilled detectives and other persons, who visited the public-houses, mingled with the electors, and used various means for the purpose of obtaining information. All that they learned, including even matters of mere report and rumour in the city, was set forth in the brief furnished to counsel on the trial of the petition, when the scrutiny was ultimately abandoned. We were furnished with that document, and examined almost every person whose conduct was impugned by it, and tested the truth of the statements contained in it by all other means to which we could resort. But, in addition to this investigation, we called before us most of those persons who were active at the election in the behalf of Sir H. Stracey, as well as a very large number of that class of voters, who were likely to be influenced by corrupt practices, and we are convinced that by these means the traces of any systematic bribery, had it existed, must have been detected, but we found none. Very little money was required to influence a large number of votes, but it was not forthcoming. If, too, any system had been organised, or any considerable fund provided for the purposes of bribery, we are satisfied that Mr. Bignold, Mr. Allen, Mr. Stracey, or some of the persons to whom the money provided by Mr. Stracey, as above detailed, was given, would at least have known of it, and that such a sum of 200*l.* never would have been obtained at so late an hour, and in so imprudent a manner, as almost inevitably to attract attention and secure detection. Upon the evidence it cannot be doubted that this was an improvised transaction, hastily adopted upon the exigency of the moment, because there was no fund in readiness or any organisation at hand to which recourse could be had.

Thus far we have in the main confined ourselves to the evidence of corrupt practices resorted to on the part of the Conservatives; we will now proceed to consider the evidence as to whether any similar practices were adopted by their opponents. With the exception that towards the close of the poll 10 or 12 of their paid agents or clerks voted for Sir W. Russell and Mr. Tillett, and that the arrangements, which have been already detailed, were made by them to secure the show of hands, we have come to the conclusion that they refrained from any such practices. We will presently state the reasons for this conclusion.

In the prosecution of our inquiry we not only made every effort to procure information, but from time to time we invited the Conservatives and their agents to lay before us any facts, or make any suggestions which might enable us to scrutinize the conduct of the Liberal party during the election, and we carefully investigated every allegation made against them, and every circumstance of a suspicious character affecting them. In particular it was imputed to Mr. Womersley, the manager of Colman's factory, a person of considerable influence in the city, that he had at the "Marquis of Granby" public-house bribed a number of men to vote for the Liberal candidates. We, therefore, called before us this gentleman, and every other person who, it was believed, could give any information upon the matter. What actually took place we find was this:

Towards 1 o'clock on the day of the election, news was brought to the central Liberal committee room that the Conservatives were buying votes at the "Marquis of Granby," and soon afterwards Mr. Womersley went to the house and saw John Mackley, the landlord. The latter stated that he had a number of men waiting for money, and at the instance of Mr. Womersley and Mr. Daynes sent out two men, Thomas Barber and James Tomlinson, to get them together. Between 30 and 40 voters were thus collected, and Mr. Womersley led them to believe that they should have money, if they waited, and he went away to the central committee room, where he had an interview with Mr. Coaks. We entertain grave doubts whether Mr. Womersley did not intend to bribe, but on his examination he explained his conduct by saying it was an "election dodge" to prevent the men voting the other way. If, as may be the case, he was willing to bribe, had he been able to procure the money, he certainly was effectually checked by Mr. Coaks, who was resolutely determined to permit no bribery, to use his own expression, "I saw that my horse's nose was in front, and I was perfectly satisfied with his position," and unequivocally conveyed that determination to Mr. Womersley. Mr. Coaks candidly refused to say what he might have done, had Sir W. Russell been behind the other candidates. Our province, we felt was confined to ascertaining what was done, and not what might have been done under other circumstances. Mr. Womersley did not return to the house, as he had induced the persons there to suppose he would do, and certainly no bribery was committed there by him, and his artifice, if it were one, recoiled upon the Liberal candidate, for many of these men, finding that they had been, as they thought, cajoled, became indignant, and voted for Sir H. Stracey. Evid. p. 1 436.

A second charge, which we carefully investigated, was made against Mr. Harper, of having bribed voters at the "Woolpack" public-house. Upon the evidence we came to the conclusion there was good ground for suspicion, inasmuch as he was proved to have been at this house in the afternoon, and he admitted that he had used expressions which induced a number of voters, who were waiting there, to believe that if they would give him time, he would go and procure money for them, and he left them with that impression.

In the event, however, it is clear upon the evidence he did not do this. He returned to the "Woolpack" it is true, but he then found Hardiment was dealing with the voters, as stated above, and there is no reason to suppose Mr. Harper gave money to any voter. It may be that he never really intended to procure money for this purpose, or failed to procure it, or was dissuaded by calmer counsel; but whatever the reason may have been, we were convinced he was not guilty of bribery.

These were the two prominent instances in which it was suggested to us, or we could discover that a disposition to bribe had been evinced by the Liberal party. We determined, however, to test our own experience with that of the professional gentlemen, who had been employed in preparing the case for the Conservative side when the petition was about to be tried before Mr. Baron Martin. The matter was still recent, party feeling was excited, and no doubt every effort would be, and was made to assert and, if possible, substantiate recriminatory charges against the petitioner, Mr. Tillett. There was, as we have before observed, a feeling of personal hostility to that gentleman, which satisfied us that no effort would be spared in this respect by his opponents. Accordingly we called before us Mr. James Stark Skipper, a highly respectable solicitor, in Norwich, who defended the seat for Sir H. Stracey, and in his examination as to what had come to his knowledge with regard to the proceedings of the Liberals, he deposed as follows:—

18,946. I suppose you, with a view to the scrutiny which was threatened, investigated the matter fully as far as the other side was concerned?—Oh yes, we went into a very elaborate investigation but it did not result in much. In fact, we could not make any substantial case out. Am I allowed to express an opinion? Evid. p. 35

18,947. Yes.—My conviction is this, that on the part of the Liberals there was no plant of money. I

say that, from the elaborate investigation we went into, or we must have discovered it. On the part of the Conservative side I don't believe there has been any plant beyond what has been developed before you at this Commission. That is my conviction.

18,948. Were you not aware that persons were paid small sums of money for the purpose of influencing voters?—No doubt on both sides half-crowns were paid, but I said "no plant of money." I have no doubt there were small sums on both sides. It is hardly possible to avoid that in any election; but there was no "plant."

18,949. No considerable sum?—No, we must have discovered it if there had been, from the elaborate machinery we had out in the city.

18,950. You had a number of persons investigating it?—Yes, and going about to suspected people in the evenings at public-houses, and in every way we could to bring it out.

18,951. They were in the nature of detectives?—Yes; you may say in that kind of service.

vid. p 711. Samuel Dawson, who acted in this matter as the managing clerk to Mr. Skipper, was obliged to confirm the latter gentleman's opinion. The evidence of Mr. Coaks, Sir W. Russell, and Mr. Tillett leaves us no room to doubt the truth of this statement. Finding, then, the views at which we arrived from the examination of the evidence before us were so strongly corroborated by the persons most likely to be able to afford us trustworthy information, we are led to the conclusion that no corrupt practices whatever on the part of the Liberals, with the exception above mentioned, prevailed at the last election.

We are convinced, looking at the very strong party spirit which prevailed and still prevails in Norwich, and the ample opportunities afforded to the Conservatives to substantiate any charges against the other side, that if such practices had prevailed, evidence of them would have been forthcoming.

We examined the three candidates and their agents, and each of them stated to us that he was not aware of, nor had he been called upon to pay any sum on account of the election besides those, which had been returned and published in compliance with the statute. Those of Sir H. Stracey amounted to 1,915*l.* 1*s.* 9½*d.*, the joint expenses of Sir W. Russell and Mr. Tillett to 1,387*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*; the separate expenses of Sir W. Russell were 559*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, and those of Mr. Tillett 137*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

We carefully examined the details of these accounts, and found no trace of any illegal payments by the Liberal candidates or their agents, except the sum paid to secure the show of hands in the manner explained in the former part of this report. On the part of Sir H. Stracey the only illegal payments we found were made by his agent, Mr. Chittock, to persons hired to attend the meetings as above stated.

After a thorough investigation of what took place at the last election, we found that there was an honest determination on the part of the leading citizens, both Liberal and Conservative, to discountenance corrupt practices of every kind, and we discovered no trace of some of the most ordinary illegal practices.

No demand, of late years at all events, has been made upon candidates to pay outstanding electioneering debts. The rates of the poorer householders have not been paid by the members, or persons acting on their behalf to keep them on the register of voters. And although, incidentally, evidence was given before us that bribery has been practised at municipal elections in Norwich, we did not find it was ever made a pretext, or the means for securing votes at the same time for the parliamentary candidates. Under these circumstances we did not consider it our duty to investigate the extent to which it prevailed.

At the last election we deem Mr. Allen, Mr. Bignold, and Mr. Stracey to be entirely responsible for originating the bribery above detailed, on which their ready agents (Mr. Hulme, Mr. Bunn, and Mr. Wiseman) were employed. Nothing could be more disgraceful or more dishonest than the conduct of these men. They are in a respectable position, and profess to hold strong political opinions, yet being entrusted on this account with considerable sums of money, they availed themselves of the opportunity to appropriate the greater part of it, no doubt trusting to escape detection by the danger of publicity, which would attend an inquiry as to the mode in which the money was spent.

The rest of the bribery was due to volunteers, who most probably expected to reap a profit by it, and this, as might be expected from the smallness of the sums employed, was practised upon the poorer class of voters. In Norwich unfortunately this class is very large; many of the electors are artizans and mechanics depending only upon fluctuating, casual employment. Among the householders there are likewise a large number of agricultural labourers, whose means of subsistence are precarious and whose wages are low. Their want of education is on a par with their poverty.

Among such, and so large a constituency it is obvious that small sums of money may have been given away by individuals acting independently, which it would be very

difficult to detect. We do not doubt that some money was thus corruptly expended beyond that which we have succeeded in tracing. But we were satisfied that the entire amount so expended was insignificant, and that it could not influence our decision upon the main question, whether corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the last election. We considered that we ought not to protract this costly inquiry, when the only result we could possibly attain was the addition of the names of an inconsiderable number of persons to the schedules appended to this Report.

Having concluded our inquiry as to the election of November 1868, we considered to what extent it might be practicable or desirable to investigate the circumstances attending former elections in the city of Norwich. We found that Mr. Kitton, who had managed illegal payments for the Conservatives, and Mr. Wilde, who had performed the like office for the Liberals, had both died since the election of 1865, and that it would be impossible to ascertain what part was taken by them, though it was well known that both were corrupt. In addition to this, the difficulties we had encountered in our inquiry as to the recent election, by reason of the large population of the city, we felt would be greatly increased by the lapse of time. Moreover, as the constituency had been raised from 5,000 to 12,000 by the Reform Act of 1868, it was clear that the history of former elections, even if it could be satisfactorily ascertained, would be of little or no value as a means of estimating the extent of corrupt practices among the constituency as at present composed.

And lastly, we thought that, inasmuch as the expenses of the inquiry must, under the recent Statute, fall upon the present ratepayers, in the absence of any peremptory enactment, we ought to be chary in pursuing an inquiry at their expense into alleged malpractices on the part of their predecessors. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 21. s. 3.

We determined, therefore, to confine ourselves to inquiring, whether any considerable amount of bribery and treating had prevailed at those recent elections, which might be supposed to have any bearing on the last, and with this view called before us the candidates at the election of 1865 on the Liberal side, Sir W. Russell and Mr. Warner, and others, who had knowledge of the mode in which the election had been conducted on their behalf. Mr. Waters, one of the Conservative candidates, is now a confirmed invalid, resident in Dorsetshire; it was, therefore, impossible to examine him, inasmuch as under the Act which regulates the proceedings of Your Commissioners, we had no power to sit, except within 10 miles of Norwich, or within the cities of London or Westminster. Mr. Goldsmid, the other Conservative candidate, we learned was abroad. We called, however, before us, several witnesses who were acquainted with the mode in which the election was conducted on the part of the Conservatives. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 57. ss. 4, 5.

We ascertained that Mr. Waters was brought down to Norwich by Mr. Arthur Bignold, who throughout the contest controlled his expenditure. During his canvass circumstances relating to the personal history of Mr. Waters came to the knowledge of the leaders of the Conservative party, which led to the immediate withdrawal of their support. Mr. Waters, however, went to the poll, and succeeded in getting a considerable number of votes; this result was obtained by the corrupt expenditure, with his entire approval, of a sum of 500*l*., which was provided by the sale through Mr. Allen and Mr. Bignold of some colonial bonds, and expended principally by Mr. Kitton, Mr. Hulme, and Mr. Wiseman in corrupting voters by bribery and treating.

We found no trace of bribery or other corrupt practices on the part of Mr. Goldsmid or of the Liberals at the election of 1865.

We further made inquiry into the election of March 1860, which took place in consequence of the two former elections of April 1859 and June 1859 having been declared void on petition by reason of bribery. The candidates were Sir W. Russell and Mr. Warner on the side of the Liberals, and both those gentlemen were examined by us. Mr. Forlonge and Mr. Lewis were the Conservative candidates. Mr. Forlonge is now in Australia. Mr. Lewis died soon after the election, but Mr. Charles Edward Lewis, his brother, who had the sole management of the election, and through whose hands every payment was made, attended before us, produced his accounts and vouchers, and gave us every information respecting the conduct of that election. It appeared Mr. Arthur Bignold again suggested that money should be spent in bribery, but to the honour of the candidates his advice was disregarded, and the election passed without bribery or other corrupt practices being resorted to on their behalf. It was clear too that the election was a pure one on the part of the Liberals.

This result was in the main owing to a firm determination on the part of leading citizens on both sides to put down bribery and corruption. They seem to have been honestly indignant at the revelations before the Election Committee in 1859, and spared no effort to free the city from the reproach which had been cast upon it.

On the evidence, therefore, we find—

That corrupt practices did not extensively prevail in Norwich at the last election, in November 1868, for that city.

That Sir Henry Stracey was returned through such practices at that election.

That corrupt practices did not extensively prevail at the election of 1865, or that of 1860 for that city.

We also find—

That the several persons named in the schedule marked A. to this our Report were guilty of bribery at the last election.

That the several persons named in the schedule marked B. to this our Report were bribed at that election.

That the several persons named in the schedule marked C. to this our Report were guilty of corruptly influencing voters by treating at that election.

All which we humbly submit to Your Majesty's gracious consideration.

GEORGE MORLEY DOWDESWELL. (L.S.)
HORATIO MANSFIELD. (L.S.)
ROBERT JOHN BIRON. (L.S.)

Temple, February 15th, 1870.

PRELIMINARY REPORT.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

We, the Commissioners, appointed under Your Majesty's royal sign manual for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices at the last election for members to serve in Parliament for the city of Norwich, in exercise of the discretion vested in us to report from time to time to Your Majesty the evidence taken by us, and what we find concerning the premises, have thought it expedient during the progress of the inquiry humbly to submit to Your Majesty the following preliminary report:—

In obedience to Your Majesty's commands, we opened the Commission in the city of Norwich on the 19th day of August last, and continued the inquiry by daily sittings, with an adjournment from the 4th day of September to the 27th day of the same month with the sanction of Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, until the present time.

The said last election for the city of Norwich was appointed for the 16th day of November 1868, when Sir Henry Josias Stracey, Baronet, Sir William Russell, Baronet, and Jacob Henry Tillett, Esquire, were duly nominated as candidates, and the show of hands having been declared by the returning officer to have been in favour of the two latter gentlemen, a poll was demanded in behalf of Sir Henry Josias Stracey, which was taken on the following day, and continued till 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

During our sittings under the said Commission it was proved before us that an arrangement was made between Edward Stracey, Esquire, a son of the said Sir Henry Josias Stracey, Arthur Bignold, of the city of London, stockbroker, and Joseph Allen, of the city of Norwich, surgeon, that the said Edward Stracey should procure the sum of 200*l.* for the purpose of being distributed among a number of persons who were active supporters of the said Sir Henry Josias Stracey, in order that they might therewith corruptly procure electors to vote for the said Sir Henry Josias Stracey at the said election, and that the said sum was so procured and distributed accordingly.

The evidence upon which we have come to this conclusion is contained in the examinations of the several persons set forth in the first schedule to this Report.

It has also been proved before us that on the said polling day, John Hughes Hulme, of the city of Norwich, chemist, did corruptly receive a portion of the said money, and did corruptly employ a portion of the same in distributing it to various persons to procure a number of electors to vote for the said Sir Henry Josias Stracey, by bribing them with various sums of money, and that in the account which, having been duly sworn, he gave to us of such expenditure, he did, in order to conceal that he had retained a portion of the said money, commit wilful and corrupt perjury in his examination before us.

The evidence upon which we have come to this conclusion is contained in the examinations of the said John Hughes Hulme, Joseph Allen, John Howse Allen, William Houghton, John Houghton, John Hart Bowgen, and Thomas Mackley, set forth in the first schedule to this Report.

It has also been proved before us, that Robert Hardiment, of the city of Norwich, fellmonger, did on the said polling day corruptly procure a number of electors to vote for the said Sir Henry Josias Stracey, at the said election, by bribing some of them with various sums of money, and also by treating them.

The evidence upon which we have come to this conclusion is contained in the examinations of the several persons set forth in the second schedule to this Report.

It has also been proved before us that on the said polling day, Arthur Hunt, of the city of Norwich, fowl dealer, and Samuel Smith, of the city of Norwich, did corruptly procure a number of electors to vote for the said Sir Henry Josias Stracey, by bribing them with various sums of money and also by treating them.

The evidence upon which we have come to this conclusion is contained in the examinations of the several persons, set forth in the third schedule to this Report.

It has also been proved before us that Thomas Benfather, of the city of Norwich, licensed victualler, did on the said polling day at the said election corruptly procure a number of electors to vote for the said Sir Henry Josias Stracey, by bribing them with various sums of money, and that the said Thomas Benfather having been duly sworn did commit wilful and corrupt perjury in his examination before us.

The evidence upon which we have come to this conclusion is contained in the examinations of the said Thomas Benfather and the several other persons set forth in the fourth schedule to this Report.

The said Edward Stracey, Arthur Bignold, Robert Hardiment, Arthur Hunt, and Samuel Smith, have not been examined by us, but the said Joseph Allen having been examined by us, has, as we believe, made a full disclosure of the matters within his knowledge, material to the said inquiry, and is therefore entitled to a certificate for his protection under the statute.

All which we humbly submit to Your Majesty's gracious consideration.

(Signed) GEORGE MORLEY DOWDESWELL.
HORATIO MANSFIELD.
ROBERT JOHN BIRON.

Shire House, Norwich Castle,
October 10th, 1869.

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MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

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TO INQUIRE INTO

THE EXISTENCE OF CORRUPT PRACTICES AT THE LAST ELECTION FOR MEMBERS TO SERVE IN PARLIAMENT FOR THE CITY OF NORWICH.

At the Shire House, Norwich Castle.

JOHN HERBERT SECKER, Esq., Secretary.

FIRST DAY.

Thursday, 19th August 1869.

WACE LOCKETT MENDHAM sworn and examined.

1. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you the town clerk of this city?—I am.

2. How long have you filled that office?—Since December 1855.

3. The city, I believe, is a very ancient city?—Very.

4. Have you the earliest charter?—I have not the charter with me. The first charter of which there is any note is the charter of Henry I. That charter has been lost; but the earliest charter we have is that of Henry II.

5. Does that recite the charter of Henry I.?—It mentions it.

6. Do you know when this city first returned members to Parliament?—Referring to Bloomfield's History of Norwich, which is the best in existence I believe, I find that it is stated to have been in the reign of Henry I.

7. Have you in your office any records of the earlier period of the city connected with the return of members to Parliament?—I am not able to say.

8. The ancient bounds of the city were enlarged by the Reform Act, I suppose?—No, they remained the same. The bounds of the city are set out by charter, and they were not altered by the Reform Act.

9. They were not altered by the Reform Act of William IV.?—No, they were not.

10. Before the Reform Act there were freemen of the city?—Yes.

11. Were they the only free voters, or were there scot and lot?—There were freeholders as well as freemen.

12. Freeholders and freemen were the only two classes?—Yes.

13. Under the Reform Act those classes still continue to have the right to vote?—Yes.

14. Can you tell me what was the population of this city at the last census?—At the last census it was upwards of 74,000, I believe. I speak from memory, but I think that is what it was.

15. Have you the register of voters at the last election?—The register formed in 1868 I have. That is the register upon which the election took place.

16. Have you a copy of the register also which was in force at the previous election?—I have.

17. You have it in your possession?—I have. I have the year preceding, I believe, 1867 and 1868.

18. Have you also the register formed in the year 1867?—Yes, I have.

19. What was the number of voters in this city upon the register of 1867?—The number on the register was 5,912, but there were many persons registered once, twice, or thrice, or even more than that; therefore that is not a certain number.

20. From there being freeholders as well as occu-

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piers, and also there being freemen, I suppose that there were many duplicates?—Yes, many. One man would be registered as a freeman, as an occupier in several different parishes, and he might be also registered as a freeholder in different parishes.

21. Can you give me any idea of the number of duplicates or triplicates arising from that cause?—I cannot now. I did get them out for the purposes of the election, but they were handed over to some person, and have not been returned to me.

22. To whom did you hand them over?—To the agent of Mr. Tillett; but I am not quite certain.

23. What was the number of voters on the register of 1868?—13,296.

24. That is a very large increase?—A very large increase.

25. Was there a considerable number of duplicates upon that?—A great number.

26. Have you attempted in any way to make out the number of duplicates in that?—That is the number I spoke of in the former answer.

27. I thought you were referring to 1867?—No; I had no occasion to.

28. You have not made out the duplicates for 1867?—No, I have not.

29. Only the duplicates for 1868?—Only the duplicates for 1868. I have got it out roughly.

30. I was speaking first of 1867?—I should say that in the formation of the register of 1868 I gave the overseer instructions not to register (if he had knowledge of the fact) a man twice; if he was a freeman to let him stand on the freemen's list only, and to strike him off the freeholders' and occupiers' list, and to do that as much as possible.

31. Can you tell me anything like the number of dead men who were registered?—I cannot.

32. There was, I suppose, a considerable number?—There were many.

33. You have no means of estimating it?—I have not. I should say the agents for the candidates would be most likely to supply that information, because it was their interest to make inquiry.

34. Perhaps you can give me the number of freemen?—Yes; I can give you the number of each class.

35. Do so?—I have drawn them out here (*referring to a paper*).

36. What was the number of freemen?—Will you take 1867 or 1868 first?

37. We will take 1867 first?—In 1867 there were 1,981 registered as freemen, 2,607 occupiers, and 1,324 freeholders.

38. Then in 1868?—The number of freemen registered was 1,984; of occupiers, 9,798; of lodgers, 26; and freeholders, 1,488.

39. Do those papers which you have there contain the particulars?—They give the particulars, the number in each parish and each ward, and the gross total.

40. Into how many wards is your city divided?—Eight.

41. How many parishes are there?—A paper which I have handed up will show. There are the printed figures.

42. Including hamlets I see that there are 45?—Yes.

43. Will you just look at this map and tell me if it correctly represents the city (*handing a map to the witness*)?—I do not see any inaccuracy in it, taking a cursory glance at it. The wards are correctly marked, I believe.

44. I suppose as town clerk you swear the freemen?—Yes.

45. Before the Reform Act what constituted the right to be a freeman on the register of voters in this city?—Both before and after there has been no alteration in that; yes, there was an alteration by the Reform Act, but what consituted the right before was being born of a freeman.

46. Birthright?—Birthright, or apprenticeship to a freeman for seven years; and before the Reform Act the freedom of the city was acquired by purchase.

47. And gift, I suppose?—And gift. That has been abolished.

48. There were certain freemen under the Reform Act whose rights would die out with themselves. Were there any of those upon the last register?—No doubt.

49. Many?—Yes. A number always die every year.

50. But that reduces the number in one respect?—No, I do not think it does, because persons free-born make up the deficiency. If one man dies leaving three or four sons, then the number has rather increased, but it has not increased very much since the Reform Act.

51. Has the number of freemen been pretty well kept up since the Reform Act?—Yes, I think so.

52. It is pretty much the same now as it was at the time of the passing of the Act?—Yes.

53. You were resident in the city during the last election?—Yes, I was.

54. Are you cognisant of any bribery, treating, or corrupt practice having prevailed at that election?—I am not personally cognisant of anything of the kind, because I carefully abstained from interference in the election.

55. You took no part whatever in the election?—No. I merely kept an account of the poll for Mr. Tillett, and strictly on his behalf. Otherwise I did not interfere in any way.

56. But I suppose that you have heard of matters connected with the conduct of the last election?—I heard it on the day itself as the poll progressed. The numbers varied so materially.

57. What did you hear?—That there was corruption going on, and that voters were got together in batches, and induced to vote for some cause or other.

58. Did you hear where they were collected in batches?—In the seventh and eighth wards, the sixth ward, and I think in the third ward.

59. Can you tell me where in the first of those wards?—At what place, do you mean?

60. Yes?—No, I cannot.

61. Cannot you tell me at what place in any of those wards?—I heard in the seventh ward at the public house called "The Marquis of Granby," I think; and in the eighth ward at a place called "The Woolpack." I did not hear the name of the place in the sixth ward. I cannot remember how that was. There was also a talk about corruption in the fifth ward. That was at a public house called "The Trumpet."

62. Who gave you that information?—Persons who came backwards and forwards to the room where the poll was being kept.

63. Do you recollect the names of any of those persons?—Well, it was communicated to me, perhaps not publicly, because my own nephew, who is since dead, brought it to me.

64. What is his name?—Henry Tillett. He was very active in the seventh ward. He died about a fortnight since.

65. Any other person?—Well, there were other persons, but I really cannot call their names to memory. Several persons complained that corrupt practices were at work, but I took no special interest in the election.

66. This you heard in Mr. Tillett's committee room?—Yes, I did.

67. Who were the candidates at the last election?—Sir William Russell, Sir Henry Stracey, and Mr. Jacob Henry Tillett.

68. Have you made any inquiries since the election as to the truth of those reports which you then heard?—No, not the slightest. In my position, I thought it not right to interfere.

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69. Besides Mr. Henry Tillett, can you give me the name of any other person or persons who were making those observations upon that day?—I cannot at this moment call names to memory, because, as I have said, I took no particular interest in it. I know there was a general complaint. Parties were running out and in and urging that the candidates should go down with a view to prevent it if possible.

70. Were the names of any persons mentioned as being active in those practices?—There were names mentioned, but I really cannot charge my memory with them now.

[*The registers of the last election are put in.*]

71. Are these the copies of the registers of the last election?—Of last year and 1867 they are copies. I have the originals if they are required. Those are more convenient because they are numbered.

72. Those are copies under the Act of Parliament?—Yes, like what I supplied the sheriff with for the conduct of the election.

JOHN PILGRIM sworn and examined.

J. Pilgrim.

73. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You were acting under sheriff at the last election?—Yes.

74. Was that the first time of your so acting?—No, I have acted on several occasions.

75. You were the returning officer, were you not?—Yes.

76. Do you produce the return of the election expenses?—I produce the returns which the candidates' agents handed to me of their expenses. [*The returns referred to are handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*]

77. Are these the originals?—Yes; those are the original returns.

78. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I see Sir William Russell's expenses are put down at 1,253*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.*?—Yes.

79. 1,915*l.* 1*s.* 9½*d.* for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

80. And 831*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* for Mr. Tillett?—Yes.

81. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who was Sir William Russell's agent?—Mr. Coaks.

82. And Sir Henry Stracey's?—Mr. Chittock.

83. And Mr. Tillett's?—Mr. Stevens.

84. Were there any other agents?—No.

85. Are you resident in Norwich yourself?—I am.

86. And you were present while this election was going on?—I was.

87. Do you know anything of the manner in which that election was conducted?—My attention was confined to the fifth ward, where I was superintending the poll, and I was not in any other part of the city.

88. Were you aware of anything happening in the fifth ward in relation to corrupt practices?—Not till I heard reports afterwards.

89. Afterwards did you become acquainted with them?—Only from report; nothing else.

90. Who brought you such reports?—I cannot charge my memory now. I believe I heard them in the office in conversation.

91. Who was in the office?—My clerks.

92. Were no names mentioned?—No.

93. And you know nothing more than that there was a general rumour of the existence of corrupt practices?—No.

94. Have you made any inquiries since upon the subject?—No.

95. Did you hear of any particular place where these practices were said to be going on?—I heard "The Trumpet" named. I do not remember any other place being mentioned to me in my ward.

96. Are you well acquainted with that ward?—Yes.

97. Do you remember when you heard "The Trumpet" mentioned?—The following day I think.

98. But you cannot say by whom?—No, I cannot.

99. Do you know the landlord of "The Trumpet" yourself, or anything about him?—No.

100. Did you know anything about the state of the poll in the course of the day?—No, I did not.

101. You had nothing to do with the election in 1867?—No.

102. Were you in Norwich at that time?—Yes.

ISAAC BUGG COAKS sworn and examined.

I. B. Coaks.

103. (*Mr. Biron.*) I believe you were agent for Sir William Russell at the last election?—I was.

104. He had contested this borough before, I think?—Yes, he had twice before.

105. Was he returned on both those occasions?—He was.

106. Then he, in fact, was your sitting member?—He was.

107. When did he first come forward, or when did he commence his canvass at the last election?—I should say that he formally declared himself as a candidate as far back as June 1868; but our canvassing was so irregular and was done in such an unsystematic way, if I may use that expression, that I can hardly tell you when he did begin to canvass.

108. I presume that from the time he declared himself he was canvassing more or less, either himself or his friends for him?—No, not so; the truth is that there was a division in our party, and that prevented our taking the ordinary steps of canvassing the electors as we had done at all other elections in which I had been engaged.

109. Sir William Russell was a Liberal candidate?—He was supposed to represent the Whig section of the Liberal party.

110. What other candidates were there upon the Liberal side?—In June 1867 Mr. Warner, the other old member, came down with Sir William Russell, intending and desiring to contest the city; but the result of their meeting the electors on that occasion was so unsatisfactory that it was thought that one of them must withdraw.

111. Mr. Warner was a Whig?—Mr. Warner had represented the Radical section of the party up to that time.

112. But it was thought that a more Radical candidate would please the new voters?—They desired a change; many of them did, at all events.

113. The result was that Mr. Warner retired?—Mr. Warner retired.

114. He did not come really into the field; when did Mr. Tillett, come upon the scene?—I should think about six or eight months before the election.

115. Then he declared himself as soon as Sir William Russell?—He had not actually declared himself when Sir William Russell and Mr. Warner met their constituents, but it was as well known in Norwich that he intended to be a candidate as if he had declared himself.

116. There was no disguise about his intention?—At that time there was none, because prior to that time we had held meetings as a committee of the party at which it was formally made known that Mr. Tillett intended to stand.

117. You have said that there was some split in the party. I presume that Sir William Russell's friends were not very eager to take up Mr. Tillett?—They were very reluctant to do so.

118. But, in fact, before the election came on did they take him up?—Certainly, with some few exceptions.

119. I am speaking of the great body?—Undoubtedly those gentlemen who were known as leaders of the Whig party consented to support Mr. Tillett, but that would only be about eight or nine days before the election.

120. When it came to actual fighting was there a joint canvass by Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell?—There was not what I call a canvass.

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121. Some would no doubt, if you got a thoroughly good Liberal, say, "You are going to give your other "vote for so-and-so?"—I think there was a perfectly honest canvass from the time of the coalition between Mr. Tillett's supporters and Sir William Russell's; but still there was not what I call the accustomed canvass, the thorough street to street and house to house canvass that we had had at former elections.

122. How many days before the election was it that the coalition took place?—I do not know whether you want the precise time.

123. No; give it us as nearly as you can?—The nomination was on the 16th of November, and as nearly as I can tell about ten days before that Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett coalesced. I cannot say what the precise day was, but it would be about that time.

124. From that time was there a regular joint canvass carried on?—There really was not a canvass at all, not what I call a canvass.

125. You mean a systematic affair?—Not any systematic canvass; but Mr. Tillett, and Sir William Russell from that time addressed meetings jointly, and joint addresses were published and joint action was taken to secure the return of both candidates during those ten days.

126. Was there a joint committee?—We got no further than the proposition that there should be a joint committee; we found that it would not work. Names were submitted to me for Mr. Tillett's committee and there was a difficulty; the difficulty was where to draw the line for that committee, and there really never was a joint committee at all.

127. You got some organisation of your own of course before this coalition?—Yes, I will tell you what we had. We had six or eight gentlemen selected from the main body of the Liberals, the Whig section I am speaking of, and I can give you their names if you wish it: Sir William Foster, Mr. John Youngs, Mr. Henry Birkbeck, Mr. Robert Chamberlain, Mr. Samuel Daynes, and myself. Up to that time there were six other gentlemen representing Mr. Tillett. I think I can recollect their names. I will do my best: Mr. J. J. Colman, Mr. John Copeman, Mr. A. M. F. Morgan, Mr. C. H. Capon; those are only five, I forget the sixth.

128. You gave me the six names, Sir William Foster and the other gentlemen who acted with you, but did they canvass at all for Sir William Russell before the coalition?—Not at all.

129. Were you not feeling the pulse of the electors? Were you not taking any steps to ascertain your strength?—We had an organisation at a very short notice. We have certain hands who have been in the elections again and again, and they were understood to be engaged for Sir William Russell when the time was come to begin, but I say there was no systematic organisation for canvassing, and you will see the reason, that until we knew with whom we were allied, or whether we were to stand alone (for down to the last we were told there were two Radical candidates) it was utterly impossible to know what we were to do.

130. But do I take it from you that you did not in fact canvass for Sir William Russell up to ten days before the election?—Substantially we did not.

131. Of course I know how difficult it is to define canvassing?—That is my difficulty; of course we were all very much on the elert for Sir William Russell. We had our men in our different wards when we wanted them, but we had not made any house to house canvassing and had not even held any private or public meetings.

132. You told me that you had an organisation put in motion at a moment's notice?—At a short notice.

133. Were these men you have spoken of in every ward?—Yes, Sir William Russell had tried men in every ward.

134. Will you be kind enough to give me the names of those gentlemen, take ward No. 1 first; who were your principal supporters, the men upon whom you could rely to take action? You say you had those ready, and that you had tested them by fighting the borough before?—No, we had not, because I have been in every election since 1847.

135. You had fought other elections, so that you knew what it was?—I knew all the valuable changes on the Liberal side in Norwich, Radical or Whig, and as we never had any difficulty where to draw the line before, that really was our only difficulty this time. If you ask me with regard to the first ward, one of the most active men we had there happened to be a very good Tillett man, Mr. Bryant Allen, then there were certain men who would come at the call of Mr. Bryant Allen in the management of that ward.

136. Can you give me any of those names in the first ward, I mean those gentlemen you have spoken of who worked under Mr. Bryant Allen?—Well Mr. F. Clowes, the auctioneer, would be one, Mr. Dowson, the solicitor would be another; then there is a man who has always been active as a smaller man in the first ward, who keeps "The Compasses" in King Street, but I do not recollect his name just now.

137. He is a publican?—Yes, he has always been a thorough supporter of the Liberals.

138. Is his place one of the committee rooms or houses of call?—Certainly not a committee room, but it had been in some way made use of by the party I think.

139. It was a place probably where voters could be found?—No, not at all; the first ward is not a ward of that character.

140. Now had you in the first ward any of your own men proper, Russellites proper?—Well the first ward is a ward that would want less looking after on the Liberal side than any of the others, but I should say that we are weaker in the first ward than any of the wards as far as organisation is concerned.

141. The supporters would go straight?—Yes, they do not want much looking after. In the first ward there is a better class of voters than in the other wards.

142. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It is a central ward?—No; round where we are now is the first ward, and it embraces the district all down to the railway station; but I should say it is a ward less open to corrupt influence than any ward in the city.

143. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you have any paid agents in that ward?—Yes, one of my own clerks was a paid agent in that ward.

144. What is his name?—Warner Wright; he was the agent for Sir William Russell, and Mr. Bryant Allen was the agent for Mr. Tillett.

145. When you got into working order did you get your returns from Mr. Bryant Allen?—Yes, certainly, from all the ward managers in fact.

146. Now we will go through the wards first of all. You have given me what I want with regard to the first ward; now with regard to the second ward, who was your principal man?—My own nephew was the manager in the second ward, and Mr. Kent was the ward manager for Mr. Tillett.

147. Were they paid?—I cannot say anything about Mr. Tillett's manager.

148. You have given me the principal men for Sir William Russell in ward No. 2, and the manager for Mr. Tillet; will you give me the other principal men who worked with them in that ward?—That would of course require some little time to think out the names. In the second ward Mr. Morgan was one of Mr. Tillett's great supporters, and Mr. Robert Thorns took an active part; then there were the Messrs. Bullard and Mr. Boyce, and then there are smaller men, I hardly know where to draw the line; there is a Mr. Bush who would take an active part in the second ward, and a Mr. Rapier who is an active man in the second ward, and I think that is pretty well the list of them there.

149. Who was the paid agent in that ward?—My nephew, Mr. Cooper, was my paid agent. I ought to say here that with regard to the agency for Sir William Russell's and Mr. Tillett's coalition, it was distinctly understood, and as far as I know was the fact, that everything was borne jointly, with the exception of

agency. Sir William Russell paid his agents distinct from Mr. Tillett, but what Mr. Tillett did with his agents, whether he paid them or whether he did not, I do not know, for that formed no part of the account between us. I paid my agents separately from Mr. Tillett.

150. Do you know whether Mr. Tillett had a paid agent in that ward?—I should say yes, Mr. Kent, the solicitor, because Mr. Kent after the election applied to me to pay him, and I said "No, I have to pay the "agents of Sir William Russell, and as you were "Mr. Tillett's agent you must look to him for "payment."

151. Had you any paid canvassers in that ward?—Sir William Russell certainly had not, and Mr. Tillett had not to my knowledge, but I do not know so much about Mr. Tillett's part in the election as Sir William Russell's, and cannot speak so positively about it.

152. Your paid agents you have spoken of, I presume, would make returns to you?—I think the returns were in Mr. Kent's handwriting, but they would act together.

153. They were vouched by him?—They were worked together. There was perfect harmony of management in the wards from the time of the Tillett and Russell coalition as far as it went.

154. Now with regard to this second ward, are there any public houses there?—There are lots of public houses there, in fact it might be said to be a district of public houses.

155. Which was Sir William Russell's house?—Our committee room was not at a public house.

156. Did you not take houses this last election?—Oh no.

157. Did you not placard them outside?—No, we did not adopt the Westminster plan at the last election.

158. But there would be some houses?—Oh yes, where we should have an hour's meeting perhaps; there are certain houses in each ward that are Liberal houses no doubt, but there was much less of that at the last election than formerly.

159. But there was something of that?—Yes, there was.

160. What are the houses in that second ward?—I think that is rather beyond what I can recollect, but we had two or three houses.

161. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Here is a plan with every public house marked upon it?—Thank you, I do not want the plan, that will not help me; but I know every road and street in the second ward, and if I saw the signs of the houses I daresay I could recollect. (*The plan is handed to the witness.*) I recollect the principal place of meeting in the second ward, but I do not see it here; our principal house was "The Duke's Palace," and always has been since I have had to do with the elections.

162. Who keeps that?—A very respectable man indeed, named Snowling.

163. (*Mr. Biron.*) He will vote for you again, I suppose?—Oh yes, he is sure to. That has been our principal house in the second ward ever since I have had anything to do with the elections.

164. Did you pay Snowling?—No, I should think not.

165. Can you not tell me?—I think I may say certainly not.

166. May you say certainly not?—You mean for the use of his room.

167. Yes, for the use of his room?—I never knew him to be paid, and I should say certainly not; but at these meetings there is drink consumed, and that is pretty well recognised as discharging the value of the room. Of my own knowledge I only know of one room that was paid for at the last election; but there may have been some rooms for which ten shillings or a pound may have been paid, if so, they are all in my account.

168. What were the other places in that ward?—I do not think we had another place of meeting there. There might have been another public house.

169. About this eating and drinking at the meetings, by whom would that be paid for?—That would be paid for by the persons who went there, the persons attending the meeting. As far as I know at the last election, and I may say at every election at which I have been engaged, I never knew drink paid for at any of these meetings; that has never been the practice in Norwich, and certainly not at the last election. I am speaking now on the part of the Liberals, and I say that is not the way in which money has been spent in Norwich; it has never been spent so long before the election with so much uncertainty; there has been better management here.

170. Then you say there are no other houses in that ward?—I am not quite sure whether that one you have mentioned on the cross has not been used for a meeting, but "The Duke's Palace" has been considered our principal house; there is a large yard there, and therefore there is more room. All the public houses in the second ward are very small, and you could scarcely get a meeting of any importance up at that time. At "The Duke's Palace," if the room was too full, we could turn out into the yard.

171. What is the house to which the voters would go just at the last moment on the day of the polling?—Not to "The Duke's Palace."

172. If you wanted them at 12 o'clock on the day of the polling, what would be the house you would go to find them?—I should say every small house in the second ward at 12 o'clock would have men who had not polled, and who wanted money; at almost every small public house you would find them more or less.

173. Can you give me now the names of those small houses?—As I understand they are all on the plan.

174. I do not mean the names of the houses but the names of the landlords?—I cannot; but there would be two or three men who had not voted hanging about at that time at almost every small public house.

175. They do not vote very early in the morning at Norwich, do they?—A great many do, but there are always some who do not.

176. Those who want money do not?—Those who want money do not of course, unless they get their money early in the morning.

177. I think you have told me all about the second ward, will you kindly now go to the third ward?—The third ward is a very important ward, it is in fact a borough in itself; our head-quarters in the third ward were at "The Grapes."

178. First let me have the name of your principal man who would be your manager there?—My manager was my cashier, Mr. Berry.

179. He would be the paid agent on your side?—Yes.

180. Who would be the principal men who would be at the head of the organisation there?—The organisation in the third ward was the most feeble I ever knew, in fact it was not an organisation at all; there were none of the accustomed hands united in the third ward this time. I can tell you who have always taken part in former elections in the third ward, but somehow or other they did not this time.

181. Who did actually take part in the management in the third ward this time?—The management fell chiefly to my cashier, Mr. Berry, who has had a great deal of experience in that ward and in elections, and upon Mr. White, a very energetic and earnest supporter of Mr. Tillett. Usually we have had some of our very best citizens on a committee in that ward taking a very active part, but at this last election there was nothing of the kind, in fact the last election differed so much in that respect from every other election in Norwich that you would have thought it was a different place altogether in which an election was going on.

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182. Now under Mr. White and your cashier, Mr. Berry, were there any smaller men acting ?—Certainly there would be some, the third ward is a very large ward and a very important ward.

183. Could you give me the names of those who were acting for you ?—I had another clerk who took part in the management of a district in the third ward, whose name is Clark.

184. And he, I presume, was paid ?—He was paid and charged in my account, but to give you all the names I should have to refer to my books. I have brought with me a summary of my account, but of course every name is not inserted in that summary. If you will allow me I will take a note of this and will supply the information. There were many more men employed in the third ward than I can possibly recollect.

185. You have got the details somewhere ?—Oh yes.

186. Then will you kindly let us have them ?—As I understand, you want the names of the parties employed in the third ward.

187. Yes, distinguishing those who were paid from those who were unpaid ?—I should not in my account, of course, have the unpaid ones at all, but they would be very limited indeed.

188. What is your principal house there ?—" The Grapes."

189. Who keeps " The Grapes " ?—Mr. Clark.

190. Is that a house where you hold your principal meetings ?—It is a house where the entire management of the ward springs from.

191. What other Liberal houses are there ?—Well, I should think perhaps 30 or 40 Liberal houses. There are a very large number of Liberal houses in the third ward, but I cannot tell you the signs of all of them. There is the wine stores, in St. Giles' Street, where we have an active supporter and one who ever has been so.

192. What is his name ?—Savage.

193. What other is there in the third ward ?—There are so many that it is difficult to tell you. We had a house on the Dereham Road that has always been our house, and I believe our district committee was there. A man of the name of Betts keeps that house, but I forget the sign of it.

194. What houses are there there at which the late voters would be found ?—Well, not at public houses. My experience of late voters in the third ward is that they would come well on the plain near the polling booth.

195. They would meet you half-way ?—That is four-fifths of the way.

196. Is there any spokesman, any head man from the late voters there ?—No, nor anywhere I should say. They are too independent, they like to strike their own bargains.

197. Then you say in the third ward they come to you ?—Not to me.

198. I do not mean to say " you." I used that word as an impersonation of the Whigs ?—I do not say that they come anywhere ; the late voters are to be found near the polling places.

199. Hanging about near the polling places ?—Yes.

200. We have a notion that these men form themselves into gangs of, say, perhaps ten or a dozen, and that they would send a spokesman to some one or other ?—Then I can say that is quite a mistake. I do not say that there are not ten or a dozen people very near together on an election day at Norwich to be bought, but they are not in gangs, neither have they spokesmen. They make their own bargains and act independently.

201. They do go about together in company ?—Hardly that. I think the public house is the place of meeting of men who have not polled and who want money, but they might by chance. That is my experience of Norwich elections, and that not to any great extent, not to a tithe of the extent some people have formed a notion of, and I should say at the last election to a less extent than at any election that I have ever been connected with.

202. You say you do not think it is a plan to act through a spokesman ?—I never knew it, and I am now speaking of the elections at which I have known money was spent. I do not know that any money was spent at the last election, but I am speaking from the experience of elections when money has been spent. I do not say that I know it was spent, for I have never seen a shilling paid in my life, but when it was patent that there was money being spent on both sides, I never recollect that even then there were gangs of men represented by spokesmen. They like to make their bargains themselves unknown to other people. That is the rule of action here.

203. Did you not hear during the progress of the polling at this last election that there were men waiting at different public houses ?—Yes, we did, one in particular ; that was down in the seventh ward, and they were at a house that had always been and was even at the last election in our interest.

204. Now with regard to the fourth ward, can you give me the names of the managers in that ward ?—The manager in the fourth ward was my partner, Mr. Rackham, he was for Sir William Russell, and Mr. Skippon was for Mr. Tillett.

205. And who were the principal gentlemen in that ward ?—Mr. John Copeman and Mr. Etheridge, but there again, as no canvassing parties were formed as at other elections, I cannot bring in the usual men who supported us. We have always been very strong in our canvassing party in the fourth ward, but I believe there was not a day's canvass there this time.

206. Can you give us any smaller men if you cannot remember the principal supporters ?—To give you all the names of the smaller men I shall have again to refer to information which I have not got here.

207. Will you just make a note of that and supply us with this information ?—Yes.

208. Can you give me the names of the paid agents there ?—So far as my paid agents are concerned my partner was the agent.

209. Will you take a note to give us that information ?—Yes ; but as you are on paid agents at the present time I may say that I was not a paid agent myself at the last election.

210. Now with regard to the public houses in that ward, what do you say about them ?—There were a great many public houses.

211. Which is the principal house ?—The principal house was our head quarters altogether, " The Royal Hotel," in the market place, but that was not used in any way in connexion with the election except that the candidates stayed there.

212. I was rather referring to houses of a different class ?—In the fourth ward they would not congregate at the houses at all. There is the market place, which is a more convenient place for seeing a man than a public house. There may be one or two low-class public houses in the big part of the ward, but I do not think the public houses in the fourth ward would be used in any way on the election day, so far as I am able to state, and that is more from general experience than from the experience of the last election itself. The fourth ward is a ward that polls extremely well, honest, and straight for both sides.

213. Now with regard to the fifth ward, who are the principal men there ?—In the fifth ward one gentleman represented both Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell. Mr. Henry Miller was the agent of both.

214. Was he a paid or an unpaid agent ?—I believe he was unpaid. Certainly as far as Sir William Russell was concerned he was unpaid.

215. Who were the gentlemen that acted with him ?—Well, we were every week in the fifth ward. Scarcely anybody in the fifth ward took an active part in the election, but Mr. Miller would have his clerk who had been in the elections previously.

216. What is his name?—I think Mr. Burton, an articled clerk, was with him there.

217. And another clerk, I suppose?—I should say he would have another clerk, but Mr. Miller has always been in the fifth ward, and is able to take the management of the fifth ward with less assistance than those who are strangers to a ward.

218. Had you any paid agents there?—We considered Mr. Miller a paid agent, but he did not take a fee, therefore I considered he represented Sir William Russell on the same terms as the other agents, but Mr. Miller was not paid by me for Sir William Russell.

219. I understand that you had no other paid agents?—I did not, in fact, as Mr. Miller did not take the fee. I had paid agents in the fifth ward.

220. Had Mr. Tillett any paid agents there?—Mr. Miller represented Mr. Tillett, but as he declined to take a fee from Sir William Russell, I should say he took none from Mr. Tillett. "The Crown and Anchor" is our head-quarters in the fifth ward, if you want to know the public house, but the committee would not be held there.

221. Where is the committee room there?—The committee room was at a small shop close by in St. Stephen's Street.

222. Is the fifth ward a place where there would be late voters?—Yes, there are some in the fifth ward.

223. Where is the place to find them?—Well, the evidence at the inquiry told us that there were several congregated at "The Trumpet," but for that evidence I should not be able to say that. That was a very convenient place for the polling; and I should say if there were any men waiting to vote belonging to the fifth ward they would be somewhere thereabouts in St. Stephen's Street showing themselves.

224. Are there any other public houses in St. Stephen's Street besides "The Trumpet?"—"The Trumpet" was the Tory house. I did not look how the landlord voted, but I should say that in St. Stephen's Street the proportion of public houses is about three to two; there were three Liberals to two Conservatives.

225. Will you tell us what other houses there are in this fifth ward?—St. Stephen's Street is lined with public houses on both sides, and my experience is that they vote in about the proportion of two to three, two for the Liberals, and three for the Conservatives; but there are very few of the publicans, and it is only fair to say that there are very few of them who really take an active part beyond voting,

226. Then I should think any public house in St. Stephen's Street would be a likely sort of place for one side or the other to find the late voters?—Certainly public houses, plains, and market places are the places where men who have not voted, and who want it to be known that they have not voted, promiscuously assemble, but I do not know of any gang system or of any spokesman or leader of any kind.

227. Can you give me the names of any other houses?—Almost every house in the street, I should say, might have had two or three men who had not voted in it, but I cannot give you any in particular.

228. Do I understand you to say that in St. Stephen's Street there is no house more specially likely to be used than another?—That is my opinion, either on one side or the other. As far as the Liberals were concerned there was no one waiting at any time, because there was no show or pretence for it.

229. Did you hear of any message coming to the Liberals in a house in St. Stephen's Street on the polling day?—I kept the poll on the polling day, and I did not want any message. I could see quite well how things stood when money began to be spent, and how it began. The poll is the best test of that, and I could see as well in keeping the poll as if I had been on the spot. I do not believe there is a person in the fifth ward who would harbour men or who was engaged in getting men, if there was, I do not know such.

230. The sixth ward, who was the manager there?—Mr. Asker, the solictor, represented Sir William Russell, and Mr. Dean represented Mr. Tillett.

231. Were they paid men?—I cannot say anything about Mr. Dean, but Mr. Asker was; all the gentlemen who represented Sir William Russell in the several wards, except Mr. Miller, were paid agents.

232. Who were the principal men who acted with them?—Mr. Colman would be the principal man; he is the proprietor of the large works by the river side, and he is a most influential supporter of the Liberal party in the sixth ward.

233. He is a large employer of labour?—Very large indeed.

234. Who were the smaller men?—There is another gentleman in the sixth ward also extremely active and influential, Mr. John Youngs. I should say that perhaps the sixth ward was better attended to at the last election than any ward in the city on the part of the Liberals.

235. Can you give us the names of any of the smaller men?—There would be a great many paid men in the sixth ward, and I will furnish you with the principal names; it is a very large ward and lies a great deal about, and we should have a great many persons employed there.

236. Now about the public houses in the sixth ward, what have you to say?—Of the public houses in the sixth ward "The Greyhound" in Ber Street has always been our head-quarters at all elections.

237. And with regard to the other houses?—One that I should mention as the principal house on the Conservative side is "The Richmond Hill Tavern;" there is a very active supporter of the Conservatives there. There are a great many public houses, but I should imagine those to be the principal ones. "The Richmond Hill Tavern" is a Conservative house; it is the house where the sixth ward Conservative Club held their meetings, and as far as we are concerned, "The Greyhound" is our principal house.

238. Would those be the houses of call?—Our committee rooms were at "The Greyhound" I believe.

239. With regard to the late men who wanted something, where would you go for them in the sixth ward?—I should say "The Richmond Hill Tavern" would not be far off; there is a plain there, and a polling place close by.

240. Now we will go to the seventh ward?—That is my ward.

241. Then you know all about it, you are the principal man there of course?—No, not at all, but I happen to reside there.

242. Who was the paid man there?—The paid man on Sir William Russell's part was another of my clerks.

243. And who was the manager, or the principal man?—For Sir William Russell my clerk was, but a Mr. Sadd, a solicitor, represented Mr. Tillett.

244. Can you say whether he was paid or not?—I cannot say, but I should think he was.

245. Who were the principal men acting with them?—Well, two of the principal men, as far as I was concerned, were Jesse Minns and Robert Hart, as knowing everybody in the seventh ward, but there were a great many others in the seventh ward; there was Mr. Womersley, who took an extremely active part for Mr. Tillett, and there was M ith, also another active supporter of Mr. Tillett.r. Sm

246. What was he, I should like to distinguish him by something?—Well his name is Joseph, that will distinguish him.

247. Who else?—There was a gentleman, since dead, who also took an active part in the election, Mr. Kitten, a wholesale grocer in Stamp Cross. Mr. Jarrold would take an active part to some extent;

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some of the Tillyards also took part, and a great many others. The seventh ward is a ward in which we had for many years an organisation called the seventh and eighth ward club.

248. Who is the secretary or chairman?—It has been for two or three years defunct.

249. What was its head-quarters?—They used to meet at two or three public houses weekly or fortnightly.

250. At what public houses did they meet?—Well, I cannot tell you the signs.

251. Could you tell me the names of the landlords?—No, it is so long ago.

252. What is the principal public house in the seventh ward?—The principal public house is a smaller house kept by Mr. Minns, the brother of the Jesse Minns that I spoke of; another is where the seventh ward association used to meet, and a third one is kept by Mackley, called "The Marquis of Granby." Of course it is very difficult to recollect all the signs of these public houses, but I am reminded that Minns keeps "The Queen's Arms;" that is the house where the seventh ward association used to meet. "The Marquis of Granby" is a house kept by Mackley, a man who always supported the Liberals.

253. What other public houses were there in the ward which the late men would be at?—The public houses in that ward are of a lower class, and any public house tolerably within reach of the polling place, I should say, would have a few voters drinking their glasses; but I cannot mention any one in particular.

254. What streets are they in?—Pockthorpe, St. James' Street, St. Paul's Plain, St. Paul's Opening; those are places where the lowest class of voters in the city live.

255. And the public houses in those streets would be close to the polling places of that district?—Yes, there are four or five polling places in the ward, and there would be one in St. Paul's Plain. Pockthorpe, St. James', and St. Paul's are in, I regret to say, the poorest district in the city, and undoubtedly if men are corruptly influenced that is the ward in which the corruption more especially takes place.

256. That is one of the poorest wards?—Yes; the seventh ward is most undoubtedly the most corrupt ward in the city.

257. Now will you go on to the eighth ward, and give me first the managers?—The manager of the eighth ward for Sir William Russell was another of my clerks, A. J. Berry, the brother of my cashier, and Mr. Abel Tillett, a nephew of Mr. Tillett's, for Mr. Tillett.

258. What gentlemen were there working with them?—It is rather difficult in the eighth ward to find any; the eighth ward is essentially a working man's ward, and we have always regarded it as one of the strongholds of liberalism. There are some very active men. One of the most active men there was a Mr. Harper. Mr. Samuel Spinks is a very active man. There is a Mr. Lofty, Mr. Cossey, Mr. Gilbert; in fact one or two of the Gilberts are very active indeed.

259. Who were the paid agents there?—As far as our paid agents were concerned, of course I cannot tell you about Mr. Tillett's, my clerk was charged for in the account as a paid agent.

260. What is the name of that clerk who had that eighth ward?—A. J. Berry; and with regard to other men who were paid, I should say that Mr. Cossey, and certainly Mr. Spinks, was not paid to my knowledge; but there would be several men paid in the eighth ward.

261. Perhaps you will just make a note of that?—Yes, I will; both as to the seventh and eighth.

262. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Would those paid agents appear upon the account which you rendered to the Election Expenses Officer?—Most assuredly; all the agents that we paid, as far as Sir William Russell is concerned, are charged in this account. I had no other means of getting the money. Here are the items:—"Eight ward managers at twenty guineas "each, 168*l.*"

263. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you know of any other agents or canvassers who were paid than those which appear in your account?—So far as Sir William Russell is concerned not a shilling. I know of no outside payments whatever in connexion with the last election, and so far as Sir William Russell is concerned this account reflects every shilling that was paid, and is the sum which Sir William Russell has since paid me. I do not know of a shilling outside it.

264. Now about the public houses in the eighth ward?—Well, there are a great many, and as the eighth ward is also a very poor district the public houses naturally sympathise with the district and are not of the higher order.

265. Can you give me the names of any of them there?—The streets are full of them. I should think there are not less than sixty public houses in the eighth ward, so that it is impossible to give their names. There is "The Fighting Cock," "The Pheasant," "The Lion," in fact almost every animal you can mention in nature.

266. In and out of nature?—Yes.

267. Do I understand that you cannot specify any particular public house in the eighth ward?—No.

268. I think we have now gone through the different managers and so forth in these wards. You told me when I began your examination that before the coalition the canvassing was very imperfect?—Both before and after. It was the worst managed election that ever took place in Norwich during the present century.

269. But badly though it may have been managed, something was done I presume?—Really very little. I cannot alter that. We ought not to have been in the position in which we were, and should not have been.

270. What was done?—Two or three meetings were held of a night at St. Andrew's Hall, two or three altogether, and some driving about the city. That was the extent of the canvass. There really was no canvassing.

271. Was Sir William Russell down here himself?—He was for nine or ten days, and then he went back. I do not think Sir William Russell was in the city more than that time.

272. When was it that he came down?—Immediately prior to the election; but after the joint candidature he was away two or three days in London.

273. Did he not appear in the city until after the coalition?—Not until just before.

274. Had he not addressed any meeting shortly after Parliament was dissolved?—No, we had only one meeting; that was when Warner and he came down, and at that time it was evident that the Radical section were determined to have another candidate, which kept us in a state of uncertainty, so that no decided action could be taken. We had our meetings for conference, but we did not go out, and had not public meetings; in fact we did nothing towards winning the election.

275. Was there not a society called the Election Society?—The Electoral Organisation Society. That was a society which espoused Mr. Tillett's cause entirely; I know nothing of that. That was in operation twelve months prior to the election.

276. Did not the Organisation Society work with you until after the coalition?—Certainly not.

277. Who is the chairman of that? Mr. Morgan, is it not?—Yes, the gentleman whose name I mentioned as a supporter in the second ward.

278. Was he very active?—Yes, night and day.

279. Was he personally in communication with you before the coalition? I mean to say was he helping you in canvassing?—Quite the reverse. In fact until the coalition we were quite as much opponents,

or more I should say, even than the Conservatives were.

280. Do I understand that you cannot tell me yourself about the proceedings of this Electoral Organisation Society ?—I cannot, only as I have seen them reported.

281. Did you attempt to make an estimate of the strength of your party before the coalition ?—That would be a very difficult thing to do, considering the new voters that were coming on. If we had had only the old register to deal with we could have made a very correct calculation, but with the new register it would have been impossible to say, especially when we were split up into three parties ; it would have been a more difficult line to draw as between a Whig and a Radical than between a Liberal and a Conservative.

282. You did not do that until after the coalition ?—Certainly not.

283. After the coalition the Electoral Organisation Society pulled with you ?—They did.

284. And Mr. Morgan acted with you ?—Certainly.

285. I take it that he went heart and hand with you in the contest ?—Certainly ; and I should like here to say, as I have an opportunity of speaking out, that all the Whig gentlemen of our party went as heartily in support of Mr. Tillett as they did in support of Sir William Russell. It has been suggested otherwise, and I desire to speak out as far as my knowledge is concerned that there was a perfectly fair contract entered into and kept between these gentlemen.

286. You say that after the coalition it was a fair party fight ?—Certainly. Of course there were exceptions ; some gentlemen felt they could only vote for Sir William Russell, but certainly, as a party, good faith was kept.

287. I am asking you now about what occurred after the coalition, that is a sufficient date for you ; after that you were managing the whole election for Sir William Russell ?—Yes, we had two very active assistant managers, Mr. Ray and Mr. Daynes ; those gentlemen were my assistant managers.

288. Did you continue then to act solely for Sir William Russell ; I mean in this sense, was there another person acting for Mr. Tillett ?—Mr. Stevens represented Mr. Tillett.

289. But you worked together and helped each other ?—Certainly ; from the time of the coalition everything was open from the one to the other. We had no secrets.

290. After that did you not commence to canvass ?—Well, reports were brought to the central committee room of the canvass, but that was a canvass which was so imperfectly conducted and managed as not to be relied upon. However, towards the approach of the election I did as I always have done ; I took stock of our canvass, such as it was, and of that I have the figures before me.

291. I should like those figures please, but perhaps before that I may ask you this, you say that the canvassers made reports from time to time, but did you deal with them ; did you mark them on the register ?—Certainly ; we kept a marked register, and kept the names.

292. They brought you the names ?—They would bring names.

293. Who brought them ?—I should say here that to my knowledge no stock had been taken of our canvass until the Saturday before the election ; and then I was pressed very much by Sir William Russell to go to the committee rooms and see exactly how things stood ; that was really the first moment of my taking an active part in the election. The nomination was on the Monday, and this was on the Saturday ; and I really had personally taken no part in the election until that Saturday.

294. By that time there were materials upon which you could form a judgment, but how were they brought to the committee room ?—By the ward managers ; and there was some communication with the Electoral Organisation Society, with which I never was made familiar.

295. That would probably be through Mr. Morgan ?—I cannot tell you at all, but the markings of the society were forwarded to the central committee room somehow, and I had the result of those markings before me when I first took stock of our position on the Saturday night.

296. That was upon some register ?—Our marked register.

297. Have you got it here ?—The secretary applied to me for it, and I told him where it was. I have not it, but it can be fetched ; it is at Mr. Ray's.

298. It is in existence, that is all ?—Certainly, as soon as I was applied to for it I had it found and placed it at the disposal of the secretary. *This* is my original stock-taking (referring to a document).

299. You have got there the very paper ?—I have. First of all I should tell you that there was a much larger per-centage for doubles taken off the register than was entitled to be deducted in the calculation. The actual number of voters on the register, striking out the doubles, was 11,959, which you may call 12,000 in round numbers.

300. That is the actual voting power ?—That is the voting power ; it was spoken of as 11,000.

301. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Striking out doubles ?—Striking out doubles. The register is something like 12,900, and striking out known dead men and doubles we had net 11,959 voting power. There would not be very many dead ; the register had been perfected so recently before that there would be very few deaths.

302. (*Mr. Biron.*) We may take it in round numbers at about 12,000 ?—12,000 is near enough for all practical purposes.

303. How many of those do you make out were pledged to you ?—Do you want each ward, or the totals ?

304. Have you got them made out in wards ?—This is my tabular statement made upon the Monday night before the election, (*producing a document, which is handed to the Commissioners*).

305. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It shall be taken great care of ?—If you please ; it is a document which I rather value, because it is entirely borne out. The great feature of it is that there were over 5,000 unmarked men, which will tell you at once what sort of a canvass we had had.

306. Not necessarily ?—It was so, I assure you. There is a very exaggerated notion of what did take place or what Norwich is subject to, and as far as I possibly can I wish to correct it. I am certain that the state of things has been very much exaggerated, both at the last election and prior elections, and I say that these 5,000 men do not in any way speak as to the number of corrupt men ; I wish distinctly to say that they were men who were left open because they were never properly canvassed. It is only fair to the city to say that I speak behind the experience of six elections.

307. (*Mr. Biron.*) I find by this statement that in the first ward you calculate 373 for Russell, 365 for Tillett, and 328 for Stracey ?—Yes, but I did not calculate that at all. I knew they were wrong, but that was the result of the book ; it was not a calculation, for I calculated quite the contrary.

308. There are 273 open ?—Quite so.

309. In the second ward there are 282 for Russell, 286 for Tillett, 171 for Stracey, and 241 open ?—Yes.

310. In the third ward, 1,203 for Russell, 1,198 for Tillett, 527 for Stracey, and 1,617 open ?—Y

311. In the fourth ward, 144 for Russell, 134 for Tillett, 184 for Stracey, and 82 open ?—Yes.

312. In the fifth ward, 364 for Russell, 341 for Tillett, 275 for Stracey, and 387 open ?—Yes.

313. In the sixth ward, 852 for Russell, 868 for Tillett, 364 for Stracey, and 803 open ?—Yes.

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314. In the seventh ward, 785 for Russell, 784 for Tillett, 233 for Stracey, and 1,319 open?—Yes.

315. In the eighth ward, 564 for Russell, 545 for Tillett, 143 for Stracey, and 411 open?—Yes.

316. Making a total of 4,577 for Russell, 4,521 for Tillet, 2,215 for Stracey, and 5,132 open to conviction?—Not open to conviction, I do not subscribe to that at all. There were 5,000 men who had never been seen to be marked.

317. Now, upon the returns made up from the marked register, how many did you calculate?—I will tell you where I found fault with that. As soon as I took that I put 1,500 more down to Sir Henry Stracey, 1,250 certain, that was my calculation, and all those would be taken out of the 5,000 unmarked men. The great fault of our canvass, if canvass it can be called at all, was that the canvassers put down their own promises, and instead of dealing with the other side if they could not get a promise, and did not know, they merely put down the men who said, "We are going to vote" on the other side, but that in no way represented the other side; and as soon as I had those figures before me, to save my own common sense and judgment, I went to Mr. Youngs, a well-known leader of our party, and I said the state of things is so entirely different from what I have been led to believe, the canvass is in a most unsatisfactory state, that it is anybody's election. That is the opinion I expressed to Mr. Youngs, as soon as I got these facts before me, of course in the strictest confidence; but those figures were so entirely at sea with regard to the position it was supposed we had until I took stock of things, that personally I should not have been surprised to have seen two Conservatives returned if two had been nominated, and so I told Mr. Youngs on the Sunday morning before the election.

318. Those figures, at all events, make up the result of the information which your managers and agents in the wards had got together?—Yes; it includes the canvass of the Organisation Society; that was not reported directly to me, but was brought to the committee room from some channel, and found its way into our marking.

319. I understand you to say that those figures were the result of the information furnished by the different managers and so forth in the different wards, and also of the information furnished by the Electoral Organisation Society?—Certainly.

320. Which was brought to the committee room?—Yes, and which found its way into our marked register.

321. So that those figures were the result of the whole information?—The whole information that we had on the night before the election, or, in fact, the Saturday before the election, because things were not altered on the nomination day. I stayed on the Saturday night until 12 o'clock working these figures out, and on the Sunday morning I made a communication to Mr. Youngs.

322. You say that in dealing with these figures they were illusory to your mind?—Perfectly, as far as Stracey's canvass was concerned, I knew the contrary; it was patent to me, with the information we had, that Stracey would poll more than the number of votes put down there. Will you allow me to say here, taking the third ward, it is well known that the third ward is as nearly evenly balanced as possible; in former times we had just obtained a majority over our opponents; there the mark was 1,200 for Russell and 597 for Stracey, which was simply ridiculous. That is one of the most respectable and reliable wards, and would have polled more freely than any ward in the city without money.

323. On the Saturday night, speaking from your judgment and knowledge of the city, what number did you calculate Stracey would poll?—I calculated Stracey would poll 3,500 certain, and that is what I told Mr. Youngs; that is 1,250 more than are down here. I put him at 3,500 certain.

324. What did you put Russell at?—I believed we should poll 4,500, that was my calculation. My calculation was (and I thought to be quite within the mark) Russell and Tillett 4,500, and Goldsmid and Stracey 3,700 or 3,750.

325. That would make 8,000, and that would leave, according to your calculation, 3,000 men on the register who would not vote, that is to say, 3,000 voting power?—Yes, we should expect there would be about a fourth of the whole. We rarely poll more than three-fourths in Norwich, unless a very large sum of money is spent.

326. Now with regard to the 3,000 who would not poll, what class of men would they be. I suppose the poorer the voter the less he is inclined to poll?—I do not think you can say that; I think there were a great many men who would take money and who did not want it. There are some, of course, who would take it almost from necessity.

327. But 3,000 of unpolled men seems a large number in a town like this?—I think you will find on the general poll in the country that a fourth is not a large number to remain unpolled. In the manufacturing districts they will poll closer, but in these districts a fourth is not at all a large number to be left unpolled, because there are a variety of influences here, and of the 3,000 that would stand still I should say 1,200 to 1,500 would remain neutral from choice, and not because they could not be paid.

328. From being pulled different ways?—Yes, they think it is to their interest to stand still and not to offend anybody.

329. That would leave a residue of about 2,300 that could be got at?—I should not like to subscribe to that. You have reduced it down to one-fourth not polling; if you take off all those it would leave about 1,500, in fact that would be just half.

330. (*Mr Dowdeswell.*) 1,500 would be the open constituency, if I may so term it?—I should think it would, but it is much more difficult to speak positively after having had a new register. If we had been polling with the old register I could have given you a very accurate calculation.

331. (*Mr. Biron.*) Of course we are not pinning you to this?—No, I should not like to subscribe to what I have a doubt about. I wish distinctly to say that the numbers that are to be bought in Norwich are very much less than we have the credit for, that is my opinion.

332. When had you fought an election before?—The last election that was fought was in 1865.

333. What was the last register you fought upon before 1868?—That of 1865.

334. Was there any great change in the registration between 1865 and 1867?—No, none between 1865 and 1867, not until the Reform Bill; of course that made a great change.

335. But I am asking you with regard to the numbers before the Reform Bill, was there not an increase?—Oh yes, it was 6,000 against 12,000.

336. I am speaking of the 1867 register, the register before the Reform Bill?—The registers of 1865 and 1867 would not vary to the extent of 200, but they might vary 200, not more; they would be almost substantially the same.

337. In round numbers that would be about 6,000?—That is practically the state of things.

338. Now in 1865 you were managing the election for Russell and Warner?—Yes, for both candidates then.

339. What numbers did you poll?—In 1865 we had a smaller poll, we polled 1,845 for Russell, 1,838 for Warner, 1,466 for Goldsmid, and 1,393 for Waters; therefore taking the two highest there were 3,478 or rather less than 4,000 polled out of 6,000, so that there were not two-thirds polled then; but I think perhaps there would be rather more than that, because Waters had some plumpers. There was a split between the Conservatives on that occasion.

340. That will bring it up to 3,800?—Yes, I daresay it would.

341. At all events it will be under two-thirds of

the constituency ?—We always consider that to poll three-fourths is a grand thing, and not only in Norwich, but you will find that that is so throughout the country. I have looked myself purposely, and I find it is so, except in the manufacturing towns.

342. That would be two-thirds ?—Two-thirds is about the thing in Norwich. You may take it to be that, because I have noticed it at previous elections.

343. In 1865 you worked the thing a little better I presume ?—No, we worked it better in 1860.

344. Better than 1868 ?—Oh yes ; it was a different thing altogether, and simply on the question of management. We never spent a shilling in 1865 to my knowledge, and I am saying that we worked it better in that way. There was not a shilling spent in 1865 on the part of the Liberals in bribery to my knowledge, but we had a thorough organisation, and a thorough working canvass in every ward.

345. What do you say about 1860 ?—Do you want the numbers in 1860.

346. Yes, if you please ; but first I will ask you about the poll book. Was there about the same voting power in 1860 as in 1865 ?—It was not varied much in my time, that is, during the last 20 years ; it was slightly increased.

347. We may take it for our purpose at about 6,000 ?—That is about the thing. In 1860 the Liberals polled 2,083 and the Conservatives 1,631, but there were no split votes then, it was a fair fight between Warner and Russell on the one hand and Goldsmid and Forlonge on the other ; 3,700 would be about it.

348. That would be about two-thirds ?—Less than two-thirds, that is our experience here, and having been through the whole you will find it was so, except when very large sums of money have been spent.

349. Now with regard to 1865, there were over 2,000 standing out ?—Well I should rather think, taking off the doubles, we were a short 6,000 in 1865. I should say in 1865 there were not 2,000 unpolled, that would be two or three hundred short. Then you want to know how many of those would not poll.

350. I want to know first how many of those stayed away ?—I should say about 1,500 or 1,600.

351. But of the unpolled men were there not more than 500 in 1865 ?—There were a good many men bought in 1865 by Waters, who was the Conservative candidate. The other Conservative candidate, I believe, fought as pure an election as we did, that was Mr. Goldsmid. I took the trouble to go through the cards after the election, and I could see pretty well what had been done, but we did not follow it, although it was done to a certain extent.

352. If Waters bought some in 1865 what should you think he bought ?—Well four or five hundred, 400 at least.

353. How many did he poll altogether ?—1,633.

354. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many for the Conservative ?—He was a Conservative, but he never was supported by the heads of the Conservative party, and therefore could never have got the lead he did over Goldsmid except by money. The weakest candidate, so to speak, polled the largest number of votes, and he could only have done that in one way.

355. (*Mr. Biron.*) Now with regard to 1860, what do you say ?—In 1860 Warner polled 2,083, Russell 2,045, Lewis 1,631, and Forlonge 1,636. The numbers are so close that you will say that that was a perfectly fair fight; there were no split votes and no plumping.

356. You mean to say that the candidates acted together ?—Yes they did.

357. Was there any corruption in 1860 ?—Certainly not. I have not the figures before me, but I am bound to say there has always been some outside payment at the election. I am bound to speak out and say what I know of the whole matter, although otherwise I should not wish to do so, and this is the first time I have said it ; but ever since I have had to do with the elections there have always been certain outside payments, such as payments for bands, and the show of hands, and items of that kind, not such as we have considered corrupt and not certainly affecting the city, but we have not thought it right to put them in the public accounts, and after the election the amount has been paid to me. I have always paid money. I think, speaking from memory, some 180*l.* would be the sum that the outside payments have come to, certainly they would be under 200*l.* generally, and never exceeding 300*l.* I mean outside the account for things which I had thought were not strictly legal, but I will say here if an election is properly managed without even direct bribery there will always be some payments that you cannot very well put into the account, and to that extent I commit myself and have committed myself, but no further.

358. Was that so at this 1868 election as well as on former occasions ?—No, there were no outside payments this time, except for the show of hands.

359. What about the show of hands, how much a hand did you pay ?—We always like a show of hands in Norwich, it is a forerunner of success. We never were beaten when we pulled together.

360. How did you buy them, by the lot, or did anybody contract for the show of hands ?—I can hardly tell you how we did buy them. I know we got them from somewhere, and it has been the universal custom on both sides to make the show of hands if they can, and we have always been successful.

361. What does it cost in a lump ?—I should say about 30*l.* or 40*l.*

362. A little more than that, is it not ?—Certainly not 50*l.*

363. Who does the 50*l.* go to in the first instance ?—Well I hardly know ; I can scarcely tell you who would pay for the show of hands; that is one of those irregular things that is provided for.

364. It cost, we may take it, then 50*l.* at the last election ?—I should say the cost would not be more than 30*l.* or 40*l.* at the last election. I never knew it to be more than 50*l.*

365. Who paid the 40*l.*, or whatever the sum was, at the last election ?—The candidates.

366. But in the first instance to whom did the candidates pay it, did they pay it to you ?—It would not want to be paid to me ; those who arranged for the show of hands would be respectable men who would be paid afterwards. There would be no payment made over to them in advance.

367. Who are they ?—I really do not know who received the money for the show of hands last year. If you ask me whether it was paid for or not I say it was, but I cannot tell at the present moment by whom. I will turn the matter over in my mind.

368. But Sir William Russell has paid for that ?—There is no doubt whatever if it was paid that he has paid his half of it.

369. You were managing financial matters for him and you can tell ?—I can say that I never parted with 20*l.* or with 10*l.* specially for the show of hands.

370. But for something that you did not inquire about; who was it who got the 20*l.* for which there was no voucher ?—I do not know, there are certain amounts that we pay that we do not get vouchers for, such as the day labour of clerks and so on, and probably the show of hands was included in one of the cheques that I gave for labour, but it was not specially mentioned to me.

371. Was it mentioned to one of your clerks, do you think ?—No, not to one of my clerks.

372. With reference to the show of hands, I understand that Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell bore the expense between them ?—Certainly.

373. Sir William Russell's share would be about 20*l.* of it ?—Yes, I should think it would not be more, but I never drew any specific cheque for that, and it could only be taken from me in the way I say ; it was arranged that the show of hands was to be had. I have no reservation as to the payment; it was not before me however as to the particular sum or amount, but it came from me somehow as agent to Sir William

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Russell. I paid all my cheques to one person, Mr. Ray, but in drawing the cheque it was not stated to me that it was for a show of hands.

374. The cheque, at all events, whatever it was for, got into Mr. Ray's hands?—Certainly.

375. Who is Mr. Ray?—He was one of the assistant managers at the election. He is a gentlemen who attends to our registration, and who is thoroughly up to his work.

376. Is he the registration agent for the borough?—He is for the Liberals.

377. You have told me that the show of hands was a matter that had always been arranged?—Yes; that has been the univeral custom in Norwich.

378. On the occasion of the last election in 1868, was it arranged between you and anybody on the part of Mr. Tillett that the expense was to be borne between Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett?—There would not be an express arrangement to that effect, but that would be quite within the understanding.

379. These matters, though perfectly well known, have at some time or other to be discussed or mentioned to the candidates?—No, not necessarily. You would not discuss with them an expenditure of 30*l.* or 40*l.* in the management of an election.

380. Was anybody present when an arrangement was made about the show of hands at this time, or who did you see about it, Mr. Ray?—Yes, Mr. Ray would be there.

381. And who else; would there be anybody on the part of Mr. Tillett?—Yes, Mr. Stevens, the agent.

382. Anyone else? — Mr. Youngs, who I have mentioned before; and I of course was there.

383. Do you recollect anybody else; was Mr. Tillett there?—Yes.

384. The candidate, I mean?—Yes, and Sir William Russell.

385. When was that arrangement made, on the Saturday?—Yes.

386. After the examination of the register?—Oh no.

387. It was one of the preliminary matters that had to be arranged?—Yes, that was one of the first things that were arranged after I went. I did not myself, as I have already told you, take any part till the afternoon of the Saturday before the election, and then we discussed the question of cabs and a variety of things, and this point would be incidentally raised also.

388. Was it arranged who was to pay for the show of hands?—Certainly not; that would not be excepted out of the general arrangement, everything was arranged to be joint.

389. You were talking about the show of hands?—Not a word was said as to whether one or two should pay it; it was quite understood.

390. Was it said who should collect it?—Not a word; the question simply was whether we should go for a show of hands, that is, how it would be put, whether we should hire cabs, or do this or that, but no details were gone into.

391. The question was whether you should go for a show of hands?—Whether we should secure it or take steps to secure it; it was quite understood. I went into the council at that time, it was half-past three in the afternoon.

392. Was it Mr. Ray who was to arrange the matter?—No; it was not said who was to arrange it, but it was subsequently arranged.

393. Did Mr. Ray subsequently arrange it?—I think so, or if he did not he knows who did. I did not, and I know it was a matter that was left to him.

394. Was anything done about cabs?—Yes, I advised that we could not engage any cabs; and we did not engage one.

395. Do you know what Mr. Tillett's people did?—With regard to cabs and everything of that kind, we were perfectly joint in action; throughout there was no separate action or separate payment whatever, except as regards the agents from the time of the coalition.

396. Was there any other matter discussed at that meeting on the Saturday; you elected to go for a show of hands?—Yes; nothing was said as to what it would cost or as to who should do it. It was just one of those matters that came up for consideration on the eve of the election, and it was decided. We considered the question of hiring cabs, and we thought we could not do it with safety, and therefore that was abandoned.

397. What other matters were discussed?—Whether we should have another meeting on the Monday, and the question of making arrangements for the election day came into consideration.

398. Saturday, you know, was an important day, it was the day before the nomination; in the evening you went into the matter?—Yes; from 3 to 12 I stuck to it.

399. And things looked very well according to your information for the Liberals, did it not?—I did not think so. I was very dissatisfied with the state of things.

400. Did you not consider that the election was pretty secure?—No, I did not, indeed. I thought myself that it hung by a thread.

401. Did you not think it was pretty secure for Sir William Russell?—No, I did not. I should have thought that Mr. Tillett had the better chance of the two, but they were hanging together at that time; there was only about 150 difference between them. I was not satisfied with the canvass at all; I was, in fact, alarmed at it.

402. Of course you were anxious to secure the return of the two Liberals?—Unquestionably I was; to a certain point I had been a very decided opponent of Mr. Tillett, but from the time the parties coalesced I felt bound to do my best for them both; but then it was too late.

403. You were aware from your experience and from your knowledge of Norwich that there were a certain number of men upon the register who were open to persuasion?—I believe that a greater number of voters are open to proper persuasion than there are open to the persuasion of money.

404. But some of them are open to proper persuasion and some are open to money?—Undoubtedly; but I tell you that our position arose more from the want of proper persuasion than from any other cause.

405. After the examination that was made of the register what steps did you take to secure the election? You have told us of an organisation that was ready at short notice?—During the eight days prior to this Saturday when I went into the committee room to take charge of the whole matter I had been in communication with the staff who worked with me. There is a staff of agents provided in the case of all elections.

406. The object was to get together the information you had obtained on this Saturday; was anything done between the Saturday and the Monday?—It is all management from the beginning to the end.

407. The dangerous men have to be looked after or to be brought up?—Yes; there are a lot of people who, if they are looked after by a foreman or person of influence, will vote in a particular way, but who, if they are left to themselves, will vote for 5*s.* or 10*s.*; that was the kind of management we lacked.

408. After the night of Saturday did you not arrange anything to make your position more secure?—We did all we could; we steamed them up in every way we could. We did all we could to put the best face on it throughout the Monday.

409. Monday was the nomination day; did you not do anything during the Monday? There were a lot of these open men you know?—I should tell you that I was under sheriff for the county, and I happened to be absent at the nomination at Swaffham, and did not come back till four o'clock in the afternoon.

410. But I presume you left somebody to arrange matters here?—We were very actively at work on the Monday preparing for the election in organising our men with a view to their bringing voters up to the poll in the different wards and getting them to attend.

411. Had you got the supplies together on the Monday?—What supplies?

412. Any supplies to be resorted to in case of need?—No cash, if that is what you mean. Ours was essentially a pure election.

413. But were you ready for the worst?—No.

414. If you had found that matters had gone wrong at 12 o'clock were you not prepared to take any steps to secure the election?—No. I could have been ready no doubt, and I should have been sorely tempted. If my man had been in a difficulty between 12 and 1 o'clock I do not know what I might have done, but I had made no preparation for giving money. I could no doubt have got any amount of money if I had thought it right to do so; but I wish you distinctly to understand that there was no organisation or arrangement on our side with regard to giving money.

415. It had been done before however and could be done again?—It is a long time since it was done, and I have almost forgotten it. It is going back as long ago as 1857.

416. On the polling day, how did the election go on?—On the polling day, for the first two or three hours, we were ahead. We were ahead down to 2 o'clock, but from 12 to 2 o'clock I said in the committee room to those who knew anything of election matters that the election was trembling in the balance. There was a sufficient number unpolled at that time to turn the scale either way. At 12 o'clock I found that the state of the poll was not what it ought to be. We had not polled anything like the number that those who had been more in the canvass than I had been had estimated, and the number of marked men who were unpolled made it quite an open election. I looked through the canvass book myself, and could see a great number of men marked as having promised for us who would not vote for us on the day of the election.

417. From your experience in Norwich I presume you knew what they wanted?—That would be the case as to some of them, but not very many. I tell you that the number of men whose votes it is supposed may be bought is very much exaggerated.

418. But there are other influences that may be brought to bear upon them?—I quite assent to that.

419. I do not mean mere money?—No; there are hundreds of men in Norwich who will vote under what I call proper influence, persuasion.

420. Persuasion by a master, for instance?—No, I do not mean the screw being put upon them in any way, but simply a little courteous looking after. The men here like to be asked for their votes by gentlemen, and we always managed to get over the ground with canvassing parties of gentlemen until the last election.

421. The very late gentlemen,—the half-past 3 o'clock gentlemen,—were all standing out at 12?—A good many voted quite honestly after 12 o'clock; more than 1,000.

422. I am speaking of those who never vote till late?—Undoubtedly there would be a good many standing out at 12 o'clock.

423. And at this time there were a good many standing out?—Certainly. I may say that we got pretty nearly to a dead lock at 12 o'clock; they did not continue to poll, and there were, in fact, so many at that time unpolled that any practical mind turning to the numbers would at once see that there was a floating mass of voters whose votes at any moment would turn the election either way.

424. How many had polled at 12 o'clock?—I cannot give you the numbers exactly.

425. But can you give the numbers approximately?—The numbers are not correctly stated in the Chronicle. The figures here give the numbers polled by the Conservative candidate correctly all day, but we had polled nearly 200 more than appear here. At 12 o'clock our figures would be 3,200 for Russell, and Stracey would be about 2,850. We had a majority of 350.

426. And Mr. Tillett was a couple of hundred behind Sir William Russell?—No, not above fifty at that time.

427. Just give me his figures then?—He was about seventy-five behind, I see, at 12 o'clock.

428. There were plenty of polling places here?—Yes; the number of voters was largely increased; there were one-half more.

429. And there were ample facilities, of course, for voters to come up and vote?—No doubt.

430. Yet at 12 o'clock the polling was pretty well over?—It was very slack from 12 till 1 o'clock. I cast up the numbers of the voters who polled from 12 o'clock to the close of the poll.

431. Will you give us those figures, if you please?—I have it ready from 1 o'clock, but I have not got it from 12 o'clock. There was nothing amiss till after 1 o'clock.

432. From 12 to 1 the voting was slack?—Yes; and so it was from 1 to 2; there was no money afloat before 2 o'clock. The numbers polled from 1 to half-past 1 (that was the dinner hour, and I thought it important to take it) were 102 for Russell, 110 for Tillett, and 136 for Stracey. From half-past 1 to 2 o'clock the numbers were 119 for Russell, 117 for Tillett, and 157 for Stracey. There was a slight lead, but very slight. There was nothing to create alarm there. From 2 to half-past 2 the polling was very even; 110 for Russell, 111 for Tillett, and 141 for Stracey. Then from half-past 2 to 3 both sides polled more. There was a great effort made. We were getting too close, and in every direction our men were getting pressed. The numbers were 168 for Russell, 152 for Tillett, and 194 for Stracey. Then the altered state of things manifested itself in the polling from 3 to half-past 3; 124 polled for Russell, 118 for Tillett, and 209 for Stracey. From half-past 3 to 4 there was a large polling for all the candidates. 266 polled for Russell, 251 for Tillett, and 517 for Stracey. All the way through, until after 1 o'clock, keeping a very strict eye upon these figures, my only wonder was that our opponents had not operated before. I saw that nothing was being done from 12 to 2. At 2 o'clock the thing was virtually at a standstill.

433. Supposing they had begun this at 12 o'clock, what would you have done?—Nothing.

434. You had 350 votes to the good at 12 o'clock?—Yes. I may mention that we were pledged to fight a pure election.

435. Of course you were; but you know there was this organisation?—Allow me, if you please, to say that I am no friend to organisation, but I am bound to do the organisation justice, and therefore I say that there was not an organisation in any way for the purposes of bribery.

436. There were two Liberal candidates and one Tory. Supposing Sir William Russell's position had been shaky, what should you have done then?—I cannot tell you what I should have done. All I had my eye upon was my horse. I saw that my horse's nose was in front and I was perfectly satisfied with his position; and when I heard some suggestions as to the course to be pursued I said "It is absurd,—do "not entertain it for a moment." I was perfectly satisfied, and why should I jeopardise the position of my candidate?

437. But if it had not been as it was how would you have acted, that is what I want to get at?—I cannot tell you what I should have done. I should have been very unwilling to have lost the election myself for the sake of two or three hundred pounds.

438. You would not have lost it?—I was not tempted. I cannot say what I should have done. I certainly like winning.

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439. You would not have sunk your ship owing to the want of a little tar ?—Personally, I should not, probably, but there was great difficulty about anything of the kind. We were pledged to the strictest purity.

440. You remember what Seneca said, "That "pledges are made to be broken" ?—Yes, but not in Norwich.

441. Supposing yours had been the ship that was about to sink, you would not have allowed her to sink for the want of a little tar, would you ?—When I go in I like to win, and I make a very great point of winning. I cannot say what I should have done if my horse had been behind; but he had, happily, a front place all day; and I was therefore perfectly satisfied and never entered upon the question in any shape or way. As I have said already, we had made no arrangement as to what should be done in case of need.

442. Was there not a financial agent ?—No; I was the only financial agent, and I paid every shilling of the expenses of the election out of my own pocket. I had no ally.

443. But on Saturday, when you were dissatisfied, was there no financial agent ?—I never told Sir William Foster how dissatisfied I was. I never breathed it even to Mr. Youngs.

444. But there is a discreet man that you know in Norwich ?—Yes, a great many; we are celebrated for them here.

445. I mean a man who divulges nothing, and who is as close as yourself in case of need ?—I think I am very open. I think that is my fault.

446. You are very frank, which is a much better recommendation ?—We had no secret arrangement with regard to money; I say that distinctly.

447. You have told us that there was an organisation ready to be set to work at short notice ?—Yes, all my own staff.

448. Supposing Sir William Russell had been behind at 12 o'clock, to whom should you have gone and whispered something into his ears ?—I should not have whispered anything to anybody. If he had been behind at 12 o'clock, I should have thought very seriously of his position, but I cannot say what I should have done. I had not anybody at my back to carry out any instructions to buy votes or anything of that sort.

449. Supposing Sir William Russell had been behind at 12 o'clock, what should you have done ?—In that case, if it had been left to me, Sir William Russell would not have lost his election for the sake of a couple of hundred pounds.

450. Or a couple of thousand, perhaps ?—I do not know, that is a different thing. I now say, speaking behind the election, that if I had seen the thing in doubt or difficulty, speaking personally (though I know that other gentlemen do not take the same view as I do), I should have made some wonderful effort to have saved him.

451. In conjunction with whom ?—I cannot say; there really was nothing of the kind, no provision was made for anything of the kind, nor was any provision necessary.

452. The whole arrangements here are very perfect as to the course to be pursued in case of need ?—They have been.

453. You could do it yourself, I am certain ?—That is very true; but there was, in fact, nothing of the kind done at the last election, and I can almost give you a reason why nothing was done.

454. I am accepting as a fact that nothing was done; it was not necessary that anything should be done so far as you were concerned; but who, in case of need, was the man to whom you would whisper that something must be done, ?—I like an election without a committee. I cannot tell you what I should have done, or if I did anything through whom I should have done it; but possibly it might have been done.

455. Could you make a guess at it ?—No.

456. Can you not give even a "wild" guess ?—No, not even a wild guess.

457. Should you not have gone to Mr. Wilde ?—Certainly not.

458. Is not he a discreet person ?—He is a very old hand at elections; but I should not have applied to Mr. Wilde, and if I had I believe I should not have succeeded.

459. That is a capital reason for not going to him ?—I believe I should not have gone to him. You see the position we were in. When we had rich men fighting who did not care about it, we trusted a little to Providence, but here there was nothing of that kind, and here the spending of money would be a question of spending our own money. Mr. Wilde is too clever a man to spend his own money, and I am sure there was no arrangement with regard to it. Most assuredly I should not have gone to Mr. Wilde.

460. How did you manage to pull up the last half-hour ?—We did not pull up, we pulled down.

461. But you polled more votes in proportion than you had polled before ?—We polled 390 in the last hour. There are a certain number of men who always hang back and go in with the winning side. At 3 o'clock they thought we had won, and at half-past 3 they thought we had not won, and it was not till after 4 that we knew what the result was. I can only account for the extra number of votes given towards the close of the polling by the voters wishing to go with the tide; they were not bought.

462. You say they were not bought ?—I do.

463. Did you at 12 o'clock get messages brought to your committee room ?—Yes, special messengers were sent every half hour in the day.

464. Plenty of men to turn the election ?—Plenty of men to do the work properly.

465. Who brought the messages ?—We had special poll messengers, who were paid a guinea a day.

466. But from the committees ?—Only one during the whole day, from the seventh ward, our house called Mackley's; they had received money or been treated, or had acted in some way before, and they were congregated at "The Old Ship," but they did not get anything from us.

467. Did those men vote ?—Some did, and some did not.

468. Did some of them vote for you ?—I cannot answer that question; but undoubtedly there were men there who wanted money, and they voted for the people who paid them.

469. About 1 o'clock, when you saw that Stracey was pulling up, you knew what was doing ?—Nothing was doing in my ward till after 2 o'clock; between 1 and 2 is the workmen's hour, when we expected a larger polling, but at half-past 2 we saw that something was stirring, and we sent out messengers, judging from what we saw that money was afloat.

470. Did you take any steps to counteract that by means of money on your side ?—I think I have answered that question a great many times already, and I am accustomed to speak the truth.

471. Do not misapprehend me ?—I tell you that there was no money spent on our side to my knowledge, and if there had been I should have known it. I cannot say that nobody spent 1*l.* or anything of that sort, but I can say that there certainly was no preparation for spending money, and that none was spent under any organisation or arrangement to my knowledge.

472. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Just look at this paper (*showing a paper to the witness*), is it a correct list of the ward managers ?—This is Mr. Stevens' handwriting, these were my eight managers, they were ward managers, and I had two assistant managers, Mr. Ray and Mr. Daynes; that paper is quite correct.

473. Had you a central committee room ?—Yes.

474. Where was that ?—In St. Andrew's, close by St. Andrew's Hall.

475. Had you a committee room in each ward ?—

Yes; in the third ward we had three committee rooms.

476. In the two first wards were they private houses?—In the first and second ward, yes. I think we had three or four public houses only in which there were committee rooms; in the third ward our head-quarters were "The Grapes."

477. "The Coach and Horses"?—That is right and a place shown on the Dereham Road; I forget the sign, "Lord John Russell" I think. We never had "The Coach and Horses" before, but "The Lord John Russell" and "The Grapes" had been our two committee rooms ever since my first management of an election 20 years ago.

478. In the fourth ward the committee room was in a private house?—Yes; there we went to the opposite extreme, we went to a teatotal shop.

479. In the fifth ward was there a committee room in a private house and also at "The Crown and Anchor"?—"The Crown and Anchor" would be our head-quarters in the fifth ward, but I think the committee rooms were in a private house.

480. How do you distinguish your head-quarters from a committee room?—The fifth ward is a great place for Odd Fellows, a great many people meet there. I almost fancy we do not recognise it as a committee room, but there is as much done in "The Crown and Anchor" in the fifth ward as there is in the committee room.

481. Then the sixth ward?—That is another exception, "The Greyhound."

482. And also "The Roebuck"?—We had no committee room at "The Roebuck" I should say; "The Roebuck" is a house we should use, the occupier of it is an old supporter of the Liberals.

483. Did you make any payment to "The Roebuck"?—I believe we did.

484. For what?—We had it for Lakenham which is a very large district.

485. What did you pay for?—For the use of the house. We should have clerks there and make a committee room of it. We never paid for the use of any public houses unless they were *bonâ fide* made use of.

486. In the seventh ward had you a private house and also a committee room at "The Angel"?—At "The Angel" at Catton, an outlying district.

487. In the eighth ward it was a private house?—Yes.

488. Have you had any accounts for drink supplied at any of those public houses?—Yes, and I disputed them, and lopped off a great deal from "The Angel."

489. Have you got any of those accounts in your possession?—No formal account was delivered at "The Angel," there were only two accounts I think, because we found this difficulty: on previous occasions we had had scores run up at public houses, and on the last occasion the most strict injunctions were given that no order should be recognised or anything paid for that was sent up by any of our staff; but they will break through that in some measure. We had an assistant at "The Angel" at Catton, and the expenses of his being there, his refreshments only, not general refreshments in the house, came to some few pounds more than I thought was right, and I objected to pay them at the time. Whether I ultimately paid them or not I do not know, but I stood out for some time. There was one other case of a very few pounds. At previous elections those things had amounted to a good deal of money, but we had nothing of the kind at the last election. We adopted a different principle; they wanted refreshments on the election day, and instead of their getting them at any of these places, we arranged with three or four public houses to supply sandwiches and sherry to the poll clerks and the clerks engaged on the election day, all of which is charged in this account, amounting to 35*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.*

490. That would be for refreshments supplied to poll clerks?—Yes; I do not know of a shilling having been paid for refreshments supplied to voters.

491. Have you not received any claims in respect of beer and other refreshments supplied at any one of these houses, I have been mentioning to you or at any other public houses during the election?—I think only two; "The Angel" was one, and the other was only a small amount, but I cannot tell you what it was.

492. Although you may not have received formal claims, have you not received notice? Have they not come and spoken to you about having supplied beer and so forth?—Certainly not; it would be limited to two or three if it happened at all. I will take the third ward. We paid the man at "The Grapes" liberally for his committee rooms, and therefore we should not expect to have any trouble with him. It is the best situation in the ward.

493. After an election is over, a claim we know is often sent in to a candidate for beer supplied during the election?—Yes; but nothing of the kind has happened in connexion with the last election, and I do not know of any, except one or two disputed accounts. I thought our staff had consumed more than was required; but for general supply to voters I never heard of any claim, and I do not believe that any such existed.

494. No person has come to you and said he had supplied beer to voters?—No, I have not had any claim either preferred or mentioned.

495. On former occasions has that sort of thing occurred?—I have in my recollection the case of "The Grapes" in the third ward. When we were winning I recollect they would come and get something, and after the election I had 35*l.* to pay, and that satisfied me that it should not be repeated, and so we were extremely strict with regard to public houses.

496. Then there has not been to your knowledge any supply of beer to men staying at public houses?—Not at all; and I do not know of any treating at all. I have no reason to think there was any on either side. There was money spent on the side of the Conservatives after two o'clock, but I was looking about a great deal, and do not think there was any treating; certainly there was none on our side, and I do not think there was on theirs; but the election looked so doubtful at two o'clock that they could not resist the temptation. That is how I sum up the last election.

497. But suppose it had looked as if the result would be the other way?—I cannot possibly say what would have been done.

498. You say you would not have gone to Mr. Wilde?—I should not.

499. But although you would not have gone to Mr. Wilde for it, might you have gone to Mr. Wilde about its mode of disposal?—Certainly not; and it is only right to Mr. Wilde to say under what circumstances he came into the election. Mr. Wilde was not there in any way for the purpose of organising bribery at all. It was at my instance that he came in, and I think when I tell you that he kept the poll with me you will see that is the last place he would have been in if we had wanted any bribery done, because he would have been then conspicuous by his absence if anything had taken place. We should not have had him in the committee room keeping the poll if we wanted to do anything with him.

500. You are too old a soldier for that?—We take credit for doing things decently in Norwich.

501. Mr. Wilde would not have been used upon this occasion?—No, certainly not. I think if he had been wanted he would not have been used probably; but I can only say what I should have done myself. I asked Mr Wilde myself to come and keep the poll with me, and it was at my instance that he came, and it never ran in my mind, nor through my mind, that he was there in any way for the purpose of supplying money if money was wanted, or providing money or having anything to do with the spending of money.

502. Mr. Wilde did come over at your instance upon that day?—Mr. Wilde helped me upon the

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Saturday night to take stock of the whole affair, and again on the Monday; and he was in the central committee room keeping the poll with me the whole day, and to the best of my belief never went out.

503. Did he come to Norwich?—No. He is the high bailiff of the County Court here, and has a residence in Norwich.

504. He was at home on the Saturday and Monday?—Certainly.

505. Is he very often at Brighton?—Certainly. I believe he has a house at Brighton.

506. And he happened to come on the Saturday?—Not "happened." I believe he came to render any service he could to the good old cause.

507. He had rendered services before?—On previous occasions. It is so long ago that one can hardly recollect that.

508. There are some things which one does not wish to remember?—I was taking an active part in the election then, but I had nothing to do with what was spent. I could not shut my eyes to the fact of its being spent on both sides.

509. When was that?—In 1857, when Lord Bury and Mr. Schneider contested the election with Sir Samuel Bignold.

510. Was Mr. Wilde acting then?—Wilde was the party through whom the outside payments, or the illegal payments, were made.

511. Was his father also acting?—His father was managing Sir Morton Peto's election at Finsbury at that time, and he had nothing to do with this. His father was nominally manager, but the Mr. Wilde you mean, the present Mr. Wilde, really filled his father's place, and the monetary arrangements were perfected through him; but, as I said, that is so long ago that it has no connexion whatever with the last election.

512. Mr. Wilde would not have answered your purpose?—I think he would have answered my purpose.

513. Not upon the circumstance of being with you on that day?—If I had made up my mind to spend money to secure Sir William Russell's seat I should not have gone to Mr. Wilde, nor said anything to him about it.

514. Then who is the man to whom you would have gone?—I cannot tell you. If I had been inclined to do it I might have confined the responsibility to myself. I cannot say.

515. Surely not yourself?—I should have had others no doubt.

516. That is the very thing we want to know?—We had nothing of the kind. I cannot tell.

517. The possibility of such a thing must, of course, have crossed your mind?—Never. We were told that we were going to win by such an enormous majority, and it was not known to the contrary until it was too late. If we had been inclined we could not have carried out an organisation for bribery at 11 o'clock on the Monday night. It was too late.

518. You said you know there were some persons whom you might have employed?—No, I never said that.

519. You said you might have done it yourself or employed others. Now, who would be the others?—What I have said is that I [cannot say what I should have done if it had been a question of 200*l.* or 300*l.* about winning the election; that I cannot say, but fortunately the temptation did not arise, and I had not to consider it, and did not consider it.

520. Cannot you mention the name of any man?—If the occasion arose I could select a true and good man.

521. You can now then?—No; the occasion does not arise.

522. If you say you could have selected a man if you were tempted, suppose you had been tempted who would have been the man?—That is speculating without facts, and I cannot do that.

523. Cannot you speculate without facts?—No, I cannot speculate without facts.

524. You know Mr. Daynes?—Certainly.

525. Is he a good man and true?—Perfectly.

526. Discreet?—Very.

527. Do you think Mr. Daynes might have crossed your mind under those circumstances?—You are taking me into difficulties again, and I do not like difficulties. Mr. Daynes is a very valuable aid to the Liberal cause in Norwich.

528. And a very good aid?—A very discreet aid.

529. And you would require a man of discretion?—Certainly.

530. Then Daynes would have been just the man?—I might have pitched upon a worse.

531. Could you have pitched upon a better?—I don't know that he would have done the work, but if he would, I could not have had a better.

532. Then if you could not have had a better you know you would have gone to Daynes?—Possibly. It is quite possible.

533. Is it not, probably?—Well, but he might not have listened to me. I cannot say.

534. You might have tempted him?—I cannot say what I should have done. I should have seized the best opportunity that turned up or offered itself if I had determined to do anything; but I do not say what I should have determined.

535. Was not Daynes the most discreet man?—Daynes is a very valuable man in our party; a man who has been in organisation all his life, and he is altogether one of the best and most valuable men in the Liberal party.

536. Mr. Womersley did not belong, if I may so term it, to Sir William Russell?—No; but he is so good a Liberal that he belonged to both.

537. He was very active, was he not?—Marvellously active.

538. And wonderfully zealous?—Very zealous, and discreet too.

539. As discreet as Daynes?—No. I should give the preference to Daynes.

540. He is rather a Tillettite than a Russellite?—He began as a Russellite, and he rather took Tillett into the same boat. I consider Womersley is as much a friend of Russell's as of Tillett's, and I believe he worked as hard for Sir William Russell.

541. You do not think he is so discreet as Daynes?—I like Daynes' management better.

542. Do you like Daynes' management better because Womersley did anything which seemed to you indiscreet?—No; but then I look upon electioneering as a profession; and as Daynes has been schooled through many elections he would naturally present himself to my mind as a more able and discreet man than Womersley, who is a more modern electioneerer.

543. Able and discreet and suited for certain purposes?—For every purpose in connexion with an election Mr. Samuel Daynes is a very valuable man.

544. Including those?—I never knew him to be engaged in improper purposes at an election. I do not believe he ever was. I wish you to understand that distinctly.

545. You say you do not think Womersley was so discreet?—Mr. Womersley is more impulsive than Daynes. Daynes is a quiet old hand, a steady goer, and will stay remarkably well.

546. Is there anything you have heard or known about Womersley that renders you rather distrustful of him?—Not in the least. I believe him to be a most honest and respectable man; but electioneering, as I say, is a profession, and Mr. Womersley has not given up so much time to electioneering work and to organisation as Mr. Daynes has. Daynes has spent his life in it.

547. Speaking of Daynes, do you recollect him acting under Mr. Wilde at the former elections?—Not under Mr. Wilde. Mr. Daynes has always taken part in our elections.

548. Was he acting in conjunction with Mr. Wilde?

—Not really with Mr. Wilde. He has always taken an active part.

549. Was he not acting under Mr. Wilde?—He would not like to be told so.

550. Although he would not like to be told so, was it the fact?—I think not. He is perfectly independent. Mr. Daynes is a very independent man, and he would not like it to be said that he was acting under anyone.

551. A soldier may be perfectly independent and yet be acting under the generalissimo?—If you want to know if Daynes did any of the irregular work in 1857, I say no.

552. Wilde had the direction, you know?—Will you kindly take that answer, sir? If you ask me if Daynes did any of the outside work in 1857, I say no; because I pretty well know who did it. Mr. Daynes took an active part.

553. You say you had information that there were operations being carried on in the afternoon of the day?—My ledger told me that.

554. Your ledger told you the effect. You also said that there were reports being brought to you?—Yes, there were reports of the large number of men in the seventh ward, and also the report that they were buying them in the eighth ward.

555. Who brought the report?—I think Mr. Smith, and I am not sure whether Mr. Womersley himself did not come in. I rather think he did, and pulled a very long face indeed. In fact, he told me he had seen those men, and that they were being bought by the other people, and that it was very distressing.

556. Did he suggest anything?—It was no use suggesting; we had not the stuff.

557. Although you had not the "stuff," you know that upon pressure the stuff might have been produced to the extent of 1,000*l.*?—It could not under the circumstances of Mr. Tillett being a candidate; that made all the difference. There was no money to be had from that side, and I do not think that our side were at all inclined to spend money to buy Mr. Tillett in. I think that is about the best reason I can give you.

558. When Womersley pulled that very long face which he did, did he say what a pity it was that there could not be something done to keep those men?—No; but he would know I should have some sympathy in losing those men.

559. He thought you were a sympathetic individual upon such a point as that?—He knew I did not like losing.

560. And he knew, perhaps, if there was a danger of the election, that it might be secured?—He never sounded me in that direction at all, and if he had, the answer would have been, "My man is ahead."

561. It was no use his pulling a long face to you?—He did pull a long face, because it was then beginning to affect Mr. Tillett, and as he so warmly espoused Mr. Tillett's party's cause; it made all the difference that Tillett's seat was becoming in danger at that time, and my candidate's was not.

562. You were, in fact, coming in with flying colours?—So we were all the day. We were winning all the day.

563. You were distancing the others completely?—We were perfectly safe.

564. And therefore I am afraid that your sympathy was not so strong with Womersley as it might otherwise have been?—Womersley had simply told it to me as a matter of disappointment; but, of course, we were generally discussing the thing. 60 or 70 men at one place going over to the other side would make a great difference.

565. Did anybody besides Womersley come and try to excite your sympathy?—Nobody.

566. Who were the other people that came with reports?—Mr. Mendham, the town clerk, was in the committee room the whole of the day.

567. But who else came and reported to you that these operations were going on?—Smith and Kitton came and said they were "buying like mad down the "seventh and eighth wards." I said, "Go into the "street, do all you can; follow them in, track them "up, and stick to them. It's no use talking to me, "look after them." If anybody else came and said, "There's bribery going on," I said, "Stick to the "fellow."

568. You said, "I am safe"?—No, I saw I was. I said, "It is useless coming to us in the committee "room," but as to coming there they never came respecting money. Not a single individual came to me with an eye to money the whole day. At 3 o'clock we thought the election, if not absolutely safe, looked pretty safe. Afterwards it was much too late to begin to save the election from what had been going on. If the poll had gone on half an hour longer, I am afraid to speculate upon what would have been the majority.

569. They took a rush at the last moment, and it was too late for the organisation to meet them?—I do not believe the organisation had the money or the power to meet them, or the will. I do not believe they started with that object in any way, but I am not in their secrets. I was not one of the cabinet.

570. Now I merely ask you with a different view; can you give me the names of the persons besides Mr. Womersley and the other gentleman you mentioned, who gave you the information that they were buying?—My impression is that Mr. Henry Tillett, a nephew of Mr. Tillett's, the candidate, also came. That was in the eighth ward. Harper especially came up half mad about it. His men were being bought away, he said, and the very occupier of that public house that the organisation had held so many meetings at had gone over to the other side. That was one of his bitter complaints.

571. Did they give you any specific complaints?—I recollect Harper stating that Hardiment was "tinning" the men in the eighth ward at this public house, where the man had always professed himself to be so good a Liberal, and where the organisation hung out a great many times.

572. Who were the men who complained?—Harper, Smith, Kitton, Womersley, Tillett, and it may be several others, but not one came with the view of getting money. They are all people who would not do anything of that kind.

573. Did those persons give you any definite facts?—They particularly referred to the buying going on at "The Woolpack," and to the number of men congregating at Mackley's in Pockthorpe. Those were the only cases of voters being bought in my hearing.

574. Was any list brought to you of people who were being bought?—No, there were too many. There was no attempt to draw that out.

575. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) When that message came to you from Mackley's, was there any suggestion that this should be stopped?—The only suggestion I made, knowing that we had no money to spend, and were not going to spend any, was "Go back to the "place, stick to the men who are being bought, and "prevent the thing being done." I had no other weapon to fight with; and I made some of them angry by almost ejecting them from the room to go into their wards again.

576. Was any suggestion made that they might be got hold of supposing that they wished to do so?—I knew they might. The fact is this. I do not know about the men in the eighth ward, but Mackley's men would very willingly have voted for the Liberals if they had been paid. It is the Liberal house, and if there is a rendezvous at all for that class of voters that is the place of all others, and I have no doubt but that all those men would have voted for the Liberals if they were paid for it. Mackley is a thorough working man for the Liberals, and although he is a little man, a poor man, he is a very honest man.

577. You said just now that you would not have liked Sir William Russell's election to be lost for a couple of hundred pounds; but supposing a couple of hundred pounds had been found, do you doubt that

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it would have been paid. Supposing the people who acted as his agents had produced a couple of hundred pounds, do you doubt that it would have been finally paid by some one?—That is a question which it is impossible to answer. I should not like to say that Sir William Russell would be so shabby as not to pay it, and yet I should not like to say he would be so indiscreet as to take the risk, therefore I cannot answer that question.

578. Do you doubt that he would have paid it finally?—I have very great doubt, and I think whoever spent money for the Liberals at the last election would have had to spend it out of his own pocket, and that is one good reason why there was not any spent.

579. You said that in 1865 there were at least 400 men bought by Mr. Waters?—Yes.

580. That is a very large proportion out of the then constituency?—Yes, in fact his money did not hold out or else he would have bought more.

581. Then you think in 1865 there were more than 400 voters in the market?—Certainly.

582. How many would you say, 700?—That would be the outside number, I should say.

583. And in the present enlarged state of the constituency I presume there would be more?—It has been said that the lower you go the purer they become, but that we have not had an opportunity of testing until this last election.

584. There would not be less than 700?—Certainly not. Undoubtedly there would be 700, but if the Liberals are pulling together in Norwich we have a much larger majority than that corrupt number of 700 or 800 can possibly pull down. I say that unmistakeably and most conscientiously, believing it to be true. There is not a doubt that there is a very large Liberal majority if we were thoroughly pulling together, but there was no pulling together until the mischief was done. For a long time we were educating the mind of a particular party who go in a particular direction, and when we wanted them to vote for Russell and Tillett jointly, some plumped for Tillett and many plumped for Russell. There was not anything like that zeal and courtesy in the Liberal cause that has ever manifested itself in other elections in which I have been engaged before. The last election was no fair criterion of the Liberal strength.

585. If there were 700 saleable in 1865, you cannot put it at a less number now?—No.

586. (*Mr. Biron.*) Would you double the 700 now under the present register?—I do not like to stamp men as bribees who have never been bribed.

587. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) From your knowledge of the working of this election and of the constituency?—I have had a great deal to do with the management of other elections. I had less to do with the last election than I had with any election for twenty years. I never took up this election until the Saturday before the election, and at other times I have been at work at it for weeks before. I consider that our position at the last election was not owing so much to the money spent by the Conservatives as to the want of proper organisation and proper earnestness and zeal on the part of the Liberals. That is my opinion. We ought at 12 o'clock to have had a majority past all buying, and so we shall when we pull together.

588. Can you tell us at all what proportion of those voters were men polled after 2 o'clock?—I can tell you from my cards the names of all of them.

589. You can get them?—Certainly, we have cards. I have not them in hand, but I can get them. We have them amongst us somewhere.

590. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I suppose amongst those there is a certain number whom you would say were above all suspicion that they would be bribed?—Undoubtedly a large number of voters voted after 2 o'clock that were not bribed. Some voted thinking they were going in with the Conservatives to win, and some thinking they were going in with the Liberals to win. A great number voted at the last moment, and, of course, a great number were bought.

591. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Well, you can produce that list, and at the same time mark off those persons who, in your opinion, were bribed?—I do not wish to brand any of my fellow citizens with my opinion.

592. Then mark off those who were respectable?—Yes, but that is just drawing the line the other way, and arriving at the same point.

593. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We shall be obliged to get the list?—You shall have the list, but I do not wish to be the one to draw the line between bribees and those who were not bribed. It is not my business.

594. (*Mr. Biron.*) Have you got your polling books?—Do you mean the marked registers.

595. Yes.—Yes, and the next time you call me I will have the marked registers and the cards, but I did not know it would be wanted to day. I am told the secretary has the cards.

596. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You know we are strangers in Norwich, therefore we do not know what persons are in such a position of life as that they would accept bribes?—The best suggestion I can make will be to give you the occupations of the several voters, and then you may draw your line where you think right.

J. Pilgrim.

JOHN PILGRIM recalled and further examined.

597. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you produce the vouchers of the agents' expenses?—Yes.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

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GEORGE ALDEN STEVENS sworn and examined.

598. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a solicitor?—I am under articles to a solicitor. I am not yet admitted.

599. In this city?—In this city.

600. Were you the agent at the last election for Mr. Tillett?—I was.

601. On his behalf did you manage his candidature?—I did.

602. Do you recollect when he first announced himself as a candidate?—I am not certain as to dates, but I think it was some time in July 1868.

603. After he had announced himself was any body formed for the purpose of promoting his election?—I cannot speak to what took place in connection with his candidature prior to the latter end of October or the early part of November. I was asked by him to be his agent some time in November; up to that time I had taken no part whatever in his candidature

and I knew very little about it. I was desirous myself that the two old members, Sir William Russell and Mr. Warner, should be again returned, and I did not take any part until Mr. Warner had retired from the field, and then I felt myself at liberty to espouse Mr. Tillett's cause.

604. When you became his agent did you find that there was any body in existence arranged for the purpose of conducting his election?—The only thing I had heard of was that for some few years past there had been in Norwich what was called, I believe, a Reform League. That Reform League immediately after the passing of the late Reform Act resolved itself into an organisation of working men. The object of that organisation was, I believe, to obtain a working man's candidate. That organisation met, I believe, very frequently, and at one of their meetings they adopted Mr. Tillett as their candidate.

605. Who was the leading man in that organisation?—Mr. A. M. F. Morgan was the chairman of the organisation, Mr. John Copeman was the treasurer, and Mr. Causton was the secretary.

606. Can you give me the names of some of the leading men of the body besides those?—I should say Mr. C. J. Bunting and Mr. White.

607. Mr. Colman?—Yes.

608. Mr. Womersley?—He might have been. I do not know. I have not seen a book or paper in connexion with the electoral organisation. I was not a member of it, and I know very little of it, except the objects for which it was formed, and which they carried out as far as they could.

609. Did you find that they canvassed the city for Mr. Tillett?—Yes; immediately on my being appointed agent I was asked by Mr. Copeman to manage the third ward, which is the largest ward almost, and I consented to do so. Subsequently Mr. Tillett saw me, and asked me if I would be his recognised manager for the purpose of the election, and I consented to do that. That was, I believe, two or three days before the amalgamation took place between the Whig party and the Radical section of the party; it was two or three days before that I think. I consented, and waited until a meeting should be called for the purpose of ascertaining whether Mr. Tillett was or was not to be taken up, or to be adopted by Sir William Russell.

610. You say you found that there had been a canvass going on?—Yes; I should say that from that time I engaged central committee rooms and ward committee rooms.

611. Where was your central committee room?—Our central committee room I hired myself of Mr. Wilson, a solicitor in this city. It was a private house which happened to be unoccupied.

612. Have you on paper a list of the committee rooms?—I handed to the Secretary a list of them some time since.

613. Is that a correct list?—Yes, Mr. Tillett's and Sir William Russell's committee rooms. From the time of the adoption of Mr. Tillett as a second candidate the action was joint with Sir William Russell for all purposes, except that of management.

614. And this being adopted by you previously as Mr. Tillett's committee rooms, then were they carried on for the purpose of two candidates, or were they engaged by you after the coalition?—They were engaged by myself and Mr. Ray, who acted as Mr. Coaks' lieutenant, I may call him; they were engaged by myself and Mr. Ray jointly.

615. That was after the coalition?—That was after the coalition.

616. I was speaking of before the coalition; had you any committee room to which a return was made of the canvass up to that time?—I personally had no committee room and no knowledge of anything connected with the election until the joint committee rooms were engaged, and therefore we got those committee rooms into working order. Then I discovered that a canvass had been set on foot by the organisation, a canvass by working men of working men.

617. Was that canvass marked on copies of the register?—That canvass was marked on copies of the register. Books were handed to different members of the organisation, and they went out and canvassed and made their return to the Secretary of the organisation, Mr. Causton. I thought it advisable that we should have the result of their labours, and I sent our canvass books that we had prepared (joint canvass books) down to Mr. Causton, and marked them from the book that Mr. Causton had already marked.

618. Have you got the book which you so marked?—I handed it over; it can be here in a few minutes.

619. Then it is in existence still?—Certainly. I am speaking of the book that we marked from the one that Mr. Causton had; the one he had he still has, I believe. I have never had the custody of it.

620. Did you proceed after the coalition to carry on the canvass?—Certainly. As soon as we had formed the committee rooms in the different wards we instructed the managers of those wards to canvass their localities as far as they could; but I should say that with regard to the question of the canvass that we always considered, inasmuch as we had commenced our labours only about ten days before the election, it was utterly impossible and impracticable to have anything like a fair and proper canvass. Mr. Tillett and myself, therefore, and one or two of his friends said, "It is utterly useless for us to ascertain what "promises Sir Henry Stracey may have." Our system was this:—we said, "The register amounts to "so much, 11,000. We will mark canvassed against "the registers, and if we can find promises for Mr. "Tillett to anything like the amount of 4,500 voters, "we consider that he will be perfectly safe."

621. Were returns made by the persons who conducted your canvass to the central committee room after the coalition?—Certainly. They did what canvassing they could in the course of the day, and sent down returns to us at the end of the day, and Mr. Ray and myself, and some assistants we had, entered those returns into our canvass book.

622. Was that a different canvass book from the one you just now spoke of, that prepared by Mr. Causton?—I had only one canvass book. We first took it to Mr. Causton and marked our own from his. Subsequently we entered the result of our ward canvasses into our book.

623. Is there only one book then that represents the entire canvass on the part of Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett?—They happen to be in two books; there is but one canvass book in two volumes.

624. In the different wards had you on behalf of Mr. Tillett paid agents?—I had not paid agents in every ward. I had paid agents only in three wards.

625. Which were those wards?—In the first ward I paid Mr. Bryant Allen ten guineas, I think, for his services. In the second ward we had Mr. Kent, a solicitor, and I paid him at the same rate that Mr. Coaks was paying his agents, twenty guineas. In the third ward I had a volunteer agent, Mr. White, to whom I paid nothing. In the fourth ward I paid Mr. Skippon ten guineas. In the fifth ward Mr. Miller acted on behalf of both candidates voluntarily without any pay. In the sixth ward Mr. Daynes was a volunteer and was paid nothing. We had our own managers quite separate from Sir William Russell. Sir William Russell had nothing to do with ours, and we had nothing to do with his. In the seventh ward Mr. Sadd, a solicitor, acted voluntarily on behalf of Mr. Tillett. In the eighth ward Mr. Abel Tillett, Mr. Tillett's nephew, acted also voluntarily for him.

626. Those were the agents?—Those were the agents.

627. Who were your managers, or the principal men or chairmen of your committee rooms in the different wards?—The managers of each ward would be the head in each committee room of that ward.

628. Would the paid agent be the manager in those wards where there was a paid agent?—He would be the manager of that ward. I should say

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that we had a meeting two or three days or about a week prior to the election, when a committee was appointed on behalf of Mr. Tillett; we sent a list of that committee to Mr. Coaks. It was arranged that there should be a joint committee and that the names we suggested and they suggested should be blended together and form one committee. At the meeting I have been speaking of we appointed a committee on behalf of Mr. Tillett, and I sent a list to Mr. Coaks, but subsequently I heard from Mr. Ray that Mr. Coaks or the gentlemen with whom he acted desired that there should be no committee, and nothing came of that, and no committee was published.

629. Did you make the return on behalf of Mr. Tillett?—I did.

630. Can you point out to me the payments that were made for those paid agents you have spoken of?—No, I cannot in that account, and I will explain why it was not entered there. I assumed that the gentlemen who were employed on behalf of Mr. Tillett, as there had been a subscription raised for the purpose of paying the expenses of his election, would do as I had done, work for him without pay, and I spoke to one or two of them about it, and they were quite agreeable to do so, and I spoke to the others (this was after the election) and they said "If our votes are jeopardised in any way by receiving pay, or if Mr. Tillett's election is jeopardised "in any way by our receiving pay for the services "we rendered, we will give up any remuneration that "we may feel ourselves entitled to, but if such is "not the case we shall expect to be paid." That was said by three, and those three I subsequently paid.

631. Were those three gentlemen you paid persons whose names were upon the register?—Two of them were, I think. Mr. Kent, I think, was not.

632. When did you pay those three gentlemen?—I paid them on the 15th of May last.

633. Then up to the 15th of May last had the only arrangement between you as to their payments been that which you have stated to me?—Certainly.

634. But originally had you not made arrangements that they should be paid?—I had not.

635. How had you engaged them then, if you had not made arrangements that they should be paid?—I asked Mr. Bryant Allen, who was an active partizan of Mr. Tillett's, if he would take the management of the first ward, and he said he would. In the second ward I asked Mr. Wood the same question. Nothing was said about pay or any remuneration whatever, and so I went to the different agents engaged for Mr. Tillett.

636. What was the reply of those persons?—Mr. Bryant Allen is a dyer doing a considerable business in Norwich; he is a most respectable man in a large way of business. Mr. Kent is a solicitor in Norwich. In the third ward Mr. White is assistant, I believe, to Tillyard and Howlett, curriers in this city.

637. Mr. Kent was a professional man?—Yes, he was a professional man.

638. Do you know Mr. Ray?—Yes, I know Mr. Ray well.

639. What part did he take with you?—Mr. Ray was Mr. Coaks' *alter ego*.

640. Then was Mr. Ray Mr. Coaks' sub-agent or representative, and in no way connected with Mr. Tillett?—He was in no way connected with Mr. Tillett.

641. Or with yourself?—Or with myself. I assumed at the commencement of the election that Mr. Ray and Mr. Daynes were to be joint agents for Sir William Russell; subsequently I understood that they were sub-agents to Mr. Coaks. I never saw Mr. Coaks in connexion with the election, or in connexion with any arrangements for the election, until the Saturday, I think, prior to the election, which was on the Tuesday. All my communications were with Mr. Ray or Mr. Daynes.

642. Were they not joint general managers for Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell?—Certainly not. I was Mr. Tillett's sole manager. I had the entire control of his share in the election.

643. You say that you did not see Mr. Coaks until the Saturday preceding the election. On that day did you have a meeting with Mr. Coaks?—Mr. Coaks on the Saturday afternoon came into the committee room with Mr. Wilde, and wished to look at our canvassing books. They were handed over to them, and they went through them, I believe, on the Saturday afternoon.

644. Had you had no communication whatever, directly or indirectly, with Mr. Coaks till that moment?—I had not; by the bye I think he came into the committee room for a few minutes on the Thursday prior to the Saturday, but I do not think he spoke to me or I to him.

645. Was that Mr. Tillett's committee room?—We had no separate committee rooms; all our committee rooms were joint Russell and Tillett.

646. Into which committee room was it that he came?—The central committee room at the house I have spoken of, Mr. Wilson's, in St. Andrews.

647. Upon that day who were present at the meeting?—I think Sir William Russell was there; Mr. Tillett was there, I was there, and Mr. Ray; and I think that is all. There might have been others; those are all I remember at present. I think Mr. Daynes might have been there.

648. Was the mode of procedure arranged for the conduct of the election?—It was; we discussed what was legal and what was illegal. I believe I read Sir John Coleridge's opinion as to the engagement of carriages for the purpose of conveying the voters, and we discussed what might be done in that way.

649. Then was the hire of cabs and carriages the first matter that was discussed at that meeting?—I am not certain whether it was the first matter or not; it was the most important matter that was discussed at that meeting in my opinion at that time.

650. What did you determine with respect to that?—We determined upon being guided by Sir John Coleridge's opinion that it was illegal and very dangerous to do it, and we determined not to do it.

651. Do you recollect a discussion then taking place with regard to the show of hands?—There was no discussion took place upon that subject.

652. Had you ever been engaged in an election in Norwich before?—I had been engaged in a subordinate capacity in the last two or three elections.

653. Has it been customary to secure the show of hands if you possibly can?—Of my own knowledge I cannot say that I know it has been customary. I heard what Mr. Coaks said yesterday, and I believe it has been customary from what he has said. I may also mention that in one of the Norfolk elections a person wrote to a man in Norwich to provide him a certain number of men to secure the nomination, but I had nothing to do with securing nominations, or with spending money for that purpose.

654. Were you aware at that time that it was a thing that had been done before?—I had heard that such a thing had been done.

655. You recollect what Mr. Coaks said upon that subject; was an arrangement made such as Mr. Coaks has mentioned?—I will give you what my recollection is of what took place there. Some one whom I do not know, I think Mr. Coaks himself, said "What "about the show of hands, shall we secure it?" and Sir William Russell said "Is there anything illegal in "that," and Mr. Coaks answered "No." Sir William Russell then said "Very well, secure it."

656. Did you concur in securing it?—I took no part whatever in it.

657. Mr. Tillett was present?—Yes.

658. You did not object?—I did not object.

659. And Mr. Tillett did not object?—Mr Tillett did not object, but I should follow that up by saying what I did for the purpose of securing the nomination.

660. Was Mr. Ray there?—Mr. Ray was there. After that conversation took place I saw Mr. Womersley

and asked him to get as many of his friends as possible up to the nomination, for the purpose of securing the show of hands if possible.

661. Had Mr. Ray instructions to secure the show of hands?—I gave him no instructions.

662. I do not suppose you did, but was it arranged?—No arrangement of that kind was made to my knowledge.

663. Was anything said about it?—Nothing was said that I remember on that occasion.

664. Do you say that nothing was said to Mr. Ray on that occasion, about securing the show of hands?—Nothing was said to Mr. Ray on that occasion about securing the show of hands.

665. Measures were taken, I suppose, for securing the show of hands?—I took what I considered to be a measure for that purpose. I should say, with reference to Mr. Coaks' evidence upon that matter, that I was taken very much by surprise at what he said, when he stated that a sum of 40*l.* had been expended for that purpose.

666. Did you afterwards on behalf of Mr. Tillett pay anything towards that show of hands?—Knowingly I did not.

667. Then you did it unknowingly?—That I should explain in this way. After the election Mr. Ray and I arranged to pay all the employees together, but inasmuch as there were two parties, and they had to be paid one moiety by each, we estimated the employees at the sum of 600*l.*; and for 300*l.* I obtained cheques from the committee appointed to manage the financial part of Mr Tillett's election, and 300*l.* Mr. Ray obtained, I believe, from Mr. Coaks, and those two sums were held by Mr. Ray for the purpose of paying the employees. We met together for the purpose of that payment, and I was present on almost all the occasions on which those payments were made. I took an account of the payments and Mr. Ray paid the money.

668. You say that you took part in the payments; was that to the employees?—Yes, to the employees. I was present, I think, on the first Saturday evening. I was busy about something else, and the men who were engaged wanted their money, and he commenced paying and furnished his own money for that purpose on the Saturday night, and I afterwards paid him a cheque to cover that and future payments that might be made. Altogether the cheques came to 300*l.* that I paid him.

669. In order to have a payment of that kind made it would be necessary for Mr. Ray to render you some account?—Mr. Ray has rendered me an account.

670. I suppose that was in writing?—No, he gave me the figures as to how the 600*l.* had been expended by him. I took it down from him myself.

671. Have you that paper on which you took it down from him?—I have.

672. Produce it, if you please.—(*The paper referred to is handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*)

673. Was that the paper made at the time?—Yes, that is the paper which was made at the time. You will see it is the second half of that paper.

674. Mr. Ray paid the employees 600*l.*?—600*l.*

675. Did you not make any inquiry as to how that 600*l.* was to be spent among the employees?—Certainly, and I was present when it was spent.

676. Who were the employees to whom it was represented to you that payment was to be made?—All the persons that were engaged in connexion with the election.

677. Including those persons who attended the nomination?—I knew nothing of any persons who attended the nomination.

678. Was any list or any account given to you of the persons to whom such a large sum as 600*l.* was to be paid as employees?—520*l.* odd of it I took an account of myself.

679. Have you got that account?—I have that account (*producing it*), and that I returned to the sheriff; that is an abstract of it.

680. Then if this was 520*l.*, 80*l.* remained over?—Yes; that paper will show you, I think. If you will hand it to me I will explain the different items. The 512*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* was paid as per list; then Mr. Ray had paid small amounts amounting altogether to 12*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*, which he debited that account with.

681. Do those sums appear upon this paper which I have here?—I should say not.

682. To whom were those small sums paid?—Mr. Kay will explain that.

683. But did he tell you?—Yes; there was his own, 5*l.* 8*s.* for cabs. I think we had a chop together paying the men. There was 2*l.* that he paid to Mr. Kay for services rendered during the election.

684. What services?—I see that he was a canvasser in the third ward.

685. Is he a voter?—That I do not know.

686. Did you inquire?—I did not. There was 3*l.* paid to someone else. He gave me a list of them I know at the time, and there was 5*l.* for our incidental expenses. I am speaking of the 12*l.* now. I cannot exactly say how the 12*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* was made up. I satisfied myself at the time that it was correct. Then there was another item that he debited himself with of 23*l.* 6*s.* I asked him what that was, and he told me that it was for keeping the peace and for protecting our meetings. I should say that in the early stage of the election we had a meeting at "The Lamb" in Norwich, and a number of roughs were there; they broke our windows, and one of the stones very nearly hit Mr. Colman, our chairman. I was not present, but I heard of it afterwards. The rough element in the city we saw was with the Conservative party, and Mr. Ray told me that he felt it necessary that these men should be engaged for the purpose of protecting our meetings, and that this money was expended for that purpose. There was a sum of 8*l.* 10*s.* and 4*l.* 16*s.* and the 12*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* that I have spoken of in the earlier part. 23*l.* 6*s.*, that was the 8*l.* 10*s.* and the 14*l.* 16*s.*; that would leave 52*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* in Mr. Ray's hands.

687. In what way was that to be disposed of?—We had a separate account at our bankers. Cheques were paid in by myself on behalf of Mr. Tillett, and by Mr. Coaks on behalf of Sir William Russell. Upon that account there is a balance of 50*l.* due to the bank, and this sum of 53*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* I assumed would be paid into the bank for the purpose of meeting that balance.

688. You assumed it was paid in?—I assumed that it would be.

689. Did you speak to Mr. Ray and ask him whether it would be paid into the bank?—I spoke to him several times about the balance, and he said we would have a meeting and settle up the whole thing.

690. This occurred a long time ago?—Yes; I should think I had the account some time in February, either in January or February.

691. When did you pay the 300*l.*?—To Mr. Ray?

692. Yes.—Immediately after the election.

693. So that having paid it to Mr. Ray in the month of November last you have never had an account, and thought it was to be paid into the bank, we being now in the month of August?—I have spoken to him several times about meeting for the purpose of squaring up the account. When I have been in the way he has not been in, and when he has been in the way I have not.

694. You had heard what had passed about securing the show of hands?—Yes, I had heard what had passed.

695. Having heard that, did it not occur to you that 52*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* being in his hands, there was something to be supplied for securing the show of hands?—Certainly not. I should expect Mr. Ray to account to me for the 52*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*, and I expect it will be accounted for to me.

696. Do you expect that still?—Certainly; most assuredly I do.

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697. Mr. Ray was the paid agent of Sir William Russell?—He was. I should say that of the 52*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* I should only be entitled to a moiety.

698. Of course. If the payment for securing the show of hands amounted to 40*l.* there would remain 12*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* over, of which you would be entitled to 6*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*?—I should not pay 40*l.*, nor the half of 40*l.*, and I may say here that I think Mr. Coaks is under a wrong impression when he says in his evidence that he thinks that sum was paid. I think he has assumed that that was done at this election which had been done at prior elections, but I think it will be discovered before this inquiry ends that no sum of 40*l.*, or anything like 40*l.*, was paid for that purpose. I believe from inquiries which I have made that a sum of 8*l.* 10*s.* was paid for the purpose of keeping the door to enable people to get into the nomination; that is what I spoke to Womersley about, but for anything else I do not believe anything was paid in connexion with the nomination. I believe that 8*l.* 10*s.* will cover every farthing that was paid on that occasion.

699. Then you did speak to Mr. Womersley for the purpose of securing the show of hands?—Certainly. I have said distinctly that I saw him and asked him to have his friends there early for the purpose of securing the show of hands.

700. Was that on the same day that the discussion had taken place?—My impression is that Mr. Womersley was in the committee room at the time, and that I saw him immediately after that.

701. Mr. Womersley is the manager for Mr. Colman?—He is a manager of one department of the Carrow works.

702. Were you present at the nomination?—I was. I should say that the nomination is held at the Guildhall, a place which would be too small for this inquiry; the greatest number it would hold would be about 300 people, and there is always a rush. The nomination is in fact a mere farce; there is always a rush for the purpose of getting in there, and no man who has any respect for his life or limbs would care to encounter the rush that he would have to endure to get into that place.

703. Then it would be a service of peril to get in, and it would be a matter for which persons probably would require consideration?—Well it has been so, I believe, but I believe that no consideration was given on this occasion.

704. You took an active part, I suppose, upon the day of the election?—I did all I possibly could.

705. On the afternoon of that day did you receive intelligence that bribery was going on?—I did. I was in the committee room, and received a note from Mr. Henry Tillett, I think it was, stating that he was sure that money was being spent in the eighth ward. I also received a message from the seventh ward, stating that money was being spent there.

706. Who brought you the message from the seventh ward?—I am not sure whether it was Mr. Harper or Mr. Spinks; it was some one I know from that locality; it might be the poll bearer when he brought up the state of the poll to the central committee rooms.

707. Was Mr. Coaks in the same committee rooms as you were?—He and Mr. Wilde kept our central poll in the committee room, in St. Andrews, not our own ordinary central committee rooms; those were found not sufficiently convenient, and we had two rooms in the Bazaar, for the purpose of keeping our central poll.

708. Then Mr. Coaks was in a different committee room from yourself?—No, we were all together, we moved from the one that was not convenient for taking the poll into the Bazaar.

709. You were then in the same room with Mr. Coaks?—I was in and out of the same room all day. Mr. Coaks, Mr. Wilde, and Mr. Mendham were there, and occasionally the candidates.

710. Do you recollect Mr. Womersley coming into the committee room and seeing Mr. Coaks?—I think I saw Mr. Womersley in and out two or three times; he spoke to me once or twice.

711. Do you recollect the time when he came in and spoke to Mr. Coaks?—I do not remember the particular conversation occurring that Mr. Coaks narrated yesterday. I was not present then.

712. It may have taken place in the room?—It may, but I think it would not, because Mr. Womersley would naturally come up to me as Mr. Tillett's agent, and would have spoken to me on a matter of that kind.

713. Did you go to "The Marquis of Granby"?—Mr. Daynes was in the room at the time, and I mentioned that I thought that buying was being carried on, and that I thought the best way was for us to go down and ascertain whether it was so or not.

714. Had you been down to "The Marquis of Granby" in the course of that morning, before you went with Mr. Daynes?—I think not, we went together.

715. I am referring to that circumstance now, because in the evidence which you gave before Mr. Baron Martin you said you thought you had been down to "The Marquis of Granby" before that day?—I do not think I had been down. I did not go down to "The Marquis of Granby" on that day to call at "The Marquis of Granby" only with Mr. Daynes. I passed there because I had been to our polling place, some little way beyond, but I had not called there till I went with Mr. Daynes, and I do not think from the evidence before Mr. Baron Martin it would appear that I had been there before.

716. You went down, you say, to "The Marquis of Granby" with Mr. Daynes?—I did.

717. At what time in the day was that?—Between 12 and 1 I think it was.

718. Just reflect, because in the evidence which you gave before Mr. Baron Martin, I find you said it was between 2 and 3?—I think that the first time we went down was earlier than between 2 and 3, but I will not be certain.

719. Did you go down with Mr. Daynes twice?—I went down with Mr. Daynes twice.

720. When you went down with Mr. Daynes the first time did you see Mr. Womersley there, or was that the second time?—I have not a distinct recollection.

721. You tell me that you went to "The Marquis of Granby" twice, you told me just now that you only went there once?—I went to "The Marquis of Granby" twice certainly.

722. With Mr. Daynes each time?—My present impression is that I went with Mr. Daynes each time. I may be inaccurate in that, but my strong impression is that Mr. Daynes was present with me each time.

723. Upon the second occasion did you see Mr. Womersley at "The Marquis of Granby"?—I saw standing outside the door Mr. Womersley, Mr. John Kitton, Mr. J. D. Smith, and some other gentlemen.

724. Will you undertake to say that that was not the second time you went?—My impression is that it was the second time.

725. When you went the first time did you see anybody there or was it a failure, or what was done?—My impression is that I went there and inquired for Mackley the landlord, and they told me he was up in the city, and I then went back to the committee rooms. I subsequently went down, and on the second occasion I am certain Mr. Daynes was with me, and then I saw those gentlemen about the door.

726. At what time was it when you went on the second occasion?—That would be very much later in the day; I should think between 2 and 3 o'clock.

727. Who were there?—Mr. Womersley, Mr. Kitton, Mr. J. D. Smith, and I think some other gentleman was there. I do not recollect now; they were standing by the door, we drove up, and Mr. Womersley said, "They are buying it here."

728. Then you went into "The Marquis of Granby"?—No; I had some other conversation with Mr. Womersley; they said "We shall lose the election," or something of that kind; the gentlemen around

there said that. I said "It is infinitely better for "Mr. Tillett to lose his election than it would be to "buy it."

729. Then you went into the house?—Then I went into the house and inquired for Mackley. Mr. Daynes was with me, the other gentlemen did not go in. I inquired for Mackley. Mackley asked me to step with him out into the yard into a skittle ground, and we went there and he said he had a number of people standing out; he said that he could have had a number of people only they wanted to be paid. I said we could do nothing of the kind, and that I should recognise nothing of the kind and left him. Of course I have not refreshed my memory by looking at the evidence I gave before Mr. Baron Martin. I am not certain as to hours or words, but that is the substance of what took place.

730. Had these gentlemen, Mr. Womersley and Mr. Kitton, left before that?—I think when I came back from Mackley they were gone.

731. Did Mr. Womersley tell you that he had been up in the interval to see Mr. Coaks?—I think Mr. Womersley and Mr. Kitton too were complaining to me of the imperfect way in which the central poll was kept; they said there were no returns published, and that they seemed to be in a dreadful state of chaos there.

732. Did they tell you that they had been up to the central committee rooms?—They did not tell me so that I am aware of. No particular conversation was stated to me.

733. They had no conversation with you in the central committee room in the interval between the time of your first going down and your going down again to "The Marquis of Granby"?—Who?

734. Mr. Womersley.—Not one syllable. I do not think I had seen him at the committee room till after I had seen him at "The Marquis of Granby."

735. You have heard what Mr. Coaks said respecting the polling and as to the numbers who polled in the different half hours?—Yes, I heard what Mr. Coaks said. I should say that I have had a tabular statement prepared of the voting at different periods. I have gone through it with our check cards, and with our poll keepers' returns. I believe that it is substantially correct, and I gave the result of that in my examination before Mr. Baron Martin with reference to certain half hours.

736. Is this the table to which you are referring (*showing a written paper to the witness*)?—I have not seen that paper before.

737. Just look at it if you please (*handing the paper to the witness*); did you supply it for the purpose of the election petition inquiry?—I did not supply it. Mr. John Copeman prepared it, and I subsequently went through it before I gave my evidence before Baron Martin to test its accuracy.

738. You checked it?—Yes.

739. After you had checked it did you give it to anybody for the purpose of its being used on that inquiry?—No, I did not. I checked it for the purpose of my evidence. I should say that this is a copy of the same thing I have no doubt it is. I have it in print here.

740. You were examined as a witness upon the inquiry before Mr. Baron Martin, and that was supplied for the purpose of the inquiry. You gave it to the solicitor and would be examined upon it?—No, I extracted certain figures from that statement and drew my evidence out and handed it to counsel, and he examined me from my evidence. I did not see that particular statement.

741. Are you cognizant of efforts having been made except by payments on account of the nomination. Are you aware of any irregular payment having been made on behalf of Mr. Tillett?—I am aware of none; that list comprises all that I have paid, all that I intend to pay, and all that I believe was paid.

742. In addition to those sums which you have paid, have other claims or have other requests for money been made to you?—I cut down one or two of the bills which I have put down as paid. I taxed them, but they are all settled.

743. Have you got the originals of those bills?—I may say that the only one I now remember was a charge of 20*l.* for "The Grapes" committee rooms. I objected to that and subsequently paid 12 guineas.

744. Was anything included in that for refreshments?—No, not one sixpence.

745. It was simply for committee rooms?—Simply for committee rooms; 12 guineas were paid. I should say that immediately on my appointment I had a notice printed and sent round to all the agents that we would not be responsible for one shilling expended at any of the public houses, and I believe that that was strictly acted upon.

746. You were apprehensive of such claims, were you?—I was. I knew that at previous elections there had been bills run up on behalf of the candidates, which I objected to on this occasion.

747. Have you not had some other bills in reference to this election?—I have not; every bill that I have received is included in my published accounts.

748. Have you not received any other bills?—Certainly not.

749. Or claims?—No, not of any kind.

750. Any verbal claims?—Neither verbal nor written.

751. No claims by publicans?—No claims by publicans or any body else that I have not paid and entered in my accounts.

752. No claims for sums paid during the day of the election?—No claims for sums paid during the day of the election nor any other day. The paper I have handed in comprises, I think, all that I have been asked to pay.

753. You have a number of bills there, what are those?—These (*referring to some papers*) are vouchers for certain payments to the employees. We did not vouch the employees' accounts to the sheriff. These are some of the vouchers.

754. Will you let me see them, if you please (*the papers referred to are handed by the Witness to the Commissioners*), these sums were actually paid by you?—These sums were actually paid by a joint cheque signed by Mr. Coaks and myself.

755. And are all entered in this account?—They are all entered in the account which I have handed in.

756. They are all in the account which you returned?—In the account which I have now handed in to you; there were certain sums, 42*l.* for the agents of the three wards that I paid, that were not paid to the agents until May last, and consequently they were not in the sheriff's accounts.

757. Who is Mr. Gilbert?—He is clerk to his father, who is a builder in Norwich.

758. What was his bill for?—He was assistant manager at one of the committee rooms in the eighth ward.

759. Was he a voter?—I believe he is.

760. Where in the account does this payment to Gilbert appear?—None of those payments appear in the account, for the reason I have mentioned before, that all those parties were voters; they declined to be paid if it would jeopardise their vote or Mr. Tillett's seat on a scrutiny.

761. I see the letter of Gilbert is in these words, "I beg to remind you that my account with regard to "the late election has not been settled, and as full "accounts have been published in the papers I thought "this might have escaped your notice." Looking at that letter do you actually say that you had agreed with Mr. Gilbert that he should not be paid?—Most certainly not; I had not agreed with Mr. Gilbert in any way whatever.

762. Do you know whether Mr. Tillett had?—No; I think Mr. Tillett had not seen him at all upon the matter, but I declined to pay any voters who I knew had voted at the late election.

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763. Who is Mr. Isaac Churchyard?—Mr. Isaac Churchyard is a shopkeeper in the first ward who was engaged upon the election day and canvassed prior to the election day.

764. Did he render you an account of disbursements?—Yes, I think he did; I think he had a horse and gig which was one guinea, and there were some small payments that he made; what they amount to I do not know.

765. What were those payments?—Personal payments of his own.

766. To whom?—For himself, I believe.

767. Refreshments?—Yes.

768. Is Churchyard a voter?—I believe he is.

769. Surely you, as election agent, would know whether you were paying a man who was a voter or not?—What I paid him for was for disbursements made by him in connexion with the late election, and what I believed to be legal disbursements.

770. But you said they were partly for refreshments for himself?—If he was engaged in our business he was entitled to be paid.

771. This was on the day of the election?—It was not confined to that, he was engaged before that.

772. I want to know what those refreshments were and on what days those refreshments were paid for?—I will get the account from him. I cannot give it to you now. I was satisfied at the time that they were right and fair and paid them.

773. Was there no item for refreshment on the day of the election?—Yes; one item was for a horse and gig. I do not remember how the 2*l.* 10*s.* was made up.

774. You, the election agent, paying a voter for refreshment, would know, would you not, whether it was on the day of the election?—My impression is that I did see and was satisfied that the charge he made was a charge which I might pay.

775. Do you mean to say that your memory is so faint that you cannot tell me whether it was for refreshments on the day of the election?—I do not think that there were any refreshments on the day of the election, but I am not sure about that.

776. I see that the next is Mr. Alfred Kent?—He is a solicitor, and he was the manager of the second ward.

777. The next is Runacres, is he a voter?—He is a voter.

778. Was he employed as a manager on behalf of Russell and Tillett?—Yes; he was a gentleman who told me that if taking payment for his services would jeopardise his vote he would not take it, but thinking it would not affect Mr. Tillett in any way I paid it.

779. That is after the election petition was over you paid these sums to the agents, did you?—I paid those sums that are put down there on the 14th of May.

780. Having made an arrangement that if the payment would jeopardise the election or would jeopardise Mr. Tillett in any way the payments were not to be made?—If they would jeopardise their votes in any way they would not accept payment for their services.

781. But if it would not jeopardise their votes they were to be paid?—Clearly.

782. Did you not know as well as possible, you being a member of the profession, that it would jeopardise their votes?—It would jeopardise their votes, I considered, if they received payment for their services.

783. And yet you afterwards paid them?—I afterwards paid them. I should say by way of explanation of that, that prior to the election there was not an arrangement; but a suggestion was made by us to the other side that inasmuch as there were many persons familiar with conducting and managing an election who were voters, and who were necessary on both sides for the purpose of properly managing an election, we should have so many voters on each side who should not vote, but that arrangement was not carried out.

784. Was not a direction given to the agents to poll in the last hour?—There was a direction given to the agents and their employees to poll in the last hour.

785. Did you give that order?—I gave the direction to some of them, and among them I saw Mr. Runacres, and Mr. Runacres said if the election is in jeopardy I will go and vote, and do not care anything about the pay.

786. The next is a receipt of 5*l.* for services rendered at the late election by Edward R. Barnes?—That was for canvassing and bringing up voters on the day of the election for the sixth ward.

787. Is Mr. Barnes a voter?—I believe Mr. Barnes is a voter.

788. Have you any doubt about it?—I have no doubt he is a voter. I believe that all those are voters.

789. Every one of them?—With the exception of Mr. Kent I believe they were all paid by the joint cheques of Mr. Coaks and myself, with the exception of our managers.

790. Let us see what these sums amount to?—You will find they amount to 97*l.*, I think.

791. And no accounts of any of these payments amounting to 97*l.* to voters were entered in the election expenses?—They were never entered either in my or Sir William Russell's expenses.

792. Was that by arrangement with Mr. Coaks?—No; I have made no arrangement with Mr. Coaks. Many of those claims I had not received on the day of the election.

793. Then you paid them without any arrangement with Mr. Coaks?—I saw Mr. Ray about them. Many of them were sent in to him, and he and I arranged that they should be paid, and cheques were drawn for their payment.

794. By you and Mr. Ray?—I think Mr. Ray drew the cheques and I signed them, and then he took them and obtained Mr. Coaks' signature.

795. Then Mr. Ray took them to Mr. Coaks?—Yes, and obtained his signature, and we paid them jointly.

796. When did you first receive these accounts?—With regard to some of them I received a written account, but in other cases they merely called upon me about them.

797. Did you not receive these accounts, or some of them, immediately after the election?—I might have received one or two, I am not sure about that.

798. Did you not receive the main of them immediately after the election?—I did not. I knew that they had been engaged.

799. Did you know that Mr. Ray received some of them immediately after the election?—I should say that if he had received them he would have handed them over to me.

800. Had you no communication with Mr. Ray upon the subject of these accounts immediately after the election?—Yes; I think that with regard to some of the persons employed I had. I knew there were certain persons who were employed who had voted.

801. This list which you have handed up contains the whole of those payments, does it?—That list contains the names of all the persons to my knowledge who were employed in the election on behalf of Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett.

802. How many of the persons contained in this list were voters?—There may be a very few. I have not been through them; as far as I know those whose names I have given in were the only voters.

803. There may have been very few, but there may have been very many, you know?—I have not been through this list to dissect the voters, but my impression is, that with very few exceptions they are non-voters. We had great difficulty in managing our election, because with regard to the old voters

who were formerly employed we could not have their services at this election.

804. The whole of the persons from whom you took the vouchers were voters, were they not?—With one exception, I think they were; Mr. Kent was not a voter.

805. Mr. Alfred Kent, 21*l.*?—He is not a voter, I think.

806. Those persons, with the exception of Mr. Kent, who appear in these vouchers were voters?—Yes, and they were necessary persons for the conduct of this election in my judgment.

807. Have any other monies been paid by you?—None but these appear in the account I have handed in. I am speaking of the small account now, the list which I handed in comprises the whole of Mr. Tillett's disbursements of every kind.

808. I see here "payments as per list, 512*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*;" the list which you have given to me amounts to only 507*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*?—The list I referred to there is the sheriff's published list, the list of employees; the list of payments made to employees will amount to the sum I have given there. I think there is an inaccuracy in the casting of that last list.

809. No return to the sheriff was made of these payments amounting to 507*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*?—Certainly there was a return; they are made up in this way in the sheriff's return, "Clerks, managers, &c., central "committee rooms, committee clerks, 134*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, "messengers, 63*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, making a total of 197*l.* "15*s.* 10*d.*

810. If I understand you the payments contained in these receipts are distinct from those that appear in the sheriff's return?—Certainly; they are not entered in the sheriff's account at all.

811. Only these?—Only these.

812. You have not made out a list of these payments?—I have not a list of them. I have brought the vouchers for them, and they amount I know to 97*l.*, our half of which I have charged in that account.

813. You did not return the names of the clerks, messengers, and other persons to the sheriff?—No, we gave the sheriff an abstract of the account.

814. Then this, in fact, is a detail of them?—That is a detail of the sheriff's account.

815. And these are supplemental to the sheriff's account?—Those are supplemental to the sheriff's account.

816. The total of 507*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* paid to messengers and those people is the aggregate of these sums which occur in the return to the sheriff?—Yes, in my return.

817. What time of the day did all the employees poll, between half-past 3 or 4?—I think the message came from the central committee room that they were to poll when we saw that they were getting too close.

818. What time of the day would that be?—Between 3 and 4.

819. The message came from the central committee room; where were you then?—I think I was either on my way from or going to the rooms. Mr. Coaks sent a message that all the employees were to be polled.

820. To you?—No, he did not send it to me. I heard of it on the way.

821. Who informed you of it?—I think one of the poll bearers; I do not know.

822. Did you see them going to the poll?—No, I did not. Yes, I think I saw Mr. Runacres, and asked him to poll, and he went. He said, if you are in danger I do not care about pay, I will go and vote. Of course we were rather excited at the time.

823. Mr. Runacres was taking a very active part in the election, was he not?—He was a very active partizan.

824. And he was very zealous?—Yes, he was very zealous.

825. You had no communication with him, if I understand you, respecting what was going on at "The Marquis of Granby" except when you went down there and saw him on the spot?—That was the only intimation I had.

826. You, on the part of Mr. Tillett, paid to Messrs. Daynes and Ray nothing?—Nothing.

827. They were, in fact, representatives of Mr. Coaks?—Yes, they were the representatives of Mr. Coaks.

828. And you regarded them as principals until you saw Mr. Coaks?—Yes.

829. Therefore, of course, you did not treat them in any way as the representatives of Mr. Tillett; you treated them exclusively as representatives of Sir William Russell?—Certainly.

830. And as persons who were to be paid as such?—Yes.

831. Before the order was given that the paid agents should vote you were in great excitement, and there was very considerable pressure. Do I understand you to say that?—No; I do not wish you to understand that. I say we were getting too close to be pleasant, and were fearing the result of the election, and if we could mend our position by polling our employees we thought it better to do so.

832. You felt that you were in very considerable jeopardy?—Yes, in considerable jeopardy.

833. Feeling that you were in considerable jeopardy, you gave an order for the doubtful men to vote?—The order was given for the doubtful men to vote, and I communicated it to one or two of them.

834. There was no doubt about Sir William Russell?—No, I think not; at least we did not know.

835. Then the order was that they might vote to support Mr. Tillett?—The order was that they should vote, and I believe that they all voted for Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell.

836. But the order was given in order that Mr. Tillett might get in?—They were simply ordered to vote, and they voted for the two.

837. But there was no jeopardy in the case of Sir William Russell?—We did not know what the state of the poll was except when it was getting towards the close.

838. Did you not know that Sir William Russell was very much ahead of Mr. Tillett?—My impression was that Sir William Russell was ahead of Mr. Tillett.

839. You have said that there was a sum paid to keep off the roughs?—Yes, so Mr. Ray says. 8*l.* 10*s.* and 14*l.* 16*s.*

840. To keep off the roughs from the committee room?—Yes, from our meeting generally, I understood.

841. Were they roughs who complained that they were Liberal men, and that they were not paid by the Liberal side?—I never heard that.

842. Was not that said?—Certainly not, I never heard a suggestion of the kind.

843. Then you were merely afraid of them as general disturbers of the peace?—I never engaged them. When Mr. Ray presented his account to me, I asked him what those two items were, and he said that they were for protecting our meetings, and preserving the peace.

844. Preserving the peace against whom?—Against the rough element that was on the other side.

845. Did Mr. Ray say that?—Yes, certainly he said that.

846. Did you see any bill posted?—Yes, there was a bill put out by the deputy mayor; he was chairman at the meeting in the fourth ward when the stones were thrown in by which he was very nearly injured.

847. What was the purport of that bill?—I saw a bill in which he complained that he should be so treated by his fellow citizens; that was signed by the deputy mayor.

848. Was there a second bill put out?—There was.

849. What was that second bill?—The second bill was by Mr. Chittock, disowning any connection with those roughs who had disturbed our meeting.

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850. Mr. Chittock was the agent on the other side?—He was.

851. And what did it state besides?—I do not remember the purport of the bill; I read it at the time I know. I think the bill went on to say something to the effect that the meeting was disturbed by our own roughs, or something of that kind.

852. Did it not contain a statement that it was in consequence of your own men not being paid by your own party?—I never heard that, I do not remember that that was in the bill.

853. If there was such a statement set forth you could not very well have forgotten it?—I think there was something of the kind, but the exact purport of it I do not know.

854. Have you any doubt that it was so?—I really do not know what the purport of the bill was, there may have been a statement of that kind in it.

855. Having seen that in the month of November last you allowed those payments, did you inquire whether there was any truth in the allegation?—Up to the time of that meeting at "The Bell" I think Mr. Ray will satisfy you he never paid one shilling.

856. But you say you allowed those two payments?—I did allow those two payments.

857. You allowed them in the month of May last?—Yes, somewhere about that time or it might be before. It would be in February or March, I should think.

858. You allowed those payments in February or March, having seen those two handbills posted in the month of November at the very last?—Yes, certainly.

859. Did you inquire of Mr. Ray whether the statements in the second handbill were true or not?—No, I did not, because I did not believe that they were true.

860. Did you make no inquiry at all of Mr. Ray upon the subject?—I made no inquiry of him.

861. You took it for granted and passed it?—I believe that that meeting was interrupted by Conservatives; I do not say in the pay of, but by Conservative roughs.

862. Were you at the meeting?—I was not. I went up directly I heard there was a fracas, but it was all over at that time.

863. What were the meetings that were so protected; they must have been after the fracas?—Yes, there were one or two meetings at St. Andrew's Hall. There were meetings in different wards I know, but how the men were employed or where I do not know.

864. Or who the persons were who were employed?—I have no knowledge whatever of that.

865. You do not know whether they were voters or not?—No. I have no knowledge upon the subject.

866. And you never made any inquiry?—No.

867. Perhaps you thought it convenient not to make any?—The amount was small.

868. 8*l.* and 12*l.* were amounts so insignificant that you did not think it worth while to make any inquiry about them?—They are not a heavy item in connexion with the election. I thought it a proper payment to be made for the purpose.

869. Whoever might have been employed?—The roughs employed in a general way are not voters; they are the lowest element in the city.

870. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were not the claims made by these employees who voted presented subsequently in most instances after the trial before Mr. Baron Martin?—Most of them were presented after the trial before Mr, Baron Martin.

J. C. Chittock.

JOHN CARSAY CHITTOCK sworn and examined.

871. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a solicitor practising in this town?—Yes.

872. You were election agent for general purposes at the election of 1868 for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

873. Had you been election agent on previous occasions?—No.

874. That was the first time you were employed?—Yes, except as a sub-agent.

875. You are acquainted with the constituents of Norwich generally?—Not so well probably as those who had acted previously.

876. At what date had Sir Henry Stracey become a candidate?—About a fortnight before the election. I have not the precise date, but I should say about a fortnight before, or it might be sixteen days.

877. Did he come down himself?—He did; he lives very near Norwich.

878. Did you conduct his canvass?—There was a very small amount of canvassing done. We had not the time for it.

879. To what extent was the canvass done?—About 4,000 persons, I suppose, altogether were canvassed.

880. Did you canvass from house to house in any part of the town?—No.

881. Did you appoint the different managers and canvassers?—I appointed the ward managers, but not the canvassers.

882. Were there any canvassers appointed?—There were no canvassers appointed. I mean by that that there were no paid officers appointed.

883. Was Mr. Stracey, the son, here too?—Yes, they were in and out of the committee rooms at different times.

884. Did either the father or son take any very active part personally in the canvassing?—Sir Henry Stracey went to see one or two large factories; he went down to the railway station where he could have a number of voters assembled, but he could not make a canvass from house to house.

885. Did Mr. Stracey attend any of those meetings?—I do not remember Mr. Stracey to have been with his father at any of those meetings.

886. Who was the chairman of the general committee of Sir Henry Stracey?—There was no general committee.

887. Were there district committees?—No. I cannot say there was a committee at all. We had committee rooms, and any person who was known to be Conservative who chose to come into the committee room, was admitted.

888. I suppose that in each district there was a manager?—I appointed one myself.

889. Were those paid managers?—They were paid managers.

890. And they continually reported to you?—Precisely so.

891. Was there any general organisation or system on the part of the Conservative party?—None.

892. Has there never been?—No; I am not aware of any; there are some small clubs in the city. I think there are six or seven clubs in different wards, but there is no general society for the city.

893. Those you mention are Conservative clubs?—Yes.

894. Where are their meetings held?—I cannot tell you that.

895. Are they held at public houses?—I presume they are, but I never attended one of their meetings, and I do not know where they are held.

896. During the early part of the canvass were there any public houses retained as committee rooms?—Two or three. I have handed in a description of the houses where the committee rooms were to Mr. Secker, the secretary to the Commission, but wherever we could find a house which was not a public house we engaged it, but we could not always find one.

897. In cases in which it was a public house, how was the payment made, was it made for the use of

the room?—We agreed to pay so much for the use of the room.

898. And anything for beer?—No, nothing.

899. Or for liquors supplied?—No nothing. I may mention that I gave instructions to all the ward managers that I would not allow anything that was paid for beer, unless I gave them a written order myself.

900. Perhaps you had better give us the names of the managers in the different wards?—Mr. Page was the manager of the first ward, he is a solicitor.

901. Paid or unpaid?—All the ward managers were paid.

902. Was there any other person acting with him either paid or unpaid?—Only the usual staff of committee clerks and messengers; there were no assistant managers.

903. Were there no persons employed, either paid or unpaid, in working up the voters?—There would be leading men in the ward who would ask their friends to vote, I have no doubt, and who would go into the committee room and say how they were getting on.

904. Who was manager in ward No. 2?—Mr. Hulme.

905. What is he?—A chemist.

906. Is he a voter?—Yes.

907. Now No. 3?—No. 3 ward is divided into two parts, one was Mr. Buttifant, and the other was Mr. Stanley.

908. What were they?—Mr. Buttifant is the secretary to a building society, and the other is a solicitor.

909. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are they voters?—Yes, they would be voters; I daresay all the managers were voters.

910. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Now No. 4?—No 4 was Mr. Atkinson, a solicitor.

911. Was he a voter too?—Yes.

912. Now No 5?—No 5 was Mr. Stockings, a chemist; he is a voter. No. 6 was Mr. Holmes, who was a clerk in Sir Samuel Bignold's office; he is a voter. No. 7 was Mr. Jarvis, a coal merchant, he is a voter; and No. 8 is Mr. Wiseman, a builder, he is a voter. None of them voted.

913. Now what did you pay to the agents in the first ward?—I will hand up the vouchers of the agents for those accounts. You will find that in all wards where there were agents the payment is about four guineas a day.

914. For how many days?—Some committee rooms were open, I think, a day earlier than others, so that there would be about eight or nine days.

915. Was all the expenditure managed through you?—Yes.

916. There is no other expenditure that you know of except through your hands?—Except through mine.

917. Are you aware of any payment having been made beyond those that are returned to the sheriff?—Only one sum of about 1*l.*, or it might be 22*s.*, and that was for a lad who was a clerk in the committee room; he was employed some evenings, and Mr. Dawson, who assisted me in my committee rooms, told me after I had sent in my account that I had directed him to pay his clerk; it was under 25*s.*, and he said he had done so and asked me for the money, I said "you should have told me of it before "I sent the account in," but as I promised him I would give him the money I gave it to him. That is the only sum I paid not mentioned in the account. That payment was made by me after I had sent in my account to Sir Henry Stracey.

918. About what day would that be?—I think I sent it into Sir Henry Stracey on the 16th of April, so that it would be since that time.

919. Have there been any claims presented since the 16th of April?—None.

920. Have you got a copy of your bill to Sir Henry Stracey?—I do not know whether I have, but my bill to Sir Henry Stracey was simply a copy of the abstract of the sheriff's return. I do not know that I have a copy of it. I do not think I have, but my bill to Sir Henry Stracey is precisely the same as the sheriff's account.

921. Have you no other claim against him except this?—None whatever.

922. Have you been concerned in doing other than election business for Sir Henry Stracey at any time?—No.

923. Are you aware of any payments having been made at this election to secure a show of hands?—I was not aware of it until I heard Mr. Coaks give his evidence here yesterday. I should tell you as to that that we met at the sheriff's office for the purpose of arranging as to the polling booths and supplying refreshments to the polling booths on the election day. I am not positive as to the day we met there, but I think it was on the Saturday previous to the election, and there were present at that meeting Mr. Coaks, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Ray, Mr. Daynes, the under-sheriff Mr. Pilgrim, and Mr. Foster. I had understood that it had been usual to secure the show of hands, and I myself suggested that there should be no person employed for the purpose of securing the show of hands, and that if they would promise me they would not do anything of the sort I would not do it myself, and I was promised that nothing of the sort should be done.

924. Who promised you?—The agents on both sides agreed to it. I remember that Mr. Stevens agreed to it for one, and I think everybody agreed to it.

925. Did Mr. Coaks agree to it?—Whether Mr. Coaks was actually in the room at the time I made that observation I will not undertake to say, but he was at the meeting. He was not at the meeting the whole of the time I was there, but I know Mr. Stevens was there, Mr. Daynes was there, and I am sure Mr. Foster and the under-sheriff were in the room.

926. Did you yourself take any steps about the show of hands?—None whatever. I fully expected they had carried out their part of the arrangement until I heard Mr. Coaks give his evidence here yesterday.

927. What did you do? did you send any of your friends to the hustings?—No; the only thing that was done was this, the under-sheriff gave to each of the agents so many tickets for admission to a private entrance, about twenty tickets each; we made use of them, and that is all we did.

928. You took no steps to get voters or other persons there?—No.

929. Was no payment made that you know of?—Not a penny, I am sure.

930. Have you got your canvassing books here?—I have the register with the result of the canvass marked upon it.

931. That is marked off, is it?—Yes.

932. Have you got it here?—I have.

933. Was not an application made to you for it some weeks ago?—Yes, an application was made to me for it when Mr. Secker first came down here.

934. Where was it then?—At my office.

935. Then why did you not give it?—I directed my clerk to look for it, and if he could find it to let Mr. Secker have it. He did search for it, and he told me he could not find it, but he afterwards did find it.

936. Where was it found afterwards?—In my office. The papers were not indorsed and done up in bundles, and there was some difficulty in finding it, but at any rate he afterwards found it. I did not find it myself at all.

937. Did you look for it?—No.

938. Why not?—Because I directed my clerk to do it. I thought that was sufficient.

939. Is it in the same state now as it was then?—I have not altered it.

940. Who was the clerk you gave it to?—Robert Swan.

941. How soon was it found after the application was made for it?—It was found, I should say, about

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five or six days ago. My clerk told me he found it tied up in a bundle with a number of returned letters.

942. Where is it now?—I have it here now.

943. Then you had better hand it in?—Yes, I will do so.

944. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are those other papers you have?—They are the poll keepers' books.

945. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who was the poll keeper on your side?—They were in different wards, there were eight of them.

946. But the chief one?—The central room was kept by Mr. Gilman.

947. How often did you receive accounts of the state of the poll?—Every half hour.

948. Have you the canvassing books sent from the committee rooms to the central committee room from which the list was made up?—I have the cards that were sent. I have them here.

949. Have you no books or lists?—They are the lists from which that one was made up.

950. Where are they?—I have them here.

951. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) From time to time your paid agents made you returns?—Those are the returns which were made.

952. And from those you would post these canvass books?—Yes.

953. Are those the whole of the returns from which this book was posted?—I expect every one is there; I have not taken one off the file, and I am not aware that any has been taken off the file.

954. Were they all filed after they were checked in the central committee room?—I suppose so, from finding that quantity on the file.

955. Was that the order which was given?—I gave no order on the subject.

956. I suppose you had some arrangement for the purpose of conducting that part of the election?—My instructions to the clerks were simply these, as these cards came in to mark them on the register.

957. And I suppose you saw that that was being done from time to time?—I know that was being done from time to time.

958. And were those returns from which this was made up put upon that file?—I presume so, from finding them there. I did not see them put on.

959. You do not suppose I am asking you that. I want to know the practice of the office?—That is the practice.

960. These ought to have been filed according to the practice of the office, and further you believe they were filed?—I believe they were filed, but if they had thrown them away I should not have been surprised, and should not have made any complaint, because they were useless after having been once marked on the register. That is what I mean by that.

961. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you not know that some of the canvassing lists were made out in books?—There were some books used in the ward.

962. Where are they?—I have them here.

963. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Those are the things we want?—That is not what I was asked for. I have kept nothing back that I was asked for. The books would be carried about by the persons who were canvassing; they would mark the promises in the books, they would then go to the ward committee and report those promises to the agent; the agent would mark them upon these lists and send them to the central committee room.

964. Those results of the canvass made by the paid agents would, in numberless cases, appear upon books, I presume?—The memorandum books carried round by those who canvassed.

965. Which, I suppose, were copies of the register?—Oh dear no, I will show you what I have, and you will see. These are all I have.

966. (*Mr. Biron.*) They are all taken out of the register, are they not?—No. I will tell you how it is done. The agent would look at the register and take the names out of one street mark them upon this book, and say "here is a street."

967. They are, in fact, copies of the register, only arranged?—Arranged for convenience.

968. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) These books contain the promises and the doubtful voters, do they not?—Well, there are very few in there except promises.

969. During the day of the election were you yourself about at all; were you going round to the different wards?—I went about early in the morning.

970. Were you yourself very active in the different wards?—No; I took no part in the canvassing or anything of that sort. I merely went round to the committee rooms to see that the staff were properly at work.

971. Which of the committee rooms did you go to?—I do not think I could tell you which. I should say that I went to them all.

972. Were you not aware that at a certain part of the day the voting for your candidate became much better than it had been in the earlier part of the day?—I found that late in the day we were gradually gaining, and winning, in fact.

973. Within what hours would that be?—I have no tabular statement before me, but I should say we improved from half-past 1 o'clock, or I may say from 1 o'clock.

974. To what do you attribute that?—Well, there are a great number of working men who would come out to dinner at 1 o'clock, and they would begin to poll up very fast.

975. Had you been keeping back any of your own men?—No.

976. You let them go just as they pleased?—Just as they pleased.

977. I suppose you mean that there were a great number of voters that were keeping back?—I could tell that of course by the number who polled.

978. And that they were keeping back for the purpose?—I do not know that they were keeping back for the purpose. I could not tell whether they would vote at all.

979. Are you not aware that there are a large number of persons in this city who have been accustomed to keep back to the last hour or the last hour and a half of the poll?—I know there are a number of persons who will keep back for the purpose of going with the winning side.

980. And for other purposes?—Do you mean for the purpose of being bought?

981. Yes.—I never thought anything about that.

982. Do you not know that as a fact?—No, I do not know that as a fact. I never conducted any previous election.

983. You have been in this city all you life, I presume?—I have, but as I never was engaged in bribery I have no personal knowledge of it. I only know what I read in the papers; and I was present at the inquiry before Mr. Baron Martin, and I know what I heard then, but beyond that I have no personal knowledge of it.

984. Do you know anything of a man named Hardiment?—Yes.

985. Did you instruct him?—I did not.

986. Do you know whether he took any part in the canvassing?—I believe he did, from the evidence given here upon the inquiry.

987. And at the time did you know whether he was doing so?—No, I did not, except that I might imagine he, the same as other leading men in their wards, would be canvassing, but whether he did or did not I cannot say. I did not see him canvassing, but I have no doubt he did canvass from what I heard.

988. Were there any persons who brought up messages to you, giving an account of what was going on in the different wards on the day of polling?—No.

989. Had you no communication?—We had half-hourly returns from the wards of the numbers polled.

990. Were not any of these managers communicating with you about the state of the poll in the different wards?—Oh no.

991. Were they not writing up to the central committee ?—Oh no.

992. Then do you mean to say that at the central committee you had no knowledge whatever of what was going on in these eight different districts except the poll returns ?—Except the poll returns and going round to see that they were properly at work; that is all I could do and all that I attended to.

993. When you went round was no communication made to you about the state of the voters in those localities ?—No.

994. Not by anybody ?—No.

994*a*. No statement was made about bringing up men to the poll at any of those places ?—No, certainly not.

995. What was your staff set to do ?—One part of their duty would be as the persons voted to mark their names off on the register. Then another part of the staff would be continually making out in streets the names of those who had not yet voted so that we might at a glance tell who had not voted.

996. Was it any person's duty to send messages to those who had promised you ?—They were all sent out from the ward committee rooms. The ward managers would do that; that is their duty. Each man attends to his own ward.

997. Then I suppose they will be able to tell us the names of the persons they employed ?—Undoubtedly they will. I have handed in the names of all I paid, and all I employed; and I may tell you this further that they had instructions from me not to employ any persons; if they required any further assistance they were to apply to me for it.

998. But do you know whether they did employ any further assistants in spite of those instructions ?—I am not aware that they did.

999. Do you believe they did ?—I believe they did not.

1000. Do you believe that the messengers and so on whose names they returned to you were the only persons they employed ?—I do believe that, because I have never been applied to to pay any others; therefore I believe they never did employ any others.

1001. Supposing any person was acting for Sir Henry Stracey whom you had not authorised to be employed, do you suppose he was acting independently or without authority from any of these ward committees ?—I do believe that.

1002. Are you aware whether Wiseman employed any persons ?—I was not aware that he did. I gave written instructions upon one occasion to two of the managers. They wanted an extra messenger or two and I had not any under my control at the time, and I sent them down a note to say "You must engage "one or two messengers yourselves;" but that is what I had told them before, that they were not to engage any without a written order, and I sent a written order.

1003. Do you know who they employed ?—No, I do not, but their names were sent in to me afterwards and were included in the account which I furnished.

1004. Were they voters ?—No; my instructions were not to employ any voter, and every person who came up to my central committee room to be employed I asked whether he was a voter before I employed him. After the election, upon going through the accounts for the purpose of paying them, I discovered that two persons who had been employed were voters. I ascertained also that they had voted, and I refused to pay them their accounts because they had voted, and they have never been paid up to the present time, and I do not intend to pay them.

1005. Was that the case with all these agents ?—They did not vote. I told them not.

1006. Are you certain they did not vote with the exception of these two ?—With the exception of these two, and they were messengers. I did not know they were voters at the time they were employed.

1007. Did none of the paid agents vote ?—None of them voted.

1008. Do you know anything of the places in which voters at the later hours of the poll at Norwich wait until people come to look them up ?—No, I do not.

1009. You never heard of such places ?—Yes, I have heard of them.

1010. Are you not aware that there are certain public houses which have belonged to each party in the city ?—I am not personally aware that there are houses where people congregate for the purpose of being bribed.

1011. Places where voters wait until they are sent for ?—I am not personally aware of that.

1012. You know it by hearsay, do you not ?—Yes, by hearsay, but I have never seen them there.

1013. Were any payments made at these committee rooms for refreshment ?—Only upon my order, and that was on the day of the election. I ordered them to supply the staff with refreshment.

1014. Does that appear in the accounts ?—Yes, that appears in the accounts; everything that I paid for refreshment is included in the sheriff's account.

1015. Now, in ward No. 3, there is a sum of 144*l*. 5*s*. 9*d*. for ward committee room; that is a very large sum, is it not ?—May I ask what it is for ?

1016. The item is this, "Ward No. 3, ward committee room, 144*l*. 5*s*. 9*d*."—No, sir, that is nothing large. You will find the items further on in the account. The first sheet is a mere summary. You see there are two managers there, 58*l*. 12*s*.

1017. The first name I see is "Stanley, 33*l*. 12*s*." —Yes, he is a solicitor.

1018. For how many days was he employed ?—For eight days.

1019. Were none of these voters, card writers, check clerks, poll keepers, messengers, and so on ?—Not that I am aware of. I inquired of them all whether they were voters, and you have the name of every person included amongst those clerks.

1020. You say the 4*l*. 4*s*. a day is the agent's fee ?—When they are professional men.

1021. Then the next manager is Mr. Buttifant; at what rate was he paid ?—I do not know that it was at any particular rate; it was a fixed sum of 25*l*. that I gave him.

1022. And what did these other men have each, people called writers, check clerks, and so on ?—Some of them a guinea a day, and some of them half-a-guinea.

1023. Was that 33*l*. 12*s*. the only payment made to Mr. Stanley ?—No, he would have a part of some other items in this account. That account I have now handed in, and it will show what I paid him. He would probably pay some of his own messengers in the ward himself, and I should give him the money for that purpose, so that I should actually hand over to him more than the 33*l*. 12*s*.

1024. Have you an account from him, item by item ?—Yes, I have it there. You will find it in the third ward.

1025. Is it your belief that no further payments were made to any of these managers than those which are given in the schedule ?—I have no doubt about it at all.

1026. That there was or was not more money given to them ?—That they had no more money than that mentioned.

1027. Not from any quarter ?—Not that I am aware of.

1028. Are you aware that Mr. Stanley took any active part himself in the working of this election, beyond being in the committee room to which he was appointed ?—No, I am not aware of it.

1029. Do you know whether he had anything to do with looking after the people out of doors ?—I do not know. I think very likely he would go out in the course of the day.

1030. Is he a very keen politician and a very zealous man ?—He is. I should not have instructed him to act in the ward if he had not been.

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1031. Have you ever heard of his taking any steps in getting a mob together on the nomination day or at any other time?—No.

1032. You are quite certain of that?—Quite certain of it.

1033. Do you know whether he was present at the nomination?—I know he was. I saw him there.

1034. You were there yourself, were you?—Yes.

1035. Was it a very turbulent proceeding?—It was; because there were too many persons trying to get into a small building.

1036. When they got inside, was it a very disorderly meeting?—They were so crushed that they would be sure to be disorderly; they always are.

1037. Was any payment made in order to protect your people that went there?—None whatever.

1038. Was any payment made to him for attending there?—None whatever.

1039. Do you know anything about the state of the constituency with regard to the former elections in this city?—No.

1040. But you have been in the city for some years?—Yes; but I did not trouble myself about it. I was not interested in the matter at all.

1041. Not in any capacity at all?—Except as a voter.

1042. Were you not aware as a voter that there were a considerable number of persons who were reputed to be corruptible?—No.

1043. You knew nothing whatever about it?—I knew nothing whatever about it, and did not trouble myself about it.

1044. Do you mean to say that you lived in Norwich without being aware that previous elections had been conducted at considerable expense and under a suspicion of the grossest bribery?—I was not aware of it.

1045. Do you mean to say that you do not believe it?—I do not believe anything at all about it. Of course I was aware that there was bribery, because a Liberal member was turned out for bribery some years ago in Norwich, and I have no doubt bribery was committed or else he would not have been turned out.

1046. Are you not aware that at every election there are a number of voters waiting to be bought, and that it is perfectly notorious in the city and everywhere else that that is so?—I am not aware of it.

1047. Have you heard of it?—I have heard of it here.

1048. Have you heard of it before?—You asked me whether I am aware that at other elections that was so, and I say I have not heard it at all before.

1049. Have you not heard that that is the reputation of the electors of this city?—I have not heard of it, and I believe some elections have been conducted in Norwich as pure as anywhere else.

1050. Can you give me the date of one of those pure elections in Norwich?—You are asking me as to my belief.

1051. Yes, I am asking you to give me the date of an election which you believe to be a pure one?—I do not know anything about the bribery, because I was not interested in the matter at all; but I should imagine that when Lewis and Forlonge were down here there was no bribery; but I really do not know, there might have been, but I know nothing about it.

1052. But in the inquiries which you made in prosecuting this canvass you must have become acquainted with the character of the constituency?—I made no inquiries about it.

1053. Has nothing been told you about the state of the constituency?—No.

1054. Has it not been told you that there were many hundreds of voters doubtful or open to persuasion?—I have no doubt that a great many were open to persuasion, but I have not been told that they were open to bribery.

1055. Has no representation been made to you by persons better versed in the constituency than yourself that there are a number of persons open to bribery?—I am satisfied that there are a number of persons open to bribery from what I have heard on these recent inquiries.

1056. Has it not come to your knowledge while you have been conducting this election for Sir Henry Stracey that there are many hundred voters in this city who are open to bribery?—It has not come to my knowledge that there are many hundred voters open to bribery.

1057. That there are some open?—No doubt there are some open.

1058. Have you heard of any individual open to bribery?—No.

1059. Not of one?—I have heard of one in this way; I heard the names mentioned on the inquiry, but beyond that I do not know of any.

1060. Of your own knowledge do you know of no person in Norwich who is reputed to be open to a bribe?—Of my own knowledge I do not know of one.

1061. You have never been told of one?—The only ones I have been told of are those I have heard of here.

1062. Have you heard of men suspected of it?—I have not heard of any suspected of it.

1063. I suppose in your canvassing books there are a certain number of men marked doubtful, are there not?—I never saw those canvassing books until after the election.

1064. When promises are taken and duly made into lists, are there not also some persons who are noted as being doubtful voters?—I do not think there are any marked doubtful voters.

1065. But is it not the case in all elections when you are trying to ascertain the feeling of the constituency that there are a number of persons who are certain and others who are doubtful?—No doubt that is so.

1066. In your canvass books there are a great number of doubtful voters?—Not in the canvass books.

1067. Are you in possession of any documents which inform you of the number of doubtful voters in the city?—None at all, and it is impossible to tell.

1068. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are these the only canvass books you have?—The only ones I have.

1069. Do you know how many votes are marked for Sir Henry Stracey in these?—I do not suppose there is a great number.

1070. Would it surprise you to be told that there are not a hundred votes marked for Sir Henry Stracey in these books which you say are the whole of the canvass books?—I have not said that.

1071. We asked you for them and you said you had produced them?—I said I would give you all I had.

1072. You told us we had got them; you produced them and said "Here they are"?—You certainly misunderstood me then; I never said they were the whole of the canvass books that had been used.

1073. You know perfectly well what impression you intended to convey and did convey?—I never intended to convey the impression that they were the whole of the canvass books used.

1074. You were asked how you got at the number of voters, how your marked register was made up, and you said it was made up from returns which you received from your managers in each ward, their returns being framed from the canvass books. We asked you for the returns of the managers, and you handed them in. We then asked you for the canvass books from which those returns were made up, and you said, "I produce them, and here they "are"?—I said, "I produce all I have." I have never had any others.

1075. Who kept them?—The ward managers will

be able to explain if they had any others, and if so where they are.

1076. Where did you get those from?—When the papers were brought down to my office from the central committee room after the election those books were among the papers, and I brought them; I have no others.

1077. But you know where the others are?—I do not.

1078. Did you inquire?—I did not.

1079. Can you tell to which ward those canvass books refer?—I have not looked.

1080. Have you read your subpœna?—I have.

1081. Do you not know that you were subpœnaed to produce the canvass books and all the papers relating to the inquiry?—I am aware of it.

1082. Have you made any inquiry as to where the papers are?—I searched everywhere in my office. I not only directed my clerk to do so but I have done it myself, and I have been unable to find any others.

1083. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you make no inquiry from these gentleman at the heads of the wards who had them in their custody; did you not send to them for them?—I directed all the ward agents to return to me all the papers they had to the central committee rooms immediately after the election.

1084. Immediately after you received that subpœna?—No; immediately after the election.

1085. After you received this subpœna did you take any steps to make the chairmen of these committee rooms return these books to you?—I have not been to the chairmen of the wards.

1086. It is your business to get those books?—Well, it did not occur to me to go to them. I do not suppose they have any.

1087. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You have become the agent for the Conservative party in this city?—For the conduct of the last election.

1088. Who was the person that acted before in that capacity?—Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Buttifant, I think, conducted the previous election.

1089. And you had acted under them?—I had been engaged for, I think, four days in one of the wards.

1090. Acting as manager for Sir Henry Stracey for this election, did you take any trouble to make yourself acquainted with the nature of the constituency?—I had no time to make myself acquainted with it; my instructions were given so shortly before the election, and the register was a perfectly new one.

1091. Although the register in part was perfectly a new one half of it you knew was old?—I supposed about 4,000 or 5,000 out of the 12,000 actual voters on the register would be old.

1092. Did you not know there were 5,900?—Yes.

1093. You could ascertain the character of those 5,900 which would constitute a considerable portion of the community with which you had to deal?—Yes; somewhat under half.

1094. Do you mean to say, acting for Sir Henry Stracey, that unless you knew the character of the constituency you would not take the trouble to make yourself acquainted with it?—The only way in which I endeavoured to make myself acquainted with it was by means of the slight canvass which I have spoken of.

1095. How came you to be employed, if you knew nothing about the constituency before?—Because I was the registration agent.

1096. How long had you been the registration agent of the party about which you knew nothing?—This is my second year, therefore I could only have been agent a few months.

1097. For what party were you agent?—The Conservative party.

1098. Having been the registration agent for the Conservative party, do you mean to say that previously to your employment by Sir Henry Stracey you had taken no steps to make yourself acquainted with the constituency?—I did not, and for this reason, when we went through the registration, we had the first of the new lists under the Reform Act. I went through the lists with Mr. Ray, who is the agent on the other side, and we both agreed that it was impossible to tell who would be Conservative and who would be Liberal; therefore there was very little done in the registration, merely objecting to paupers and defaulters, and that sort of thing.

1099. Have you been the registration agent under the old register?—No.

1100. But you had the means of ascertaining what was the state of at least one half of the constituency?—I had nothing more than the old poll books; I could have looked at them.

1101. But with regard to the nature of the constituency, when you became the agent of the Conservative party, and therefore were likely to be employed in any election, as you were ultimately employed, do you mean to say that you were utterly ignorant of the nature of the constituency?—I mean to say that I had made no inquiries as to the nature of the constituency.

1102. Did you not make any inquiries merely because you had heard sufficient to make you acquainted with it?—That was not the reason.

1103. But was it the fact that you knew so much about the constituency that it was not necessary for you to make any inquiries about it?—It was not the fact; it did not occur to me to make any inquiries.

1104. Do you really mean to tell me that you being the Conservative agent, with the probability of becoming the solicitor for Sir Henry Stracey, as you knew you would most likely be, at any election which took place, and having been the Conservative agent in the revision, that under those circumstances you thought it wholly immaterial what the character of the constituency was with which you were about to deal?—I thought it wholly immaterial until I should be instructed to act in the matter.

1105. But you thought you would be employed?—No, I did not.

1106. Having been the Conservative agent, you knew when you became agent for the Conservatives at the last revision that an election was imminent, did you not?—Undoubtedly.

1107. By whom were you appointed Conservative agent?—I cannot say who proposed me; there was a registration committee, and I presume they consulted as to who should be their agent, and they asked me if I would accept it.

1108. You were paid for it?—Well, I cannot say that I have been at present.

1109. Do you mean to say that you do not know who are to pay you for it?—I do say so.

1110. Have you never been paid to the present moment?—I have never been paid.

1111. Do you really mean that you do not know who are the persons who are to be your clients in the matter?—I can tell you this, although I must say I am being treated as if I were telling you that which is absolutely untrue, while at the same time I am telling, or endeavouring to tell you that which is not untrue.

1112. I may tell you that you are stating that which to my mind is incredible?—However incredible it may be it is perfectly true.

1113. Do you mean to say that you had not known or had not heard that there was a considerable portion of the old constituency which was corruptible?—I had not.

1114. Had never heard it?—I do not mean to tell you that I had not heard that there was never any corruption in the city, but when you asked me if I had heard of a considerable portion, I say I had not heard of a considerable portion.

1115. Do you know that there was some portion which was corrupt?—I have no doubt of it.

1116. What portion?—I have never made inquiry

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to ascertain what portion, and for this very good reason, that we never intended to corrupt them.

1117. But you know it is not because you never intended to corrupt that a person in your situation would not look after a constituency, but you would look after it for the purpose of ascertaining whether anybody else corrupted them; did you do that as part of your duty?—I did not, because I had not the opportunity. I had not time.

1118. But you had been acting in the registration?—Yes.

1119. And you must have been acting in the registration before the month of July?—Yes, I think it was in June when I took it.

1120. Now, having been the agent in July, and having acted in the registration from the month of July down to the month of November, and having gone through the revision, it being part of the duty of an agent to ascertain the nature of the constituency with which he has to deal for the purpose of seeing that they are not corrupted by his antagonists, do you mean to say that you, being so utterly ignorant of this constituency, yet undertook the duties of Conservative agent?—I mean to say I did all it was possible to do in fourteen days, that being about the time I had to do it.

1121. But you knew you were likely to be employed before, did you not?—I never made the slightest preparation for it.

1122. But you had been appointed Conservative agent?—I had been appointed registration agent undoubtedly.

1123. Having been employed by Sir Henry Stracey, did you put yourself in communication with Mr. Atkinson upon the subject of the nature of the constituency with which you had to deal, and with which he had had to deal at prior elections?—I did not.

1124. Did you think it convenient not to do so?—I did not think anything at all about it. I thought I should be able to do it myself without asking Mr. Atkinson's assistance. My instructions were to conduct the election as well as it could be conducted within the short period we had to conduct it, and to spend nothing but that which would be allowed by the sheriff.

1125. Did you not consider it part of your duty to see that your antagonists did not corrupt any portion of the constituency?—I did not.

1126. You did not consider that any part of your duty as representing the candidate at the election?—I did not consider that my time would be profitably employed in that way, because I had more than I could do otherwise.

1127. What were you doing?—Well, there were many things to do in connexion with the election. In the first place we had about two meetings a day, at which Sir Henry Stracey attended.

1128. What was the object of the meetings? Was it not to discuss the constituency with which you had to deal, and everything about it?—To address the electors.

1129. Do you mean to say that the meetings were merely for the purpose of addressing the electors?—Those meetings were.

1130. Had you not also private meetings for the purpose of managing, and arranging, and seeing that the election was properly conducted?—No, the only meeting of that sort was the meeting when I was asked to conduct the election.

1131. Did you not consult with some persons of influence amongst your party for the purpose of arranging those things?—Undoubtedly.

1132. And protecting the interest of the gentleman whom you represented?—Undoubtedly there were gentlemen who came to the central committee room, and I do not say I did not speak to them.

1133. Did they not caution you that there was a likelihood of a portion of the constituency being corrupted?—No, they did not, because they knew very well that it was intended to fight the election without spending money.

1134. Yes, but did you not know that money might be spent on the other side? Do you mean to state that you knew so little about the conduct of an election as to suppose that it was wholly unnecessary for an agent to take any precautions against malpractices by the antagonists?—I have no doubt whatever that if there had been anything of the sort we should have had plenty of information brought to us.

1135. Then you believe there was no malpractice of any sort or kind on the other side?—I mean to say I had no information brought to me of it.

1136. But did you make no inquiry about it?—I did not, because after the election Mr. Skipper took the management.

1137. But during the time that the election was going on, and preparations were being made for it, when bribery would take place if it took place at all, do you mean to say that you never took any precautions to see that bribery should not be committed?—I took no precautions, because I did not expect that there would be any.

1138. Did you not fear that there might?—I did not fear that there would be bribery.

1139. You did not fear it at all?—No.

1140. Had not your employer given you instructions that you should be careful that there should be no bribery?—He told me that he would not spend a penny that would not be allowed upon a scrutiny; he said he would not spend one penny for any illegal purpose.

1141. That he would not allow that?—No.

1142. Did he not also tell you to guard as far as you possibly could against anybody doing that which might imperil his election?—Undoubtedly he did in every way he could.

1143. Now when your employer told you to take precautions against any acts which might imperil his election, did you not understand that your employer thought that there were persons who might be operated upon?—I did not understand anything at all of the sort. I understood this, that he wished me to conduct the election without spending any money for any illegal purposes, and therefore I instructed every person who I appointed as agent that they should not allow any money to be spent at any public houses, and should not allow any money to be spent for any illegal purposes.

1144. Did he not also tell you to take precautions to guard against its being done by your antagonists?—He did not give me those instructions.

1145. May I ask who originally spoke to you about conducting the election for Sir Henry Stracey?—Mr. Cross, who was a surgeon, came to my office and asked me to go to Sir Samuel Bignold's, where Sir Henry Stracey then was.

1146. Is he a very active person in this city in electioneering matters?—When the election was on he was, at least he was during the last election; I cannot say that I have ever seen him acting before.

1147. Did he send you over to Sir Henry Stracey?—He went with me.

1148. Did he tell you that he was acting in concert with a number of other gentleman to secure the return of Sir Henry Stracey?—He did not.

1149. Was there no deputation to Sir Henry Stracey to ask him to sit for the city?—I have heard there were some deputations.

1150. What did you hear about the deputations?—I heard that some members of the Eldon Club went to Sir Henry Stracey at Rackheath.

1151. What is the Eldon Club?—The Eldon Club is a Conservative club.

1152. Is it a club in this city?—It is.

1153. Who were the persons that you heard went from the Eldon Club?—Mr. Hulme was one.

1154. Is he the chairman?—He is the chairman; I have not the names of the people.

1155. You may not have the names, but you know the principal men of the Eldon Club do you not, you

being the Conservative agent?—I know several of them.

1156. A good many of them?—No, I do not know many of them.

1157. Just give me some of the principal members of this Eldon Club?—There is Mr. Hulme the chairman, then Mr. Allen, a surgeon, Mr. Penrice. I do not know whether Sir Samuel Bignold is a member, I think he is; he was a member of the Eldon Club a few years ago. I should think it may be three or four years ago since I went there, and at that time he was a member of the club.

1158. Is Mr. Arthur Bignold a member?—I am not aware that he is.

1159. Do you believe that he is?—I have no belief upon the subject, I do not know.

1160. Who else?—I know that Mr. Thirkettle, who is a confectioner, is a member, or was.

1161. How many members of the club are there altogether?—I do not know.

1162. Who was it that employed you on the part of the Conservatives to conduct the registration?—Well, I cannot name anyone in particular, it is very difficult to tell you any particular person who employed me to do it. Probably if I had been employed by any person I should have sent in an account; but I think Mr. Field was one.

1163. Would you act in that capacity without knowing who employed you?—The registration has been generally paid for by subscriptions.

1164. I am not speaking about paying, but I am asking you who gave you instructions, and with whom did you communicate when you got the appointment?—I think Mr. Field was the gentleman who mentioned it to me, and Mr. Utten Browne also mentioned it.

1165. Because those two gentlemen mentioned it to you, am I to understand that you thereupon acted?—Other gentlemen mentioned it also; Mr. Gilman mentioned it to me.

1166. I want to know who retained you?—The retainer is more an honourable than a legal one.

1167. Then you say there is a retainer. I want to know who gave you that honourable retainer?—Well, I should say Mr. Field, Mr. Utten Browne, Mr. Gilman, and I think Mr. Hulme also was one.

1168. Then you had a meeting, had you, for that purpose?—No.

1169. Did they come to you in a body?—No, they did not. I believe they had a meeting amongst themselves.

1170. Did some one communicate to you the result of that meeting?—Yes, that was it.

1171. By letter?—No, verbally.

1172. Who communicated it to you first?—I believe Mr. Field was the first gentleman.

1173. How long have you been a solicitor?—Since 1862.

1174. In this city?—Yes.

1175. Were you articled in this city?—Yes.

1176. How long were you under articles in this city?—Five years.

1177. To whom were you articled?—Mr. Dye.

1178. Was he a gentleman of considerable practice in this city?—Not very large practice while I was with him. He had nearly retired from business.

1179. But he had been in considerable practice?—He had been.

1180. And you have been in considerable practice since you started, I suppose?—Not very considerable.

1181. "Considerable," I said; or have you been in no practice at all?—I have been in practice.

1182. Considerable?—I do not call it a considerable practice.

1183. A fair practice?—A fair practice.

1184. Having been for the whole of that period in this city, do you mean to tell us that you were not aware of or had not heard the common report that at the elections which have occurred during that interval corrupt practices had extensively prevailed in this city?—I was not aware of it.

1185. I asked you whether you had heard of it or were aware of it?—Neither the one nor the other.

1186. You were a voter?—I was a voter.

1187. You took an interest in politics?—Very little.

1188. Some, I suppose?—Just as much interest as would enable me to go up to the poll.

1189. You canvassed, I suppose?—No.

1190. You had only sufficient interest in politics to enable you to go to the poll?—Quite sufficient for that.

1191. Being a man who took such little interest in politics, you were the person selected to represent the Conservatives at their revision?—Precisely so.

1192. I asked you what you did after you were appointed, and you gave me an answer. Have you charged and been paid by Sir Henry Stracey the sum of 262*l.* 10*s.* for doing what you have described?—I was paid by Sir Henry Stracey 262*l.* 10*s.* for conducting his election.

1193. And doing that which you have described to me as having been done by you?—I have not told you everything that has been done at the election.

1194. I asked you what you did?—I gave you one portion of it.

1195. I should like to know the whole of what you did for 262*l.* 10*s.*?—It would be impossible for me now to tell you everything that I did in connexion with that election. Where there is a constituency of over 13,000 on the lists there must be a very large staff employed, and that it takes an immense deal of time to keep them at work.

1196. I find that there were messengers, clerks, and so on, the charge for whom amounts to a very considerable sum, very nearly in the whole 1,000*l.* exclusive of this 1,700*l.*?—I did not suggest that that sum included the clerks. I had to direct that staff.

1197. For sixteen days?—Precisely so; and after the election there is a considerable time occupied. There is the staff to pay; there are the accounts to make out for the sheriff; they have to be advertised; and there are many things to do after the election.

1198. There are some things to do after the election, but they are trumpery matters compared with the conduct of the election, you know?—You asked me what I had to do for that money, and I have told you.

1199. Do you mean to tell me that really you think that as an agent for conducting an election it is not the first duty of the agent to ascertain whether there is any corrupt agency going on against his candidate and to guard against it?—I did not take any steps to do it, because I had a sufficient staff all round the city in all the wards for legitimate purposes, so that I should imagine if they heard anything of the sort they would immediately report to me. I should not employ a separate staff for that purpose.

1200. But then you did take measures to guard against that, did you not?—I had better say no at once, and then I will give you an explanation.

1201. You may give us any explanation?—I took no further measures than my opponents did.

1202. I am not speaking of your opponents, but merely of what you did?—I employed no staff for that purpose at all.

1203. Did you give instructions to your staff?—I did not anticipate any corrupt practices, therefore I gave no special instructions; but as a matter of business, I am aware that they would report any corrupt practice to me that they heard of.

1204. Did not your employers guard you against any corrupt practice being committed on your side?—Only in the way I have already mentioned to you.

1205. Did you appoint the staff, or who appointed it?—I appointed the staff, except, as I have men-

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tioned to you, that I gave special instructions upon one occasion.

1206. Who recommended the staff to you ?—As soon as my central rooms were open I had an immense number of applications.

1207. The more applications you had the more embarrassed you would be, unless you had somebody who could guide you in the selection of your staff? —Undoubtedly many of them would bring a recommendation. I inquired if they were voters, and if I was satisfied that they were not, and that they were suitable for my purpose, then I employed them.

1208. You know the third ward of the city ?—Yes.

1209. And you know who your manager there was ?—I do.

1210. Who recommended him ? You say they were recommended ?—I cannot tell you who recommended him. I can only tell you in this way : that there was a meeting as soon as I opened my central rooms, and I invited those present to suggest to me the names of persons for managers of the different wards, and if I thought they were suitable for that purpose I would appoint them.

1211. Who were present at that meeting ?—I kept no account of those who were present. I should think there were present at that meeting 100.

1212. Who were the most active persons ?—Mr. Patteson was the most active man. He was chairman.

1213. Was Mr. Stracey there ?—I believe not.

1214. Was Mr. Bignold there ?—I believe not.

1215. Reflect ?—I will not undertake to swear to that which I do not know.

1216. But what do you believe ?—My belief would be that he was not there, because I do not recollect seeing him there.

1217. Was Sir Samuel Bignold there ?—I believe he was not, because if he had been there he would have been in the chair.

1218. Do you know Buttifant ?—Yes, he is one of the agents in No. 3.

1219. And is Stanley one ?—Those are the two.

1220. Were they recommended to you because they had been conversant with matters at prior elections ? —Mr. Buttifant was the person who was recommended for the ward.

1221. On the ground that he was conversant with the conduct of prior elections ?—He had formerly been registration agent, and he had also partly conducted an election, I believe.

1222. Was he not selected for that cause ?—No, there was no reason given.

1223. You knew that was the fact ?—I had no doubt that that was the reason.

1224. With regard to Stanley, had he been engaged in the conduct of a prior election ?—I cannot say whether he had been engaged as a sub-agent the same as I had been myself, but never otherwise.

1225. Was he engaged by you, judging of the capacity of the men, on the ground that he had been employed upon a prior election ?—No, he was not recommended at that meeting at all.

1226. When was he recommended ?—He was not recommended at all. Mr. Buttifant, as my recollection serves me, was recommended for the third ward, and no other person. Mr. Buttifant thought the entire ward would be too large for him, and he applied for some assistance. He required a second, and I wanted to fill the place up. I knew Stanley was a Conservative, and being a solicitor, a man of business, I thought he would be able to take charge of it.

1227. And a person engaged in elections before ?—I am not aware.

1228. In judging of the aptitude of a man, particularly for electioneering business, which we know almost becomes a "profession," did you not inquire whether Mr. Stanley was not competent for that business ?—My impression was that he had been engaged like myself as a sub-agent ; therefore, I made no minute inquiries.

1229. I asked you before whether you did not take precautions against any mal-practices. If you did not make the inquiries yourself, did you abstain from making those inquiries because you felt you had such competent men as Stanley and Buttifant and some others with you ?—I had no reason for abstaining from making inquiries further than as I have already said.

1230. You must be aware that at many elections detectives have been employed to prevent anything being done irregularly on the part of your adversary ? —I do not know that there have been detectives employed.

1231. Throughout the country, I mean ?—I have no experience of that.

1232. Have you never heard that persons have been employed in the capacity of detectives to prevent corrupt practices on the part of the opponents at elections ?—The only intimation of the sort that I had would be a bill which I saw posted up, I think, in Norwich, offering some reward for information as to any person who had received any bribe ; therefore, from that I supposed that there was some society employed for the purpose.

1233. Do you not know that persons are employed at elections by those who represent and guard the interests of the candidates to prevent corrupt practices on the part of their opponents ?—I think it is very probable, but I do not know it.

1234. But are you not aware that it is a common thing ?—I am not aware that it is a common thing.

1235. That it is done sometimes then ?—I do not know positively that it is.

1236. Not positively ?—I assure you I do not require to be reminded in that way. It is perfectly unnecessary.

1237. It is very painful for me to speak to you in this tone.—It is perfectly unnecessary.

1238. I cannot sit here and hear what you say without being struck with very considerable incredulity.—I am sorry it should be so ; but at the same time what I have said I have said, and I shall alter nothing.

1239. That a man who stands in your position and one of your experience should be what you represent in these things is incredible.—I cannot alter anything I have said.

1240. I was in hopes that we should have had the fullest information from a person in your respectable position.—Everything I have said is perfectly true ; therefore I shall not alter a word of it.

1241. You were applied to by the Secretary of this Commission for the canvass books, were you not ? —Yes.

1242. You knew that it was of great importance to this city that this inquiry should be conducted as speedily and as effectually as it could be ?—Yes.

1243. You had possession of those books, had you not ; these very books which you now produce, at all events, and the returns ?—Undoubtedly I had.

1244. And those were pointed out by the subpœna which you received ?—Yes ; and I have produced them upon that subpœna.

1245. When were you first applied to by the Secretary for those papers ?—I have not the date, but I should say more than a fortnight ago. It may be more than three weeks ago.

1246. Was it not more than a month ago ?—I won't undertake to say.

1247. You knew that they were of importance for the inquiry which was about to take place, and you were told so by the Secretary, were you not ?—Certainly. I believe that you required them or you would not have summoned me to produce them.

1248. Did not the clerk attend upon you several times and press you for the production of them ?—He did, and he also heard me instruct my clerk to

search for them, and if he could find them to let Mr. Secker have them.

1249. Did you tell your clerk to search for them?—I did.

1250. Immediately?—I told him in Mr. Secker's presence to do it.

1251. Did he report to you immediately what he had done?—My clerk reported that he could not find them.

1252. The clerk reporting to you that he could not find them, they are nevertheless found in your possession, are they not?—They are.

1253. Did you yourself when the clerk reported to you that he could not find them take a single step personally for the purpose of producing that which is now produced?—After I was served with a subpœna I told my clerk I must have every bundle in the office searched, and he did search again.

1254. And when did you find them?—They were found, I should think, five or six days ago.

1255. Did you, immediately you found them, send them down to the Secretary?—I kept them, in order that I might obey my subpœna and produce them here.

1256. Do you mean to say that the Secretary having told you that it was of the greatest importance that he should have them for the purpose of summoning witnesses and ascertaining who were to be summoned, you thought it was your duty to keep them in your hands for the purpose of producing them?—For the purpose of obeying the subpœna I was compelled to do so.

1257. You mean really to represent that you considered that to be your duty?—I mean to say that reading my subpœna I considered that it was my duty to produce those papers here.

1258. And did you not think it was your duty to go down and inform the Secretary that you had got them?—That is no part of my duty.

1259. But you knew it was of the very greatest importance to save expense to this city that the Secretary should know they were there, did you not?—If any person had come from the Secretary to ask me if I had got them, I should have informed him.

1260. Had not the clerk come repeatedly to your office for the purpose of ascertaining whether you had found them, and did not you tell him that you had not?—I had not found them when he came.

1261. When you did find them five days ago, did you take any step to inform the Secretary or the clerk who were in this town that you had found them?—I did not,

1262. Do you call that assisting this Commission, and saving the city expense?—It is of no assistance, certainly, my not informing them that I had found them; it was no assistance. If I had not been served with a subpœna to produce them I should have sent them. I had already told Mr. Secker that if they were found, as soon as they were found he should have them.

1263. Having told Mr. Secker that immediately they were found he should have them, and having found them five days ago, and made that promise, did you perform your promise?—Mr. Secker had treated me in a different way. If Mr. Secker had relied upon that, he would have had them as soon as they were found; but I was served with a subpœna to produce them here, and I obeyed the subpœna.

1264. Had not Mr. Secker asked for them in July?—That would be last month.

1265. In July, when he first came?—You said a month, and I said I would not undertake to say that it was not a month ago.

1266. I ask you whether the course of canvassing was not to make out canvass books and give them to persons?—In some of the wards, in the third ward in particular, I believe it was so.

1267. Was it in no other ward?—I won't undertake to say. I have made inquiries of three agents. I inquired of Mr. Hulme, the second ward agent, he told me he made none of those books out. I inquired of Mr. Page, the first ward agent, he told me he had not. I inquired of Mr. Stockings, the fifth ward agent, and he told me he had none.

1268. Then there was a canvass?—There was an irregular canvass.

1269. Regular or irregular there was a canvass?—There was *a* canvass.

1270. The object of that was to ascertain what was your strength relatively to your opponents?—Undoubtedly, as far as it could extend.

1271. You were superintending the whole of the proceedings and the canvass, which is the most important part of them?—One of the most important parts.

1272. What is more important than the canvass?—I should consider in so short a space of time that the meetings which the candidate attended to address the electors would be more important than the canvass.

1273. But that is the candidate, that is not you, the agent. You have only to make arrangements for the meeting. What could be more important for you, the agent conducting and by every means in your power promoting the candidate's election, than to secure that the voters should be canvassed and that some certain information should be given you respecting the result of that canvass? Would anything be more important for you as the agent?—I considered the other part was equally important; but at the same time you will bear in mind that the information conveyed to me as to the canvass is all contained on those cards which are filed, and not in those books, because those books would not come before me at all.

1274. Were these books never returned to you at all?—They were returned, but I am speaking of the conduct of the election.

1275. Where there were canvass books were they not returned to you?—I cannot say where they were. Those were returned to me, and therefore in that particular instance that was so.

1276. You would see the canvass books which would be returned to the central committee room and take charge of them?—No.

1277. Who would take charge of them?—These papers would be returned to the central committee rooms, and the books you now refer to would not be returned until after the election was over, with sundry papers from the wards, whatever they might be.

1278. You say that those returns were made?—Those returns were made.

1279. I see they are on the file.—They are; I have no doubt they were put on the file by the clerk who marked off on the register.

1280. They were amongst the papers relating to the election, were they not?—Yes.

1281. Obvious to sight if you searched for them?—Those papers were returned from the central rooms to an upper room in my office.

1282. They have been in your custody ever since?—They have been in my custody undoubtedly.

1283. Ever since?—They have been in my custody in an upper room.

1284. Where you put the papers which related to the election?—Where all the bundles and old papers were kept, relating not only to the election but to other matters.

1285. And that was the place where you knew such papers would be put?—Undoubtedly.

1286. Well now, having received an application a month ago for the returns, did it occur to you to send your clerk to the upper room and hunt out those papers?—That is the place he did search. I told him to search amongst the election papers for these returns and the canvass books, and he reported to me that he had not been able to find them.

1287. Did you yourself go up into this room where you knew all the papers were relating to this matter?—I did not.

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1288. Why did you not?—Because I considered that if I directed my clerk to do it, it was sufficient.

1289. You were so desirous of facilitating the inquiry that you did not even go up into that room where you knew they ought to be, and where they were, for the purpose of producing them?—My clerk knew that equally well with myself.

1290. When your clerk could not find them did you yourself take any steps to find them?—No, because I thought they were never returned to my office; that these particular papers were never returned.

1291. Then how came they ultimately to be found?—Because they were not conveyed down to my private house by myself after the election was over.

1292. No doubt; but you thought they were altogether gone. How came they to be found? You said these were found on one particular file. How came those also to be found when you thought you had nothing in your possession?—I can give no further explanation. I was not present when they were found. I daresay my clerk, if he had been as diligent as he ought to have been when he received my instructions, would have found them.

1293. Mr. Stracey was very active on behalf of his father?—Mr. Stracey was.

1294. Was he active during almost every day after you were appointed?—I won't say every day, but he was very frequently.

1295. Was he canvassing?—I have no doubt he did canvass. I did not actually see him, but I have no doubt he did.

1296. You know Hardiment?—Yes.

1297. He had been a client of yours?—He had.

1298. Did you see him and Mr. Stracey canvassing together?—I did not.

1299. Did you know they were canvassing together?—I heard it afterwards. I won't say when I heard it, whether it was during or after the election, but I have heard that they did canvass together.

1300. How many days were they canvassing together?—I should say not more than one.

1301. Upon what day was that?—That I cannot say.

1302. Did you see Hardiment on the day of the election?—I have no recollection of seeing him on the day of the election.

1303. You know from what occurred afterwards, your seeing Hardiment on the day of the election would not be a matter of which your memory would be oblivious. Is your memory so frail on that subject?—My memory is very good.

1304. You can tell me whether you saw him then. Your memory having been called to it so soon after the election as it was on the trial before Mr. Baron Martin, you can tell me?—Amongst the hundreds of people I saw on the day of the election I cannot undertake to say whether I saw Hardiment.

1305. Hardiment was a very active man on your side, was he not?—With the exception of what I have heard as to his share in the bribery, I am not aware that he was more active than a number of other persons in the different wards.

1306. Was Mr. Bignold very active in the election, Arthur Bignold?—Certainly not.

1307. Did he take no part in the election?—He did.

1308. When did Mr. Arthur Bignold begin to take an active part in the election?—He attended one or two of the public meetings in the evenings, and addressed the electors, the same as other gentlemen who were there.

1309. He took an active part in promoting the interest of Sir Henry Stracey?— Undoubtedly, in that way he did.

1310. Did Mr. Arthur Bignold remain in Norwich the whole of the time during the canvass before the election?—I cannot say that. I saw him at two or three meetings; and I do not suppose they would be on consecutive nights.

1311. Did you hear of him going up to town and coming back from town?—I never heard of it.

1312. Have you seen Mr. Stracey lately?—Mr. Edward Stracey?

1313. Yes.—I have seen him. I should think it must be three weeks since I saw him.

1314. Do you know where he is now?—I do not.

1315. Have you made any inquiry?—I have not. I have not been asked to do so.

1316. Have you seen Mr. Bignold lately?—Mr. Arthur Bignold, I have not.

1317. When did you happen to see him last?—I have no remembrance of having seen him since the election. I won't undertake to say that I have not, but I have no remembrance of having seen him after the election.

1318. He went away, so far as you know, immediately after the election?—So far as I know.

1319. Have you heard where he is?—I believe he lives somewhere in the neighbourhood.

1320. He does not live here?—He does not live here.

1321. He merely came down for the election, did he?—I daresay he came down for the election, or he might merely come down to see his father. I cannot say for what purpose he came. He does not generally live in Norwich.

1322. How lately before the inquiry before Mr. Baron Martin was it that you saw Hardiment?—I cannot call to mind any time when I saw him between the day of the election and the day of the inquiry before Baron Martin.

1323. He had formerly been a client of yours?—He had. I do not think I had done any business for him, I should say, for a year and a half from the present time, or two years.

1324. You have not had anything to do for him for a year and a half?—Or two years, I should say, from the present time.

1325. Then you had no occasion to communicate with him?—None whatever.

1326. Hardiment was away during the trial, was he not?—He was.

1327. Do you recollect the Monday before the inquiry before Mr. Baron Martin?—Unless you call my attention to some particular circumstance I cannot.

1328. I will. I will call your attention to a very particular fact. Did you go down to Mr. Hardiment's house in a cab at half-past 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the 28th of December?—I did not.

1329. Did you go down to Hardiment's house on any day whatever before the election inquiry?—I have never been to Mr. Hardiment's house in my life, or to his premises where his business is conducted, and I do not even know which is his house.

1330. You do not know which is Mr. Hardiment's house?—No. I state that as a fact.

1331. You will undertake to swear, will you, that you were not there at any time in your life?—I have already undertaken to swear that.

1332. Very well. You were aware shortly after the election, were you not, that Hardiment was charged with having been guilty of bribery?—I heard the general report, the same as other persons in the town.

1333. You had had the conduct of that election?—I had.

1334. Did you take any step to ascertain whether there was any foundation for that report?—I made no inquiry, and for this reason: Mr. Skipper was appointed for the purpose of ascertaining all matters connected with the supposed bribery, and therefore I left everything in his hands.

1335. But Hardiment had been a man whom you had known. Hardiment had been active in the election. Do you mean that you never took the trouble to communicate in any way with Hardiment respecting what he was alleged to have done, you being the person superintending that election, and he

being a person actively connected with you ?—I do say that.

1336. Why did you not do it ?—Only for the reason which I have already given you.

1337. For no other reason ? — For no other reason.

1338. You did not think it convenient to abstain from inquiring ?—I thought nothing beyond this, that Mr. Skipper was the person employed for the purpose of ferretting out all such matters, and I left it in his hands to do it.

1339. You did not attempt to make any other sort of inquiry ?—I did not. I had other business to attend to.

1340. Did Mr. Skipper, who was employed for that purpose, come and consult you ?—He came to my office once or twice.

1341. To consult you ?—Not to consult me.

1342. For what did he come if he did not come to consult you ?—He came for some information which he required, for my papers, which papers I sent him.

1343. He came for papers ?—Yes, connected with the election ; papers relating to the election.

1344. Hardiment having been your client, did not Mr. Skipper make the communication to you respecting Hardiment ?—No.

1345. Not a word passed respecting Hardiment ?—No ; Mr. Skipper's visits to me were before he commenced his inquiries.

1346. The charge respecting Hardiment was made immediately after the election, and before even the presentation of the petition ?—I won't undertake to say whether I heard anything of Hardiment's proceedings. I might probably, I won't say I did not ; but I won't undertake to say I heard anything of Hardiment's proceedings until after the petition was presented, but I might probably have done so ; but, whether I heard it or not, I made no inquiries.

1347. Did you ever see Mr. Stracey after you heard of Hardiment's proceedings ?—Mr. Edward Stracey ?

1348. Yes.—I said that I thought I saw him three weeks ago, but I did not speak to him.

1349. Long before that, and immediately after you heard of Hardiment's proceedings and you saw Mr. Stracey, did you communicate with Mr. Stracey touching Hardiment's proceedings ?—I did not.

1350. You knew he had been canvassing with Mr. Stracey ?—Yes ; when I heard of Hardiment's proceedings, whenever it was that I heard of them, they all referred to what he had done on the day of the election, and Mr. Stracey was not with Mr. Hardiment on that day.

1351. Although it is not the day on which he was canvassing with Mr. Stracey, do not you know that Mr. Stracey was with him on that day, and had you not heard that he was with him on that day at one of the houses ?—I had not heard that.

1352. Do you know Hunt, a fowl dealer ?—The only way in which I heard of Hunt and knew him was from seeing him in this Court on the trial before Baron Martin.

1353. I suppose you heard a report that Sir Henry Stracey was to be unseated for bribery ; you heard the report ?—Undoubtedly. I knew that was the groundwork of it.

1354. It was all over the city, and in everybody's mouth ?—In everybody's mouth.

1355. Did you take any steps to inquire ; the election having been conducted under your auspices, did you take any trouble to ascertain whether there was any foundation for these reports, Mr. Skipper not having been employed at that time ?—Mr. Skipper was employed immediately ; whether he was employed before the petition was actually presented or not I don't know, but we knew by the newspapers that it was to be presented.

1356. You having been responsible for the conduct of the election, did you not take any means to inquire into the foundation for any reports of that kind ?—Only to this extent, I had no instructions from Sir Henry Stracey to do anything on his behalf beyond the conduct of the election, therefore I was not authorised to expend anything on his behalf ; but I did this, I told Mr. Dawson, who was a clerk in my service during the time of the election, that I had no instructions from Sir Henry Stracey on the subject. I said, "You may send out two or three messengers "about the city, and ascertain if there has been any "bribery of any sort, and I will undertake to pay "you to the extent of 5*l.* for the men making in-"quiries, but beyond that I will pay nothing."

1357. Then you did take measures ?—To that extent.

1358. You offered 5*l.* for the purpose of ascertaining whether there had been any bribery ?—Yes, and whatever was done under that was reported by Mr. Dawson to Mr. Skipper, who was immediately afterwards appointed, and I believe Skipper paid him the 5*l.* ; I am not sure, I have not paid it.

1359. Having appointed those people and undertaken to pay 5*l.*, do you mean to say you took so little interest that you did not hear the result of those inquiries ?—Immediately after I had done that, Mr. Skipper was appointed, and I at once referred Mr. Dawson to Mr. Skipper.

1360. But as a matter of natural curiosity, you having been responsible for that, and having employed those people for the purpose of making inquiries, do you mean to say you were really so indifferent about the matter that you made no sort of inquiry as to the result ?—I did not, because Mr. Skipper was appointed for that purpose, and I left everything in his hands then ; and I told Mr. Skipper what I had done in order that he might ascertain what the result of the inquiries of those men would be.

1361. Are these books precisely in the same state in which they were found ?—I believe them to be in precisely the same state. I have no doubt about it.

1362. You have no doubt ?—I have no doubt whatever about it.

1363. Have they been in your personal custody ever since they were found ?—They have been in my office ever since.

1364. Lying about in your office ?—They were lying in the open office I have no doubt, that is to say, they have not been tied up.

1365. Have they been locked up ?—They have not been locked up, but at the same time I am positive that nobody would interfere with them. My other papers are not locked up in my office, and they are never interfered with, therefore I have not the slightest reason to suppose that these have been interfered with. If there are any erasures in them they will show themselves.

1366. There are.—Probably there may be erasures in the clerks marking them ; they would put marks in the wrong place, perhaps, and then erase them.

1367. But there are numbers of erasures in the men's names, and so on ?—That has been already explained ; I think they are double.

1368. That would be quite so in the proper course of things, but my object is to inquire whether any alteration whatever could have taken place in them by any person interested in this matter ?—I should say certainly there has been nothing of the sort.

1369. It is your duty to see that they were kept securely ?—Undoubtedly, and I have not the slightest doubt but they are in the same state now as when they left the central committee rooms.

1370. (*Mr. Biron.*) A word or two about this registration association ; is that an association supported by subscription ?—It should be.

1371. But is it ? do gentlemen put down their names for certain sums of money that they are to pay ?—That is not so ; there is no regular subscription, any person who subscribes to the registration one year might not do it the next year ; there is no regular subscription.

1372. But do some people or other subscribe

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every year? — Undoubtedly some one or other does.

1373. Who receives the subscriptions?—Mr. Tallack, who is at the Guardian Office at the present time, is collecting subscriptions.

1374. Is any balance sheet of the subscriptions kept, or any account rendered to the subscribers? —There was by the previous registration agent, but I have never had any account to render at present. I have never had any subscriptions. When I say I have not had any, I will not undertake to say I have not had a pound or so.

1375. Have you ever inquired how much he has received?—In the last account I have from him he told me that he had received under 25*l.* I think it was 23*l.* odd.

1376. Do I understand that no arrangement was made for you to be paid for your work?—No.

1377. Did you do it out of pure love for the cause, because, you know, you are not much of a politician, as you told us?—Well, I said I would take the registration. I undertook to do it, and I have done it.

1378. When did this zeal seize you to undertake the duties of the registration?—In 1868.

1379. Why?—I cannot say why. I was asked whether I would accept the appointment of registration agent, and I did so.

1380. But you knew there was work to do?—Undoubtedly.

1381. And good hard work too?—And good hard work.

1382. Had you no notion what pay you would receive?—I expected to be paid by subscriptions.

1383. Have you ever asked Mr. Tallack about the subscriptions? how they were coming in?—I did ask him what subscriptions he had received, and he told me they amounted to something like 23*l.*

1384. What was the subscription in 1867?—I believe the subscriptions amounted to about 70*l.* or 80*l.*, and the gentleman who then had the appointment threw it up because it would not answer his purpose.

1385. You thought you would get 70*l.* or 80*l.* at all events?—I expected to get more than that.

1386. Then you are not quite so disinterested as you wish to be thought. Why could you not tell us that before?—I was never asked the question.

1387. But you knew perfectly well what was meant; and you would have saved a great deal of trouble if you had been more frank?—I am quite ready to answer any question.

1388. Oh, yes; you are quite ready to answer questions by the card. Now when you undertook to become Sir Henry Stracey's agent for the purpose of the last election you have told us that you appointed different gentlemen under you to manage the different wards?—Yes.

1389. And you arranged in some way or another that they should get reports from people serving under them?—No, I left that to them to do.

1390. But you knew it was to be done. You seem to have done as little yourself as need be?—That is a matter of opinion.

1391. You left that to be done, and you had every reason to believe it would be done; but what were these men appointed for except for some such purpose as to get reports and see how the canvass was going on?—Well, sir, there were different duties to perform.

1392. Was not that one of the duties?—It was one of them.

1393. Then as a matter of fact these managers in the different wards in the ordinary course of the election ought to have got reports and handed them to you?—They ought to have made those reports and handed them to me, and I have produced, I believe, everyone of them.

1394. Whether we call them reports or anything else you ought to have got from them materials to let you see how the canvass was proceeding?—Yes.

1395. Did you get those materials?—Yes, and I have produced them.

1396. Did you make up the register from time to time?—Yes, or my clerk did.

1397. When did you take stock to see how your canvass had proceeded?—I have searched amongst the papers, and I find from this one, which appears to be the last which was taken,—

1398. Answer my question if you please, how did your canvass go on before you came to that? Was it a pretty good canvass?—It was not a regular canvass.

1399. But as far as it went?—As far as it went it was a favourable canvass; these are the last figures I can find, and therefore I presume they are the last.

1400. Then will you allow me to have them?—These are the figures: Russell, 1,469; Tillett, 1,310; and Stracey, 2,825. Now you see that is a very small portion of the register, but that is only a portion of the canvass.

1401. A very small portion indeed. Is that the last return you have made up?—That is only a portion of the canvass.

1402. Of course I am speaking exclusively of your canvass. That is not from an examination of these books.—I presume these numbers to be the cast of that book.

1403. Probably the last cast you made.—I do not say it is the last cast, but I should imagine it is.

1404. Probably that was made about the Saturday night previous to the election.—I should imagine it would be so.

1405. Or on the nomination day probably.—No, I should think it would be made up on the Saturday night.

1406. Did you think that was a pretty good canvass?—It was a very good canvass as far as they had been able to ask the voters.

1407. You had been about it for a fortnight?—You say a fortnight, but I had been only appointed a fortnight, and the committee rooms had not been opened at that time.

1408. They had been open long enough for you to spend 2,000*l.*?—We did not spend so much as our opponents.

1409. Never mind that, I am dealing with you if you please. The result of your canvass after ten days, according to my calculation, would make it that you had got about one voter for each pound that you expended?—Yes, if that is the way you calculate it.

1410. That is my arithmetic, and you will find it is so within a few shillings.—That was expended for the entire poll, not the canvass.

1411. With this number of men pledged, and 11,000 registered, did you go to the poll on Tuesday with any notion of winning this election?—Yes, because the majority of those who had been asked had promised to vote in favour of Sir Henry Stracey.

1412. Do you mean to represent that that was any test?—I have never said so.

1413. When you went through at the last moment that total of pledges in favour of Sir Henry Stracey, looking at the 11,000 of voting power, did you think that was a canvass such as would win you the election?—Yes.

1414. Why?—Because out of the 4,000 persons, giving the amount in round numbers, who had been asked, 2,800 had promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and I call that a good canvass.

1415. I ask you as a man worth 250*l.* to conduct an election, do you call that a good canvass?—I say if we had had time to continue the canvass there is no reason why the canvass should not have continued in the same ratio.

1416. How did it go on on the Tuesday when you got to the poll; you were behind the first hour, were you not?—I cannot say without looking at the returns.

1417. Do you not remember even that?—My recollection is that we were behind.

1418. What are those figures you are looking at?—I am looking at the figures of the canvass which I have alluded to.

1419. Does that go into the different wards?—This is divided into wards.

1420. Giving the result of the canvass in the different wards?—Yes.

1421. Perhaps you will just give me those figures and I will read them. Ward No. 1 is Russell, 183; Tillett, 126; Stracey, 466. Ward No. 2, Russell, 177; Tillett, 180; Stracey, 185. Ward No. 3, Russell, 509; Tillett, 448; Stracey, 738. Ward No. 4, Russell, 83; Tillett, 54; Stracey, 153. Ward No. 5, Russell, 169; Tillett, 152; Stracey, 370. Ward No. 6, Russell, 277; Tillett, 267; Stracey, 456. Ward No. 7, Russell, 26; Tillett, 32; Stracey, 297. Ward No. 8, Russell, 45; Tillett, 51; Stracey, 160; or, in the total, 1,469 for Russell, 1,310 for Tillett, and 2,825 for Stracey.—Yes.

1422. You knew that two Liberal members had been sitting, of course you knew that much?—Yes, I did.

1423. And do you mean to tell us now that it was your opinion that you would poll two to one, because that is the result of this canvass, and you told us that it would go on in just the same ratio?—I said that was a very fair reason for my supposing that Sir Henry Stracey had a very good chance of being returned on the morning of the election.

1424. You told me that you saw no reason why the canvass should not have proceeded as it had begun?—I never supposed that we should poll two to one.

1425. That is what you said in answer to my question. That return gives two to one in favour of the Conservatives, and you told me just now that you saw no reason why the canvass should not have proceeded in the same ratio?—I believe I made some such answer, but I had no intention of saying that I believed we should poll two to one.

1426. Now, when you got to the Tuesday, just for the first hour you were behind?—Yes.

1427. Did not that rather startle you with your two to one?—You are going back again to the two to one.

1428. Did you suppose on the Saturday night you were going to win the election?—I did not suppose that the first hour would have much effect upon it.

1429. But when it came to 10 o'clock you were behind then, were you not?—Yes.

1430. Were you not still a little in doubt?—You cannot tell so early in the day, because there are a great number of working men, and so many of them would vote at noon or in their dinner hour, that I could not tell by that.

1431. You could not be absolutely certain, but were you not getting rather anxious at 10 o'clock?—I should have been much more pleased if I had seen it the other way.

1432. Did you not think the election was in jeopardy?—No more than I should imagine every election in jeopardy when you are behind.

1433. How many hundred were you behind at 10 o'clock, just tell us that?—I have not the returns here to show me.

1434. This was the first election you had conducted. You were getting a good fee for it; it was an anxious day for you, and you were doing your best for it.—I believe so.

1435. At 10 o'clock were you not beginning to feel very anxious at your being hundreds behind?—I do not say I was very anxious.

1436. Were you not anxious?—When I found we were behind I should undoubtedly be anxious.

1437. And when it got to 11 o'clock you were still behind?—Undoubtedly we were, but we were behind almost the whole day.

1438. At 12 o'clock were you not nearly 400 behind?—I believe we were.

1439. Now do you not know that at 12 o'clock if there is no underhand practice, that to be behindhand to that extent is to lose the election in the majority of cases?—If you ask me as a fact whether I know it, I say I do not know it, but if you ask me as a matter of practice that is another thing.

1440. I ask you as a matter of judgment and common sense?—As a matter of common sense the one who is behind at 12 o'clock does not stand so good a chance as the one who is in front; as a matter of common sense and judgment the one who is behind would not stand nearly so good a chance as the other.

1441. Was this a great Conservative working man's place? Was it a great place for Conservative workmen's associations?—There are no great Conservative workmen's associations here.

1442. No particular strength on the Conservative side among the working classes?—Oh yes; I believe there is a very large number of Conservative working men.

1443. I should have thought they were about equally divided?—I daresay they are.

1444. 12 o'clock would be the workmen's hour, would it not? At 1 o'clock what was your condition?—We gradually improved, I believe, after 12 o'clock.

1445. How much did you improve between 12 and 1, about thirty, was it not?—The great improvement was after 2 o'clock.

1446. But the workmen had gone back by that time?—Undoubtedly they had; those who intended to work in the afternoon had gone back.

1447. How many had polled at 1 o'clock for Sir Henry Stracey? I do not pin you to the exact figures, but give me round numbers?—I prefer to refer to the figures; there is nothing to be concealed, because you have the figures before you, therefore I have no object in concealment.

1448. That is the reason I expect you to answer the questions at once, and not to fence with the questions?—If there is nothing to be concealed there is no use in concealing or fencing. I have nothing to conceal throughout this inquiry, and I have nothing I care about concealing.

1449. Then just tell me what the numbers were at 1 o'clock?—I will not undertake to say; I do not know.

1450. Was it just over 3,000 at 1 o'clock, which left Sir Henry Stracey 600 behind Russell, and nearly 500 behind Tillett?—I do not believe it was as much as that throughout the day.

1451. Here are the figures?—Then I do not believe them.

1452. You do not believe in arithmetic perhaps?—Yes, I believe in arithmetic.

1453. In the high sheriff's arithmetic?—No.

1454. I should have thought that 250 guineas would have impressed it on your mind; at 1 o'clock the numbers according to this return were Russell 3,569, Tillett 3,463, and Stracey 2,095, that makes a majority of nearly 500 in favour of the Liberal candidates?—I imagine you must have got some incorrect figures there; I do not believe in them.

1455. Did you get the state of the poll from time to time as it went on at your central committee that day?—Yes.

1456. Have you got here, or anywhere, the figures that were returned to you?—I have not; but the figures would simply amount to a cast of the different cards for the different hours.

1457. Of course, if that is done properly by anybody who knows how to do it, it would bring out that result?—Yes, but I do not believe in that account.

1458. To take you a little further on, even at 1 o'clock, the numbers were 3,674 Russell, 3,578 Tillett, and 3,246 Stracey?—That would only be about 300 difference.

1459. Pardon me, that makes a difference of 440, or thereabouts, that Russell was ahead of Stracey, and it makes Tillett ahead between 330 and 340?—I think that must be an exaggeration. I do not think that is the result.

1460. Did you not by the time it got to 1 o'clock, with the figures I read to you just now, think

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the election was gone?—Of course I knew we were very much behind.

1461. Or, in other words, you knew that you were beaten?—At that time undoubtedly we were.

1462. What steps did you take to try to poll up?—The only steps I could take, and the only steps I did take, were that to every person I saw at the committee room or anywhere else, I said, "If there are any of "our people about who have not voted, any person "who has promised and not voted, ask him to come "up directly and vote."

1463. Where were you performing this important duty, at the central committee room?—At the central committee room, and I also went round to some of the ward committee rooms.

1464. And if you happened to see anybody you said "Pray vote, we are a trifle of 500 behind."—I did not say we were a trifle of 500 behind.

1465. Did not people come to you and tell you the state of things?—I knew it from the cards that came from the wards.

1466. Did not people come to you and say "We are "losing the election—what are we to do"?—I cannot recollect any person making use of that expression.

1467. Was not young Mr. Stracey there, and did he not say a word to you?—I daresay I saw young Mr. Stracey, but I cannot say that he came and said anything to me in particular.

1468. Did they all take it as calmly as you did, you being 500 behind at 1 o'clock?—I did not believe we were 500 behind.

1469. But you were behind. You are convinced of that, are you not?—I am convinced of that.

1470. Was there not excitement amongst your party? Did they not say "We are losing the elec-"tion"?—I think probably they might say "We are "losing the election."

1471. Who were they who said that?—I cannot say.

1472. Some people must have come to you at the committee room?—Yes.

1473. You were the person they looked to for orders, you were the manager; do you mean to say that people did not come to you in the middle of the day when they saw the election was gone and ask for orders?—I mean to say that no person came to me for orders as to what he should do.

1474. Did they come and ask for advice?—Mr. Patteson came up just at that time.

1475. What did he want?—He came up with Sir Henry Stracey about that time, and they drove round the city into the different wards.

1476. Did he complain to you about the way in which things were going on?—He made no complaint about the way they were going on; he knew the same as all the others did that we were behind.

1477. But if everybody took it so philosophically as you, I should think you pretty well expected what you were getting?—I have not said that we took it philosophically.

1478. You say that nobody made complaints, and nobody asked you to do anything?—I said that I had no recollection of anybody coming to me to make a complaint.

1479. Was not the news brought to you that there were men waiting to be bought?—No.

1480. Did nobody come and say to you there are men to be bought if you would like to have them?—If they did they did not say it to me.

1481. Or in your hearing?—Or in my hearing.

1482. Did not people come to the committee rooms?—They did; anybody who wanted information would come there.

1483. Who was there about the middle of the day? I mean what members of your party were there?—Mr. Gilman was there, and of course Sir Henry Stracey would be backwards and forwards.

1484. And young Mr. Stracey, I presume?—Very likely indeed.

1485. Was Bignold there upon the polling day?—I think in all probability he was, because he is one of those I should have admitted to the room without any trouble.

1486. Was anyone else there from 12 to 2?—Mr. Sparrow was there, who is a solicitor.

1487. Who else?—Mr. Utten Browne was there.

1488. Those were all active supporters of yours?—Yes.

1489. Was there anyone else that you can remember?—I cannot recollect the names; if there is any person whose name you would wish me to remember, perhaps you will suggest it.

1490. Oh no; I daresay you have answered me as far as your memory goes with regard to this. Now you say these people came in saying something or other as to reports. You knew at this time that only about some 6,000 or 7,000 voters had polled?—Yes, just so.

1491. You knew there was an ample margin?—Oh yes; I knew there were plenty to poll.

1492. The poll had got comparatively slack from 12 to 1?—Yes.

1493. You knew that?—Yes.

1494. The polling was falling off, the men were not coming in such numbers?—I know they were not.

1495. Did not people say when they came to the committee room something must be done to stir up these people?—They did not to me, or in my hearing.

1496. Did not you perfectly well understand that?—No, I did not, and I tell you generally if any person had asked me for a single penny for that purpose I would not have given it to him.

1497. You know I am not asking you that question?—Very well, then I will hear your question.

1498. What I ask is this, was it not perfectly well known in the committee room that unless something was done to bring up the men who were standing out the election would be lost?—It was not perfectly well known.

1499. But you knew that the voting had fallen off?—We intended of course to go on polling, at least we could not do otherwise, till the end of the day, and to do nothing whatever for the purpose of gaining the election, whether we won it or lost it.

1500. You had made up your mind that it was all over with you at that time?—I had made up my mind at 1 or 2 o'clock that we were a great deal behind, as it appeared we were losing.

1501. And of course if something had not been done it would be lost?—I am not sure of that.

1502. Other people are of a different opinion; however, 2 o'clock came and you polled up at 2 o'clock a little?—Yes, and continued to do so till the end of the day.

1503. And at 2.30 you pulled up considerably; did you make any inquiry how that was being done?—No.

1504. Did you congratulate yourselves at the central committee about the change?—No doubt we were very pleased to see the change.

1505. Did not anyone say "How is this happening, "who is bringing these fellows up"?—No.

1506. Did it not suggest itself to anybody's mind as a curious thing that they should come up and poll so rapidly?—I cannot say what it did to other people's minds.

1507. Did it not to yours?—There are always a great number of persons who will remain to the end of the day.

1508. To go with the winning party you said?—Yes.

1509. But you were the losing party at half-past 1?—At half-past 1 we were gradually gaining upon them.

1510. I want to know how the turn of the tide was accounted for in the committee room; were they surprised at it?—No.

1511. Did anybody make any remarks about it?—I have no recollection of anybody making a remark about it.

1512. Yours is an innocent mind, and I should like to have your solution of it. What did you think

when at 2.30 you were polling nearly two to one in your favour?—I thought a great number would vote for us as it got late in the day.

1513. But why should they vote for you late in the day, in preference to voting early and having done with it?—I considered that Sir Henry Stracey was a much more popular candidate than Mr. Tillett.

1514. You thought he was a very popular candidate, and that being a popular candidate people would wait until past 2 o'clock to vote for him?—I thought that if they could not get any money from the other side to vote, they would vote for him for nothing.

1515. Was that the reason; I thought you said this was such an incorruptible constituency?—I know what I have said.

1516. What you said in answer to both my friends was that you had not the least idea that there was anything of the corruptible element in this constituency to any extent?—Not to the extent of many hundreds, I said.

1517. You thought you were hundreds behind, because your men were waiting to see what they could get out of the other side?—I do not suppose they were all waiting for that.

1518. But that is your reason?—The reason is clear, because some of them undoubtedly received money; that I am satisfied of now from the inquiries which were made. That partly accounts for it.

1519. But I was asking you what was in your mind at 2 o'clock on that day, and you told me with a little element of frankness, the first you have disclosed to-day, that your solution of it was that they were waiting to get money out of the other side, and when they found they could not get it they voted for the man they liked best?—Yes, I have formed that opinion.

1520. Then I think you need not have given those answers which you did in the early part of the day to my friends, if that is your opinion of the constituency?—I do not believe there are many hundreds in Norwich who would receive bribes.

1521. So it went on you know, and did that account for it in your mind up to the very end, between 3.30 and 4 o'clock, and you still think it was Sir Henry Stracey's popularity operating on the unbribed masses, who could not get anything, much as they wanted it, from the other party, that accounted for his pulling up in the last half hour? Was that the solution in your mind, you being the managing man for Sir Henry Stracey. Did it not suggest itself to you in the afternoon that there had been money at work?—No.

1522. When the poll was made up and you found you had won, did you not suspect that there had been money at work on your side?—I did not suspect it, for this reason, that I had given such positive instructions to my agents. I told them that my instructions from Sir Henry Stracey were not to spend a penny for any illegal purpose, therefore I did not expect that anything of that kind would be done.

1523. Did you never hear of people doing it who did not happen to be agents?—Oh, yes.

1524. You have heard of Yarmouth?—Yes, I have.

1525. Have you heard of some one there who paid a thousand pounds out of his own pocket?—Yes, I have heard of that.

1526. And that did not come to your mind on the afternoon of the polling day?—No, it did not.

1527. One word upon another matter. You said you made 5*l.* worth of inquiries?—I said I undertook to pay to that amount.

1528. You knew that a petition was pending?—Yes; I knew it from the reports in the newspapers.

1529. Of course it was a matter of common talk?—Yes.

1530. You had been conducting the election, as we all know?—Yes.

1531. Were no complaints made to you about this bribery, did no one come to you and say, "How is "this; what have you been doing"?—No.

1532. Did not Sir Henry Stracey complain, and say you had been mismanaging this thing?—Sir Henry Stracey never said anything of the sort; I have no doubt that he is perfectly satisfied with the way in which it was conducted.

1533. Did not any of your supporters complain?—No, they did not.

1534. Was there no complaint at all?—No; I do not think they had any reason to complain.

1535. That was really so?—Yes.

1536. But at all events whatever information you got, or your clerk got, was in the papers which you handed over to Skipper?—Mr. Dawson, I believe, handed them to Mr. Skipper.

1537. You do not know where the papers are?—No, I do not; Mr. Dawson is not a clerk in my regular employ.

1538. He was employed *pro hac vice*?—Just so.

1539. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did I understand you to say that at a previous election you had been a sub-agent?—Yes.

1540. What election was that?—Waters and Goldsmid were the candidates.

1541. How many years ago was it?—It was in 1865.

1542. Were you then working as a paid sub-agent?—I cannot say that I was, for I was paid nothing; I acted as sub-agent, but I was not paid.

1543. Did you then become acquainted with the duties of a sub-agent?—Well, I was only engaged, I think, four days, therefore that was a very slight apprenticeship.

1544. I suppose during those four days you were associated with several persons?—Very little was done during those four days, because of the split between the candidates.

1545. During those four days do you mean to say you did not become at all acquainted with the character of this constituency?—No, certainly not.

1546. Had you no suspicion then that there were large numbers of persons who might be bought?—No, I had no opportunity.

1547. Do you mean to say you were engaged in an election at Norwich and did not form a strong opinion as to the character of the constituency?—I ascertained nothing of the sort.

1548. But had you not a strong suspicion, in consequence of what came before you?—No, I had not, because nothing came before me.

1549. Then did you not think it your business to make inquiries?—No, simply for this reason, that I was one of those who did not vote for Mr. Waters, and I took no active part in anything connected with the election during the last four days, and, therefore, if anything had been done it would be done in the last days when I had withdrawn from the working of it.

1550. Did you then become cognisant of any bribery?—No, I did not.

1551. Did you hear of any?—No, I did not; on the day of the election I did no work at all, I simply voted.

1552. You say you received no remuneration for what you did then?—No.

1553. Were you thanked for what you did?—Well, we very seldom expect to receive thanks after an election is over.

1554. Did any of the gentlemen with whom you came in contact then recommend you at the recent election; was it in consequence of your becoming known then that you were employed?—I should say certainly not. I was so little seen by anybody in any business connected with the election that I am sure I could make no impresssion on any one of the party, they would scarcely remember that I had anything to do with it.

SECOND DAY.

O. D. Ray.

20 Aug. 1869.

ORLANDO DENNIS RAY sworn and examined.

1555. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where do you live?—In King Street in this city.

1556. What are you?—An auctioneer.

1557. Were you a voter at the last election?—I was.

1558. Did you take an active interest in what is called the Liberal cause?—I did.

1559. Were you present at a meeting of the agents and others of the Liberal cause on the Saturday preceding the poll?—I was at every meeting in our committee room; I had chiefly the management of the central committee room, so that there would be no meeting there without my presence.

1560. Were Sir William Russell, Mr. Tillett, Mr. Coaks, Mr. Stevens, and yourself present?—Sir William Russell was there during the Saturday very frequently.

1561. Were they all present at that meeting?—What meeting do you refer to?

1562. The meeting on the Saturday before the poll.—There were very many meetings; they met continually during the day, they were in and out all day.

1563. Do you recollect a meeting at which there was a discussion respecting the payment for cabs?—Yes, I do remember that.

1564. Was a resolution come to respecting the payment for cabs?—Yes, it was decided that it would be illegal to hire cabs, and it was resolved that they should not be hired.

1565. That having been resolved, was anything said respecting a show of hands?—Yes.

1566. Had you been active at other elections for the city?—At the previous election of Warner and Russell I took very nearly the same part that I took on this occasion.

1567. Had anything been paid for a show of hands at previous elections?—I only know by hearsay; I had nothing to do with that department at any election previous to this.

1568. Was the subject of securing a show of hands mentioned at that meeting?—It was.

1569. Who first mentioned it?—I really cannot say; it was mentioned and generally spoken of at that meeting.

1570. In the hearing of all the persons present?—As far as I can remember the candidates were there, the agents you have mentioned, and Mr. Daynes was there, myself, and Mr. Stevens.

1571. Was any resolution come to?—There was no resolution come to, because the discussion upon the matter came to rather an abrupt termination; it was a question how we were to secure the show of hands, and the place being exceedingly small, unless a poll is demanded it is necessary to take measures to get your friends in, or else we should be outvoted at once, and the election would be over.

1572. There was a discussion as to getting your friends in?—There was.

1573. Was it then arranged that your friends should be got in?—No, it was not definitely arranged; it came to a termination of this kind: it was discussed, and certainly I myself was under the impression that we were going to secure the show of hands.

1574. Was the result of that conversation upon your mind that the show of hands was to be procured if possible to secure the election?—Certainly.

1575. Was your impression so strong that you proceeded to act upon it?—It was not necessary to act upon it in the way in which I first understood it.

1576. But was it necessary to act upon it, and did you act upon it?—I partially acted upon it, but I was told that 200 or a large number of men would volunteer from the Carrow works, and that it would not be necessary for me to take any steps to secure the show of hands.

1577. Is that Mr. Colman's place?—I perhaps ought not to have used the term "the Carrow works," but it was said that they would be marshalled by Mr. Womersley, and that it was probable they would come from there. He was the manager there.

1578. Did you take any steps, or were you prepared to take any steps, in case that should fail?—It was not likely to fail, but I did something else.

1579. What steps did you take?—I forget now how we proceeded, but I know I had an interview with Mr. Long and asked him to have a few men about the door.

1580. Who is Mr. Long?—I only know him as a man I have often seen at elections, an intelligent and very useful man.

1581. Where does he live?—I do not know where he lives at this moment, neither did I ever know where he lived. I knew the man, but I did not know where he lived.

1582. I presume he lives in some part of Norwich?—He does.

1583. In what particular part does he live?—That I cannot tell you.

1584. Can you not conjecture?—I believe that he lives in the parish of St. Mary, but when I looked at the register I found that his name was not there; he has either moved or has been left out of the register. I do not know where the man lived, and I never did know.

1585. What is he?—I think he is a gamekeeper.

1586. Where is St. Mary's parish?—In the eighth ward.

1587. How came you to employ him on this occasion?—Mr. Daynes recommended him to me.

1588. Was he preserving the game in the eighth ward?—I have only spoken to my belief.

1589. Did you make an arrangement with Mr. Long that he should be provided with a sufficient staff to fill the hall?—No.

1590. What did you tell him?—I think I told him that there would be a great many men there, some 200, to get the show of hands, and I wanted him just to superintend them, and to keep the peace with them.

1591. Having a gamekeeper keeping the peace unless he had somebody to assist him would be of very little use?—Exactly so, and he got some men to assist him.

1592. What men were to assist him?—I left that to his own discretion; he has to employ watchers, and I thought it very likely that he would employ some strong fellows.

1593. Mr. Long votes on the right side, I suppose?—If he had a vote I daresay he would, but he is not on the list of voters. I have looked at the register to see, and find that his name is not there.

1594. Did you arrange with Long what you would pay him?—Yes.

1595. What did you pay him?—I paid him 8*l.* 10*s.*

1596. Did you pay that to him down on the nail?—I paid him before the nomination; I paid him in gold.

1597. You took care to give the money to him in gold?—I would have given it to him in a note if I had had it.

1598. Was it in half sovereigns?—No.

1599. You gave him 8*l.* 10*s.* in gold to find the men; did you go to the nomination?—I did.

1600. Did you see the good men and true whom Long had provided?—No. I should not have known them if I had seen them.

1601. Did you see Long?—No. I should think Long would know better than to go in there.

1602. Long, the gamekeeper, would preserve himself?—Yes; he was to mind the door and to see that the others got in.

1603. You paid him, you say, 8*l.* 10*s.* Did you take no steps to ascertain whether Long had done his duty or not?—I knew that he had done his duty by the result.

1604. Then he, having done his duty, you were satisfied?—I was quite satisfied.

1605. What he did was overwhelming, was it?—It was sufficient for the sheriff to declare the show of hands to be in favour of Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett.

1606. You do not know who the men were, do you?—No.

1607. Do you know Stanley?—A solicitor, do you mean?

1608. Yes.—Yes.

1609. I suppose that if you only had a majority the other side was pretty strongly represented?—Yes, I should say so. There was a succession of cries at the nomination, and, judging from the strength of the Tory cries, I should think that they had a very good number in the place.

1610. There was a little discordance?—Yes, there was a great deal.

1611. Did you see whether anybody was managing on the other side?—I only saw the gentleman you have alluded to, Mr. Stanley, come in.

1612. Was Mr. Stanley managing them?—I do not know whether he managed them or not. He came in with them. I never saw a gentleman in his position in the centre of a court before.

1613. He was acting as the general?—He came in as their general, and was protected by them.

1614. He had a very good place; he was not crowded so much as the others?—He had the best place among them.

1615. After the election did you see Long again?—I have seen him often since then.

1616. When did you see him last?—Perhaps a month ago.

1617. Was that in the city?—Yes, it was.

1618. Did you have any conversation with him then?—I had none whatever.

1619. Did you speak to him afterwards about what he had done?—No.

1620. You never spoke to him afterwards?—I do not think I have ever spoken to him about the matter since, or very vaguely if I did it at all. He did his work and the money was paid to him, and the matter was ended, and I have never said anything to him about it.

1621. You were active in the committee room for Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell?—I was.

1622. You were one of their agents?—I was the sub-agent.

1623. You and Mr. Daynes?—That is so.

1624. And I suppose you received remuneration for your trouble?—I did.

1625. Did you vote for Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell?—I voted for Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell.

1626. How long did you act before the election?—I acted for Sir William Russell from May 1868, when there was considerable agitation in the city as to who should be the candidates, and I had acted before for Russell and Warner.

1627. With regard to this sum of 8*l.* 10*s.*, who repaid you that?—I paid myself.

1628. Was that out of funds provided by Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell?—It was.

1629. Do you not know that the show of hands was secured on previous elections? Do you not know that money had been paid for it?—Yes, I know it well; it was always the case here.

1630. Mr. Stevens said something about there being 14*l.* 12*s.* due from you?—More than that is due from me. I have more than 50*l.* in hand.

1631. Striking out the 8*l.* 10*s.*?—No, not striking that out, charging it. For the purposes of the account, and for no other purpose, I was made a debtor for 600*l.*, 300*l.* from one side, and 300*l.* from the other. I did not pay the whole 600*l.*, but as there was a general sum some one must be debited with it and some one must be credited with the payments, and as I had begun to pay in my own money, Mr. Stevens and myself thought it convenient that I should be charged with the whole.

1632. You were debited with the 600*l.*?—I debited myself with it, but many of the sums have been paid by Mr. Stevens, but those which I paid were always paid in his presence, and were written down as I paid them.

1633. Then there is a balance still due and unsettled?—There is. You have seen that there was a sum of 529*l.* paid to employees, and that some other disbursements were made by me. The 50*l.* odd I have in hand will just pay the overdrawn account at the bankers, and that would have been paid before, but I think the account has only been made up within the last few days.

1634. Of those employees how many of them were voters in this city?—We endeavoured to select all we possibly could who were not voters, and many of them were very young men not on the list of voters, but there were some necessarily who were voters, perhaps 100 or 150. I am speaking entirely from surmise.

1635. Can you take off on those accounts who are voters in the city?—Yes, I could, a great many if I had the account before me.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

Saturday, 21st August 1869.

ORLANDO DENNIS RAY's examination resumed.

1636. You were associated with Mr. Daynes, the safe man, the discreet man?—I think he is both safe and discreet.

1637. And I suppose you were selected because you were also a safe man?—I do not know, I will not estimate my own qualities.

1638. If you were discreet you looked before you?—Certainly.

1639. You were not certain about the result of the election?—Nothing is certain until it is perfected; but I felt certain about it.

1640. We have been told by Mr. Coaks that at 12 o'clock it looked as if it might be anybody's election?—We had made a much better canvass than our opponents.

1641. But a better canvass does not always insure a successful result?—No, and it did not on this occasion.

1642. Any person who was discreet would foresee that there were possible contingencies which might arise?—I did foresee that; I knew that if the other side bought we should lose, I quite knew that.

1643. And I suppose you had made some reservation in your own mind as to what should be done in the event of there being an unforeseen accident?—No.

1644. None at all?—No, none whatever.

1645. Were you not discreet enough to consider what you should do in a certain event?—No; my discretion went the other way, I was discreet enough not to do it.

1646. You may have been discreet enough because

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you were safe ultimately of winning, but you could not be safe of winning in the early part of the day?—No.

1647. Then it might have been discreet to make provision against a sudden storm?—I made no provision at all.

1648. Although you did not make any provision, had you not considered what provision might be made?—I had not; I suppose when you speak of "making provision" you mean providing money.

1649. No; you knew, I suppose, that there was an "element" in the market?—There always is in Norwich, there are always a certain number of voters in Norwich to be bought.

1650. Was there a meeting the night before the election?—There were two.

1651. What I may call a provisional meeting?—No; there was no meeting of that kind, there was a meeting at St. Andrew's Hall, that was one, and there was a meeting at the Bazaar.

1652. That was a public meeting?—Yes, there was no private meeting for the purpose of funds.

1653. Was there not a meeting at a place called the "Crown and Angel"?—No, not that I know of.

1654. Was there any meeting at the "Crown and Angel"?—I do not know of any. Mr. Daynes can tell you, I was not present at one.

1655. Who is the landlord of the "Crown and Angel"?—Mrs. Daynes is the landlady of it, the mother of Mr. Daynes.

1656. Were you not present at any meeting, I will not call it a meeting, but an assembly of some of the party at the "Crown and Angel"?—I will answer you as well as I can charge my memory; it is now nine months ago. I parted with Mr. Daynes after we left the committee room about 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning on St. Andrew's Hall plain. I was with Mr. Stevens and Mr. Daynes, my colleagues, we did not go to the "Crown and Angel" at all.

1657. Were you at the "Crown and Angel" at all on that day?—Not at all on that day, so far as I know.

1658. Nor in the evening?—No; that was a very important moment just prior to the election; we were getting the cards ready for the clerks and assistants.

1659. But there was other work to be done besides getting cards ready and so on?—Yes.

1660. Was Mr. Daynes at the committee room that day?—Not all day; he moved about.

1661. He was a more active man than you, perhaps?—I do not know whether he was or not; it was his duty more than mine to see after our committee rooms.

1662. Did not you and Mr. Daynes and other persons talk over the business and consult as to what was best to be done the next day, the day before the election?—Yes.

1663. Like prudent men, you laid your plan of fighting?—Would it not have been extraordinary if if we had not talked about it? it was the thing that was uppermost in our minds.

1664. I suppose financial arrangements formed part of your consideration?—We were the persons who engaged and employed all the clerks and other employés, and it was my duty to look after them.

1665. I am speaking of discussions at that meeting?—There was no meeting at which there was any discussion.

1666.—Not the day before?—No.

1667. Was it not said that the other side might possibly buy votes?—Yes.

1668. Therefore there was some conversation between you upon that subject?—There is always a possibility of one side or the other buying votes at Norwich.

1669. Then that was talked about between you?—Yes.

1670. Was not something arranged with reference to that?—No, nothing was arranged except that we were pledged not to use those means, and we had an injunction from both candidates, who said that they would repudiate any act of the kind, not only *that* act, but any illegal act of any kind whatever, even the hiring of conveyances.

1671. There is, is there not, in Norwich what I may call a "market" for the commodity?—There is the commodity, and necessarily there is a market for it.

1672. Do you know the markets or places where the article is to be procured?—I should imagine it may be found in places where men of that class generally congregate, where they are doing nothing, that is, at public houses.

1673. And I suppose that certain public houses would be well known as being those places of resort which you may call the market?—I should not expect to find them at the "Royal" or at the "Norfolk," for instance, or at any one of those places; but I have known more of it since the election petition than I ever knew before.

1674. Had you been engaged in prior elections?—Yes.

1675. It had been an open market then, had it not?—It was well known that hundreds of people in Norwich take money for their votes.

1676. And that there were certain houses which had the reputation of being places where voters might be found?—I should say that it was rather the landlords of the houses, who had the reputation of assembling those men so that they could be got at *en masse* instead of *en detail*.

1677. Can you tell me the names of those houses?—I heard of the "Trumpet," and I heard Mackley's house spoken of. I do not know the names of them.

1678. Do you know the names of the landlords?—I do not know the name of the landlord of the "Trumpet." I heard those two houses mentioned, but there are hundreds of houses of that class. In Ber Street, in St. Stephen's, in the seventh ward, in St. James's, in St. Saviour's, in Barrack Street, and in all those parts of Norwich there are houses of that sort where men are to be found who are hanging about at an election.

1679. Special houses?—No.

1680. Are there not any special houses?—No, I know of none; the low class of public houses generally are the places where they are to be found.

1681. May I take it generally that in the low class of public houses in Norwich the "article" is to be found?—I do not wish to brand the whole of the Norwich public houses.

1682. I suppose you were pretty well acquainted with the results of the canvass?—Yes, I marked it off; my markings are in that book.

1683. Which was the most unsatisfactory ward according to your canvass?—The first ward. There is a large Tory majority in that ward. It was not unsatisfactory, because we always expected it; but that was the ward that went against our candidates the most.

1684. That would be a ward of such respectability, that you would not suspect that anything like bribery would be available there?—We had heard of some bribery being initiated there; the half sovereigns were used in that ward.

1685. I am speaking of those who were to be operated upon, not of the operators?—There are fewer in proportion of that class in that ward, I think.

1686. Which is the ward in which there are the greatest number of what I may term doubtful voters?—I think in the sixth and seventh wards.

1687. (*Mr. Biron.*) Is the eighth a bad ward?—Yes.

1688. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I am speaking now of the result of your canvass?—We had none marked of that class; we only had them marked as neuters.

1689. But according to your canvass you could tell to a very considerable extent in what ward there was a doubtful body?—Our canvass was not good enough for that, it was not such a canvass as we had made at former elections. At the election prior to that we

had made our canvass in such a way that within 100 the late Mr. Wilde and I could have foretold, and did in fact fortell, the result of the election ; but on the last occasion the number of voters on the list was more than doubled, and there were thousands who had never voted before.

1690. Was not your canvass more or less perfect in all the wards but one?—We had canvassing in all the wards.

1691. Was it more or less perfect in all the wards but one?—Which one do you mean.

1692. Was the one in which your canvass was imperfect the third?—That would necessarily be so, because there are four times as many voters in the third ward as there are in the first. I think that that ward now numbers 3,000 or 4,000 voters. If my memory serves me correctly there are 3,000 voters, nearly half of whom are new voters, and we could not find them ; they live in small tenements and go out to work, and could not be seen, all of them I should think, in three months ; and we had nothing to go by from their former voting. As to some we knew what their political bias was, and we marked them without asking them for their votes.

1693. Then there were a large number of other voters in that ward?—There was a large number in all the wards.

1694. The less perfect your canvass was, the less certain the result would be, you know?—Yes.

1695. That being so, was there no suggestion made as to how that could be counteracted in case of accidents?—There was no suggestion of that kind made at all. I do not wish to appear here more pure than other people, but I may say that we never contemplated defeat at all ; we had, all through, an idea that we should win by at least 2,000. We had been told that for months by an organisation of the working classes, who had said that they meant to carry their man in by thousands, and that they would take our man with them. We thought it impossible to lose.

1696. You had seen Mr. Coaks?—Yes, I had.

1697. And Mr. Coaks had told you, had he not, that the report of the working men's organisation was all nonsense?—No, I knew that before ; I did not want to be told, I knew it by the book ; but I did not know that the bias of those men was nonsense. I knew that the organisation, as an aid to the election, was nonsense. The men knew nothing about electioneering ; they pretended to mark the books, and they sent them back in a way that we knew must be wrong. That did not alter my view as to what would be the result. I thought we should win notwithstanding.

1698. You were in communication with Mr. Coaks?—Yes, daily.

1699. And he told you what the state of things was?—It was I who furnished him with the information.

1700. And he told you that what they said was unreliable?—I knew it without being told. Mr. Coaks did not require to tell me what I knew before ; it was I who furnished him with the information. I knew that our books showed nothing that was reliable with regard to the result of the election.

1701. You felt, as far as your experience went, and looking at the actual canvass, that there was nothing reliable?—I felt that we should win.

1702. Upon the actual canvass?—We should have won on the canvass. We had many more promises than we had voters against us.

1703. The doubtful were a very considerable body, were they not?—The two candidates or sides openly and avowedly on every occasion disclaimed all idea of bribery, and Sir Henry Stracey never made a speech in Norwich in which he did not say that if he could not win the election without bribery he would lose. If that was to be relied upon, I felt we were sure to win, and I did rely upon it in some measure.

1704. In some measure?—Yes, exactly.

1705. Although you could rely on Sir Henry Stracey, you knew that there were other people on whom you could not rely?—Yes.

1706. Knowing that, did it not occur to you that a difficulty might arise?—Yes, it did.

1707. And were you not prepared to meet that contingency as a discreet man would?—I was not; my discretion failed me there, perhaps. I made no preparation whatever.

1708. Nor thought of it?—Nor thought of it.

1709. You knew sufficiently of former elections to know that if votes were wanted they would be forthcoming, did you not?—I did not know where they were to come from.

1710. If money had been spent on former elections somebody must have found it?—Certainly.

1711. That being so you knew that there were some squeezable persons?—Certainly.

1712. And you knew that there were some squeezable persons in Norwich, did you not?—No ; I do not know who I should have squeezed it out of in Norwich if I had spent any money.

1713. It had been squeezed out of somebody before?—I do not know. I had not spent any.

1714. But you knew that it had been spent?—Yes, in Bury and Schneider election I knew it had been spent; but I had nothing to do with it.

1715. On both sides?—On our side I know there was money spent.

1716. There are persons, are there not, who would on an emergency provide funds in order that the election should not be lost?—I do not know those persons.

1717. But you know that there are such persons?—No, I do not.

1718. Did you believe that there were persons in Norwich who had provided funds before?—I believed that Mr. Schneider, the candidate, had provided funds before.

1719. Did you not know that there were other persons in Norwich interested in the election who would provide money on an emergency?—I do not know one person in Norwich to whom an application could be made to provide funds to buy an election.

1720. (*Mr. Biron.*) Of the Liberal party, you mean?—Yes. I do not know any.

1721. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you not believe that there were persons who would provide funds for this election, if necessary?—I did not.

1722. Is that your answer?—I have no wish to conceal anything, and if you will only put a name into my mouth, or suggest a name to me, I will say yes or no in a moment.

1723. Suppose you had found that the election could be made safe for 100*l.*?—If I found that it could be made safe for 100*l.*, or for 200*l.* or for 500*l.*, and I had felt that it would be consistent with my duty and my honour to spend it, I would have spent my own money and taken the chance of getting it back again.

1724. Then you would have acted on your own responsibility?—I would.

1725. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You stated that there was an unascertained number of voters in No. 3 ward—about 3,000—of whom nothing was known?—No ; I said that there were 3,000 voters altogether in the ward.

1726. A large number of whom were not known?—Who had never been voters before.

1727. And who had not promised?—We had not been able to see them.

1728. You anticipated that you would get at least half, if not more, of those persons?—We expected to get more than half.

1729. You mentioned to the Chief Commissioner just now that no arrangement had been made by you or your colleagues with regard to looking after voters at the time of the election ; did you take any steps, or were you prepared to take any steps, to watch what your opponents were doing?—No. We have sometimes in Norwich had a system of watching when we

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thought that that kind of thing was being done; but we did not make use of that this time.

1730. Did no messages come from time to time?—Yes.

1731. Suggesting that anything wrong was being done?—I was about all day in the different wards, and I was told, I do not know how many times, that money was being spent; and I was asked, "What are "we to do; are we to lose the election?"

1732. Did you see anything of the sort going on?—Do you mean in money?

1733. Yes.—No. I did not go into any of the houses that have been referred to. I only went into our committee rooms. I never went anywhere else.

1734. Was the name of any person mentioned to you as being engaged in putting money about on the part of your opponents?—I do not know that any names were mentioned specially. Names were spoken of generally, but people very often say things in the heat of an election which are not true, and therefore I took very little notice of what was said.

1735. (*Mr. Biron.*) One part of our duty is to ascertain whether these floating rumours were true or not.—I cannot charge my memory with the fact of any persons being accused. I have no person's name, and no number of names, in my mind just now that I heard spoken of on the day of the election as spending money. My business was to go from one committee room to another. I always went in a cab, and saw very little of anybody, except just about the door of our own rooms. When I had done my business in one committee room I left it and went to another; and that was my duty all day.

1736. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you hear any reports in your committee rooms as to what was going on?—I did.

1737. Will you state what those reports were?—I heard that a number of men had offered their votes in the seventh ward, I think at Mackley's. I heard of a lot of men being at Mackley's ready to vote if they were paid for voting.

1738. Who brought you that notice?—It came in, I think, with one of the special messengers who brought the return.

1739. Was it in writing?—No, those messages never go in writing.

1740. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time of the day was it?—Between 2 and 3. I heard it in the sixth ward at about 3 or a little after 3, because I know I went away from there to poll, and I see I polled at 20 minutes to 4. I heard that there were two houses not far from our committee room (I did not ask the names of them) where there were 40 or 50 in one, and 50 in another, ready to vote if they were paid for voting.

1741. What houses were those?—I cannot tell you. I remember one house was pointed out to me a little lower down Ber Street than our committee room on the other side; the committee room was at the "Greyhound." I should have no difficulty in getting the name of the house. I know the person who told me.

1742. (*Mr. Biron.*) Who told you?—I think Mr. Jeckel, of Ber Street.

1743. Did you hear any more reports of any other houses?—I heard reports all day, not only of money being spent, but of persons clustering together and wanting to be paid, but they were so numerous and we did not intend to make any use of them, that I took no notice of it.

1744. In fact you had no money to spend this time?—No, we were determined not to spend any money at all.

1745. And the result of the canvass was such, that in your opinion no money was required to be spent. You were ahead and certain to win?—Certainly, at 12 o'clock we had virtually won the election, and were 500 ahead.

1746. Mr. Stevens yesterday, in addition to the 8*l.* 10*s.* that you told us you paid to Mr. Long in gold, spoke of another sum of 14*l.* 16*s.*?—Yes, that was paid for a matter not connected with the nomination at all, but it went into that amount of 23*l.* 6*s.* I think it went all in one item to Mr. Stevens, and 5*l.* was paid to a man whose name I cannot remember, a man who lives at Cringleford. Mr. Daynes sent him to me, and there was 5*l.*, I think, for the hire of a conveyance to bring persons from Cringleford.

1747. The 9*l.* 16*s.* was paid on Mr. Daynes' voucher?—It was.

1748. On the day of the polling was there any meeting at all, or any consultation by the Liberals, when they found that the Conservatives were creeping up?—No, there was no special consultation, they met always where the central poll was kept.

1749. But they took no steps to counteract this influence which was at work?—No; I may say that if we had been disposed to do it, we should not have known what to do. We got into a mess about our poll about 10 o'clock, and never set it right all day.

1750. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were representing Sir William Russell?—Yes, but we acted jointly.

1751. But no man can serve exactly two masters?—I hope you do not mean by that to imply that I did not behave as well towards one candidate as I did towards the other.

1752. But there would be, no doubt, a predilection for one rather than for the other?—I should certainly say that if one of our two men had to lose, I should rather have seen Mr. Tillett lose, for whom I had been working only a short time, than Sir William Russell, for whom I had been working since May; but not one single act of mine, from the time of the coalition till the day of the polling, and until the polling had ceased, nor, so far as I know, any single act on the part of Mr. Tillett's supporters, was other than an honest and fair act to secure the return of the two candidates.

1753. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you visit ward 5 in the course of the day?—Yes.

1754. Joseph Allen is a Conservative?—He is.

1755. Did you see him about ward 5?—Yes.

1756. Did you see him at all about the committee room?—I did not see him conspicuously in that ward, but he is always busy at all elections.

1757. Did you see John Bignold in that ward at all?—I do not know.

1758. On that day?—I do not know.

1759. Do you know young Joseph Stanley?—Yes.

1760. He is an active man?—Yes, very.

1761. Did you see him about in the fifth ward?—I think he was more in the third ward. I saw him about all day.

1762. He was an active man, and was active about the city on that day?—He is the man who was spoken of by Mr. Chittock yesterday as one of their paid agents.

1763. But sometimes people do not do a great deal of work who receive payment at election times?—No, but I thought you might fancy that there were two Stanleys. I have brought back the list which you asked me to mark (*handing it to the Commissioners*). I said yesterday that I thought there might be 150 voters, whereas I see there are only 30. We employed the sons rather than the fathers. You will observe that they are all juniors.

1764. They are all sons of voters?—Yes.

1765. That is the way in which it was always done?—Yes, always.

1766. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) As to the show of hands, can you give us any further information as to how it was arranged, or anything of that kind than that which you have given already?—If you will allow me to tell the tale in my own way I will tell you how it is in my mind at this moment that that matter came up, and how we acted with regard to it. There was a meeting, which has been spoken of, or rather the persons were all in the committee room, and after the question of hiring cabs came up, naturally the next point was as to the show of hands, which is about the first affair in the fight of an election; and although it was not

arranged at that meeting, that is, not formally arranged, and there was no resolution that we should secure the show of hands, still I left under the impression, and I daresay other gentlemen were also under the impression, that we were to do something to secure it. I should have done that something without consulting anyone else, just as I should have undertaken that other expenditure that I have referred to, if I had thought I could do it legally and honestly; but hearing that I could have these 200 voters, or that there were a number of men who would come to the nomination for the love of their party, it was not necessary to hire any; but I think it is very likely that Mr. Coaks, on the one hand, may have thought that I did hire the men, whereas Mr. Stevens, who found the volunteers, would know, on the other hand, that they were not wanted, and were not hired. I know that from that day to this I have never mentioned the matter to Mr. Coaks, and I am equally sure that I have not mentioned it to Mr. Stevens, except as to the expenditure of 8*l.* 10*s.*, which is called in the account "keeping the peace." There was something came out which appeared rather like treachery on our part with reference to a verbal agreement not to spend money that was referred to by Mr. Chittock in his evidence. I knew from experience that any arrangement that we made with Mr. Chittock would be honourably carried out, but there was an outside element, the stone throwing element, which Mr. Chittock repudiated but could not control, and I therefore took upon myself, notwithstanding the verbal arrangement, to deal with and see the outside men.

1767. (*Mr. Biron.*) The fact was that you felt that Mr. Chittock could not keep his bargain if he made it?—He could not.

1768. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You have said that if it could be safely done, and if it was necessary to be done, you would have been prepared to spend your own money?—Yes; I meant by that that I should not have shrunk from the expenditure of 200*l.* or 300*l.* for the purpose of the election without going to anybody and saying "If I spend this money you will "give it me back again," for I have never met with anything but honour from the gentlemen for whom I have acted, and I am sure that any expenditure I made, if it was a proper expenditure, they would repay me at once.

1769. Had you made any provision for such a contingency?—I had made no provision whatever; I had not 20*l.* in my possession on the election day in any sort of money. I must have gone to a bank and cashed my cheque if I had wanted money.

1770. Your credit is good, and the money would have been forthcoming for a cheque would it not?—At the bank.

1771. Can you tell me whether you had provided that there should be a good balance at the bank?—I had made no special provision; I had no other than the ordinary current account, the ordinary banking account which I have in my business; I keep more than one account. There was no extra sum paid in to meet any contingency; there was no sum provided with reference to the election.

1772. There was a good sum at your bankers, was there not?—Well, I could have overdrawn my account a thousand pounds if I wanted it, I dare say, and therefore it does not matter what there was there. I do not think they would have sent back my cheque for 1,000*l.*

1773. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) There was a credit as well as the half sovereigns?—I had nothing to do with the half sovereigns. I may say that we were not pure because we wanted the money, but we were pure because our principles were pure, and our determination was to be pure, and we adhered to it.

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1774. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are a voter in this city?—Yes.

1775. Did you take an active interest in the last election?—Yes, a little.

1776. More than a little, did you not?—No, because I was out of town before the election.

1777. Did you not take an active interest in it?—I did.

1778. You acted, I suppose, with a number of other gentlemen?—Yes.

1779. Who were they principally?—There was Mr. Steward, a tailor, of the first ward, Dr. Allen, Mr. Mitchell, and the two Taylors.

1780. In addition to those gentlemen were there also a number of gentlemen, who, if I may so term it, constituted the body who promoted the election of Sir Henry Stracey, a general body?—There were a great many attended the room, but they were the parties I was principally with.

1781. What room are you speaking of?—We had a room at the "Queen's Hotel," at the corner of Queen Street.

1782. You found yourself pressed in the middle of the day of the election, did you not?—I went out to get canvassers up, so that I knew nothing about how the books were kept.

1783. You knew that you were "in difficulties" about the middle of the day?—I was told we were behind.

1784. That is being in difficulties at an election, is it not?—Well, I do not know.

1785. You knew that?—Yes, I was told so.

1786. And the other men of your party also knew it?—Yes.

1787. And you were all anxious about it, were you not?—Yes.

1788. In consequence of that did you have a meeting?—No, I did not. I was busy getting up voters. I was present at no meeting on that day.

1789. Did you not have a meeting of your party in the middle of that day?—I was not present at it.

1790. There was a meeting was there?—That I do not know; there might be.

1791. You told me that you were not present at the meeting, which implied that there was a meeting; was there not a meeting?—We went up into the room as we liked during the day, but there was no special meeting.

1792. But there was, if I may so term it, an accidental meeting, or a number of persons congregated together from accidental causes during the day?—I was not present at it; if there was it was not to my knowledge.

1793. Was there no part of the day during which there were a number of persons present at the same time, and did you not consult together?—No.

1794. Did you have no consultation among yourselves?—I was not present at any consultation.

1795. And no discussion?—And no discussion.

1796. Pray be careful.—I do not mind telling you how I was engaged all that day.

1797. Did you not say, just before the inquiry that took place before Mr. Baron Martin, that you were present at a private meeting of the Conservatives on the day of the election; be careful how you answer that question; do cast back your memory and consider?—I shall not hesitate to answer any questions you may put to me.

1798. Did you not say that you were present at a private meeting of the Conservatives on the election day. I do not put those to you as being the precise words used, but is not that the substance of what you said?—I do not recollect saying it, and certainly I was not present at one.

1799. Now I will add something which perhaps will refresh your memory; did you not say that you were present at a meeting of the Conservatives on the election day, or at a meeting of the Conservatives, I will not say on the election day, the proceedings

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of which nothing on earth should induce you to divulge; now recollect and be careful how you answer that question?—No; I do not recollect being present at any such meeting.

1800. Did you not utter words to that effect?—I do not recollect it.

1801. Might you have said that?—Well, I do not think I could. I will not swear I did not; but I do not believe I did.

1802. But still you might have said it?—I do not think I did.

1803. Now reflect.—I say I was not present at any meeting where anything passed that I should be ashamed or afraid to divulge. I was not present at any meeting about which there need be the slightest secrecy; our meetings were too numerous for anything of that sort.

1804. I want to know whether you ever uttered those words, or words to that effect?—Well, I do not recollect it.

1805. Do you mean to say that you never uttered those words?—I have no recollection of having done so.

1806. But only consider.—There was no necessity to say so. It is not that I am fencing at all with your question. I assert that I was present at no meeting as to which I need make such a remark, and further, I do not believe that I did make such a remark.

1807. It is an extraordinary thing to me that there should not be something a little more than belief, if that is the case. Will you undertake to say that you did not make that remark, or that you did not use words to that effect?—I have no recollection of having used those words or of having occasion to use them.

1808. Were there not, whether accidentally or otherwise, a number of Conservatives who did have a talk together in the middle of the election day?—No; I do not recollect being present at any meeting of the Conservatives in the middle of the day.

1809. I will not say Conservatives, but was there not a number of men who were together, I will not say at a meeting, but men who had a discussion respecting the difficulties in which you were in the middle of the day?—I was not present at such a meeting.

1810. I do not put it as a meeting; do you mean to say that you were not present and had a discussion amongst some of your friends who were interested in the cause in the middle of the election day?—I do not recollect any such meeting at all.

1811. It is impossible for you not to recollect it if it occurred.—Time will prove, before you finish the inquiry here, whether I am stating the truth or not.

1812. Do you mean to say that you did not discuss with your friends the unsatisfactory state in which you found matters about 12 o'clock?—No, I do not think I should do so, because it was rather satisfactory than otherwise. I thought we should be more behind.

1813. You told me just now that you found you were behind about 12 o'clock, and that is not a satisfactory state of things, you know. I asked you about being in difficulties, and you admitted that you were in difficulties about 12 o'clock. Now, being in difficulties at 12 o'clock, do you mean to say that you did not talk the matter over with your friends?—No, not at any sort of meeting.

1814. The term "meeting" is a term which I expressly avoid using; my question is, did you talk the matter over with your friends?—Casually I might.

1815. Did you not casually talk it over with your friends?—I daresay I did.

1816. Casually you did?—Yes.

1817. If you casually talked it over and discussed it you must have discussed it for some purpose?—I was present at no meeting whatever where any improper propositions were made.

1818. That is not what I am asking you at all. I am not asking you as to any meeting; I am asking you whether you had not a discussion with your friends respecting the difficulties in which you were about 12 o'clock?—Only accidentally, when I met them.

1819. You had an accidental discussion with your friends. Now then, I will ask you who were the friends with whom you had an accidental discussion?—You will not find me mixed up with it; it is utterly impossible for you to get anything when there is nothing to get.

1820. You tell me that you had a discussion, and I ask you with whom, and when I ask you with whom you had a discussion you take a long time to consider.—I did not expect that I should be called upon to give an account of it, and I did not make any record as to those people.

1821. The object of our inquiry is to ascertain something which people are attempting to conceal, and get at it we must at any cost of labour or trouble. It is a public duty which we must do, and do it we will.—But I was not so mixed up with electioneering matters as to be able to give you an account of everything.

1822. You have said that you had a discussion with your friends, and I ask you who your friends were?—I have given you the names of Mr. Allen and Mr. Steward.

1823. Who else?—I really cannot recollect.

1824. You must know who you were acting with on that day. I am sure you do, you cannot forget it?—I have given you the names before of the parties with whom I was acting.

1825. You had a discussion with them?—They were not all present at the time. I might meet them and speak to them occasionally.

1826. I am speaking now of the friends with whom you discussed; you have admitted that you had a discussion, who were the persons with whom you discussed this matter?—Well, I really have given you the best answer I can; it was only casual conversation, we did not discuss anything.

1827. Then with whom had you the casual conversation?—I have given you the names of the parties.

1828. Where was it?—Well, I should say at our Conservative room, when we met there.

1829. In Queen Street?—Yes, I believe so.

1830. Who began the discussion?—I have told you that it was merely accidental. I cannot say who began it. I met them in the room; it was quite accidental.

1831. We have heard of things being called accidental which were done on purpose. We are now speaking of this very accidental conversation; who began it?—I have given you the best answer I can, that it was merely casual. We had no concerted meeting.

1832. Somebody must have begun it, you know?—There was no regular discussion.

1833. Who began the conversation?—It was merely casual, when we met each other. I do not know how to explain myself further; there was no such meeting as you hint at.

1834. My question is, who began the conversation?—I cannot say. I have said that we merely spoke to each other as we went into the room.

1835. When you got into the room, tell me what took place?—I have said that it was merely casual. I must suggest to you that we do not recollect all our casual remarks, nor can we.

1836. But I must refresh your memory. What were Dr. Allen's remarks?—I should say that I did not speak to him above half a dozen words on that day, though I met him in the room. When I say I did not speak half a dozen words to him, I mean I did not speak to him half a dozen times. It was merely casual.

1837. We have heard the word "casual" so often

that I am quite tired of it. Tell me what this conversation was, and who began it?—I cannot recollect what the conversation might be. What I remarked was, that we could not account for the Whigs putting up a majority of 566 and the Conservatives of 240. I do not recollect any other discussion.

1838. You have said that you were in difficulties, and you knew you were in difficulties. Do you mean to say that, meeting those gentlemen there, you did not condole with them on the difficulties into which you had got?—No.

1839. I am trying to bring back your recollection.—If there is nothing to recollect you cannot bring it back.

1840. You had a common interest, and you met in that committee room, which was dedicated to the purposes of the election. Now do you mean to say that when you met in that committee room those difficulties were not the subject of your conversation?—I had no special conversation about it.

1841. Do you mean that your difficulties were not the subject of conversation?—I daresay they were; what else should we meet for?

1842. Then your difficulties were the subject of conversation?—I suppose so; yes, I daresay they were.

1843. Of course they were.—But I have told you already that we had no discussion, and therefore I cannot tell you, if we had no discussion, what was said.

1844. I do not speak about a discussion, but you say you were in difficulties; you were on the spot where those difficulties would naturally be the subject of conversation; what did you go there for but to discuss?—I went there to see if there were any people who had not voted and who were to be looked after.

1845. But you would not find them in the committee room?—No; but we marked them off and should see who had and who had not voted.

1846. You met the other gentlemen interested with yourself at that spot; do you mean to say that you did not talk to them about your difficulties?—I cannot give you any other answer than I have already given. I had much less to do with this election than people think, and therefore you cannot get anything out where there is nothing to get out.

1847. Surely it is a simple question, which you may answer aye or no, whether you did not talk about those difficulties?—I say we probably did.

1848. Do you not know that you did?—I say probably we did

1849. I will take it that you probably did; now then, what did you say?—I really cannot give you an answer to that question. I had so little to do with the election. You may disbelieve me if you like, but there are other persons to be examined, and you will be able to judge when you have heard their evidence whether I am telling you the truth or not.

1850. Tell me what was said by the others?—I do not know what answer to give you further than I have given.

1851. What did Dr. Allen, for instance, think about it?—He said he was going to look after certain people who had not voted; that is all.

1852. And who it was difficult to get up to poll?—No; there was nothing said about that. I do not recollect that.

1853. Persons who wanted persuading to go up to the poll?—Well, we had no means of persuading them. I suppose that would be the meaning of it.

1854. And you understood that to be the meaning of it?—I suppose I should.

1855. Did he not say where they were?—No; they were at various parts of the ward.

1856. In which ward?—No. 1 ward.

1857–8. Is that the only ward that he spoke of, in which there were people who wanted persuading to go to the poll?—We worked in wards.

1859. No doubt you work in wards, but if he could not get a voter to go up whether in one ward or another Dr. Allen would go and get him when you were in difficulties, would he not?—Yes.

1860. Did he happen to say in what ward the people wanted persuasion?—No; we were to go down a certain street and call on those who had not voted.

1861. Did he say it would be necessary to "pre-" scribe" anything for them?—No, certainly not.

1862. Did he not say that they were a little indisposed to vote?—I do not recollect such a remark.

1863. But did he say that they wanted a little persuasion of the right sort?—No.

1864. Do you mean to tell us that he did not say they wanted a deal of persuasion?—We had nothing to persuade with. I have stated before that I was not cognisant of anything of that sort in the ward, and I cannot say what I do not know.

1865. I do not suppose for an instant that you were cognisant of anything of the sort, but I am asking you about what Dr. Allen stated about these people who wanted persuasion; did he not say that they wanted a little persuasion of the right sort?—No, I do not recollect any such remark.

1866. He said that they wanted persuasion?—He said we must go and look after them.

1867. But you have told us that he said they wanted persuasion?—I will not say that those were the exact words he used.

1868. But you understood from what he said that they wanted persuasion?—Yes.

1869. Did he mention any names?—No.

1870. Did he mention the number?—He might mention the names. We take it in streets. We look through the register and see who have voted and who have not, and then we go into a certain street and see after those who have not voted.

1871. You were to go and get up the voters?—Yes.

1872. And what he said was with a view to your going and getting voters. I am speaking of Dr. Allen; he travels all over the city, does he not?—In his profession he does.

1873. He said to you, "Go and get up these voters"?—Merely as I have said before. We went through the streets to see those who had not voted.

1874. And he pointed out to you the voters it was necessary for you to get up. Did he also say that there were certain persons who wanted persuasion?—I will not say that he used those words.

1875. Did he not suggest that it would be necessary to go to them and to use a little persuasion?—It was no use his recommending that, because we had not anything to give.

1876. The Doctor has plenty to give, has he not?—Not that I am aware of.

1877. The Doctor is a prosperous man, is he not?—I believe so.

1878. And a thorough-going politician?—Yes, a very good one.

1879. He is none of your half and half men?—No.

1880. There are no half and half measures with the Doctor?—No.

1881. And he was the man who went to the people, was he not, to persuade them?—Well, I daresay he was; but Mr. Allen and myself are not exactly good friends. He is high church, and I am low, and therefore we do not work together very well.

1882. Although he is high church and you are low, yet you are both good Conservatives?—Yes, we are.

1883. You are hand and glove as far as Conservatism goes?—We are.

1884. And you acted cordially together?—Yes, we did.

1885. And the Doctor said that he had a number of persons who wanted persuasion?—He did not say that; he pointed out the streets in which we should go and look after them. We mutually went through

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the register of the parish, and saw who had not voted, and then went to look after them.

1886. You would not say that anything that was said then was a matter which "nothing would induce you to reveal;" there would be nothing in that?—I do not believe that I ever made use of that expression.

1887. But you are not certain that you did not. You had this conversation about persons requiring persuasion with Dr. Allen?—No, I have said generally, not specially, we went through the account of those that were not marked off, and those were the people we discussed; there was no special discussion on any particular voter.

1888. Dr. Allen had to persuade them?—That is not my word; that is not a word that I used.

1889. But that was what you understood. Though he did not use the word you understood that the Doctor had to "persuade" them. Do you know where the Doctor went to persuade them. This was about 12 o'clock, you know?—I made use of a word just now that you would not accept, and perhaps you will think that I am telling you a story. I told you it was all "casual," and now you are fixing me to 12 o'clock. He may most likely bring his book and say he was visiting his patients at 12 o'clock, and I do respectfully ask you not to press me as to the hour. I have used the word "casual," and must be allowed to adhere to it. It was during some portion of the day; I cannot say the hour.

1890. But there was a particular time at which he said there were a certain number of persons that it was necessary to persuade. Do you know where the Doctor went to persuade those people?—No, I do not.

1891. Have you not heard?—Only what I have read in the newspaper.

1892. Have you seen the Doctor since?—No, and if you will allow me I will tell you the reason why. We merely bow to each other; we are not personal friends.

1893. You met the next day at the committee room, did you not?—No, we met shortly after at our ward meeting, the first Tuesday in the month.

1894. But surely after the election you would talk over the matter. You were talking to each other and congratulating each other on having won the election. Do you not know where the Doctor went to persuade?—No, I do not.

1895. But he went out to persuade?—We did not go together; he went one way and I another.

1896. You went into your ward. Did you go to get voters up?—Yes.

1897. Where did you go to get voters up?—To various parts in my parish and the adjoining parish.

1898. That is a large term in this city?—Tombland, St. Michael-at-Plea, and St. Peter's, Hungate; those would be the places I should especially visit.

1899. Is there any particularly low locality in your ward?—I suppose St. Michael-at-Plea would have the largest proportion of the working classes.

1900. Did you go there?—Not on the day of the election. I do not recollect going there.

1901. Did not you go there to get up voters?—No.

1902. Who got up the voters in that part to which you have alluded?—I suppose the committee.

1903. Whose department was it to go to that particular part that you have mentioned as the lowest locality?—I suppose it would be the Taylors who would go there; it is where they reside.

1904. And you arranged that they should go there. Dr. Allen was talking with you and the Taylors, was he not?—I do not think that we all four went together.

1905. Did not the Doctor talk with the Taylors?—I did not see him talking with the Taylors.

1906. Who was with you besides when that conversation took place about the Doctor persuading?—I cannot recollect. I did not say about the Doctor persuading.

1907. I mean when something was said which you understood as the Doctor persuading?—Each took a certain part to look after.

1908. Whose part was that to which you allude as being the lowest part?—I do not know that I should pay much attention to that part, for that was not in my division.

1909. But you would know whose part it was?—I suppose the two Taylors.

1910. Did not Dr. Allen also go?—Not that I am aware of; that would not be his district.

1911. What would be Dr. Allen's proper district?—The same as mine.

1912. You both went into your districts?—Yes, we both went because there are a good many streets and a good many yards. We could not work the whole.

1913. You went about your part, did you?—Yes.

1914. You do not know where the Doctor went?—No, I do not.

1915. You would not be surprised to find him down in another ward, should you?—No, I should not.

1916. When you went, in which direction did Dr. Allen go?—I do not know; he would leave the room, and I should not exactly know where he went to.

1917. You did not see him afterwards that day?—I saw him several times during the day.

1918. You have spoken about a conversation which occurred at the time when you found yourself in difficulties?—I said I never had any except casually. You must take that answer if you please.

1919. You have said you know that you were in difficulties and that you had a conversation about it; pray recollect.—You must, with due respect, take the assurance I have given you that I did not go very deep into politics this time.

1920. We only want to ascertain what you did?—I will tell you all I did as far as I can.

1921. You were taking an active interest in the election; you were going out to get up the people. You would not do that at the close of the poll, you know, after 4 o'clock?—No, that would be of no use.

1922. Then this must have been some considerable time before the close of the poll?—Yes.

1923. Do you recollect the last time you saw the Doctor in the committee room that day?—No, I cannot say at what time I saw him there.

1924. Did you see him in the committee room at all after the conversation about the persuasion?—Well, I think I saw him accidentally, but I did not speak to him.

1925. Upon seeing him accidentally again, did the Doctor tell you that he had been using persuasion?—No, we did not speak to each other.

1926. You had no conversation with him?—No, I had no conversation with him then at all.

1927. Was he talking to anybody?—No, he was walking along the street. He was walking on one side of the street and I was walking on the other.

1928. I asked you whether you saw him in the committee room on that day?—I said I saw him again casually.

1929. Both casually and accidentally, did you not again see Dr. Allen in the committee room that day?—Not until the election was over.

1930–2. It is not a very big room, I suppose?—Yes, it is a largish room.

1933. You congratulated the Doctor after the event upon the result, did you not?—Well, I do not know that we specially spoke to each other.

1934. Not specially, but casually; did you not say, "Well, this is a glorious result," or something like that?—Yes, I daresay I did.

1935. Did not the Doctor say, "Yes, I made it all right"?—No, I never heard him use such an expression.

1936. Did he not say "We have done the trick"?—No.

1937. You knew that the Doctor managed the

finances, did you not?—No, I did not know that we had any finances to manage.

1938. Who did manage them?—I was told that we had no finances.

1939. But you did not believe it?—Yes I did.

1940. Do you believe it now?—Well, I did at the time.

1941. But you do not believe it now, do you?—Well, I suppose the result of the petition shows that there was something of that sort.

1942. If anybody did manage the financial arrangements it was the Doctor, was it not?—I cannot say. I do not know.

1943. But "casually and accidentally" do you not conjecture? You may consider that I put that into every question I ask you. Did you not think that he was managing the matter financially?—No, I did not.

1944. The Doctor had managed other elections, had he not, you knew that?—Well; yes; I had known that.

1945. Financially?—Not that I am aware of.

1946. What do you mean? Come; "casually and "accidentally"?—I have no means of knowing. I do not know that he had anything to do financially with the election.

1947. But do you not believe that he did manage former elections?—I know he had charge of one.

1948. Financially?—No; I did not know that there were any finances.

1949. You had nothing to do with them?—I had nothing to do with finances.

1950. If the Doctor did not who did; because somebody must have managed financially?—I think it will save you a great deal of trouble if I say this: I once met an honest Whig in our city, and he said to me "Look here; I daresay you and I have never "bribed, but all we do is we go canvassing, and then "we find out who wants a bribe, but we always keep "ourselves from knowing anything about bribery."

1951. Did you canvass?—Yes.

1952. Had you a book?—Yes, part of the time; but I had to leave Norwich and did not go on with it.

1953. But you kept it as long as you canvassed?—I had a book of my own.

1954. What did you do with that book?—I gave it in to the manager of the committee.

1955. The central committee?—No, the ward committee.

1956. I suppose that, as a man of business, you regularly posted your book according to your canvass?—I have told you that I was only engaged a few days before the election and I had to provide myself with a book, and afterwards another book was bound up and my book was marked.

1957. As long as you used your book you posted it up regularly?—Yes.

1958. Who was your ward manager?—Mr. Page.

1959. Do you recollect whether he was present at the conversation when the Doctor said "they will "want persuasion"?—I should not think he was.

1960. Was a person named Gilman there?—Yes.

1961-2. What was he?—He was along with Mr. Page.

1963. Was he present when the Doctor talked about persuasion?—No, I should say not, because there were two rooms, there was a large room and an inner room, and this conversation would take place in the larger room, what I may call the public room. I do not recollect any conversation in the inner room.

1964. Were Gilman and Page marking the poll together?—Yes.

1965. At the time when you were having the conversation?—They would be in the inner room and I in the outer room; they would take the result and I should look down the register, and they would keep the sum of the register; the totals were sent into them.

1966. The totals would not indicate unless they were marked off whom you were to take up?—No; the cards are brought in and then they are marked off on these public sheets, and then they are sent in to the inner room and they record the number of votes on the card.

1967. I may have occasion to ask you some question by and bye in the course of this inquiry, and I think it would be desirable for you to refresh your memory?—You have not asked me about certain matters, but I do not mind volunteering them, because I have nothing to keep secret.

1968. It is a singular thing that you should have said that there was something which "nothing on "earth would induce you to divulge"?—I do not recollect using such an expression.

1969. A man does not recollect sometimes that he has done imprudent things, but perhaps you will try and refresh your memory, and consider what could possibly have induced you to make use of such an expression. Do you know of anything else that could have induced you to use such language as that which I have put to you?—No, I do not; but I wish now to state that I was the means of bringing up some voters out of the seventh ward. You may think that I am concealing if I do not tell you that now, and though you have not asked me about it I wish to tell you everything I did. There was a person met me who said that there were some voters in the seventh ward, and would I go down to see them.

1970. Was that at a place called the "Marquis of Granby"?—No, not at all.

1971. The "Marquis of Granby" is in the seventh ward?—The seventh ward is a large ward.

1972. Where was this place?—This was out at Magdalen Gates. I went to a public house there called the "Elm" I think. I was never there before that time; he said there were some voters there, and would I go to them. I went, and when I got there I found that there were none, they were all gone, but he picked up some on the road. How he induced them to vote I do not know.

1973. Who was that?—The person who keeps the inn.

1974. What is his name?—I do not know his name.

1975. He picked up some people on the road?—Yes, he did.

1976. Casually and accidentally?—I believe so, perfectly.

1977. Did you hear how he persuaded them to vote?—No, I did not.

1978. Was the persuasion only "casual and accidental"?—If there was any I knew of none.

1979. What time of the day was this?—Just about the last hour.

1980. Where did you pick them up?—I think one was picked up in Magdalen Street.

1981. Do you know his name?—No.

1982. In what part of Magdalen Street?—That I cannot say.

1983. Did he pick him up in the open street or where?—In the open street.

1984. How did he pick him up?—He saw him in the open street, and asked him to get into the cab.

1985. He went up to him?—Yes.

1986. Where were you?—In the cab.

1987. How long was the parley in the street?—I do not know, it might be a few minutes.

1988. Were you looking at them all the time?—No, I was inside the cab.

1989. I suppose the fly had windows?—Yes, but if you were leaning back you would not see much.

1990. You sat back in the fly?—Yes.

1991. You did not sit with the blinds down?—No.

1992. But you took care to sit back, did you?—It was the easiest way.

1993. And more convenient, perhaps?—No, I do not know anything about it being more convenient.

THIRD DAY.

A. C. Woodrow.

21 Aug. 1869.

1994. "Casually and accidentally" he persuaded that man to get into the cab, did he?—Yes.

1995. How did he persuade him to do so?—I do not know.

1996. Did he not tell you?—No.

1997. Did not you ask him?—No.

1998. Did you think it wise not to ask him?—Well, I do not know that I thought a bit about it.

1999. You say that he persuaded another man?—Yes.

2000. Where was that?—I think somewhere near St. James' Church.

2001. "The nearer the Church, the further," &c., you know?—I do not know about that.

2002. Was it in the house?—You see I was leaning back in the cab, and could not tell where he got him from.

2003. How long did he take to persuade him?—A very little time.

2004. How came you to go?—Because I met him and he asked me to go.

2005. Where did you meet him?—I met him in the central rooms in St. Peter's.

2006. Who was with him?—He was by himself.

2007. You know he is a man you did not know; did he come up and say, "Mr. Woodrow come down "with me into No. 7 ward"?—No, he said he wanted some one to go with him into the seventh ward.

2008. Quite casually and accidentally?—As regards myself it was so.

2009. Was he afraid of going by himself?—He said there were some voters there who could be had for a shilling or two shillings' worth of beer. I have volunteered this statement, and therefore I hope you will see that I am not fencing with your questions.

2010. You were bound to tell us this?—I have done so.

2011. This man you casually and accidentally met, and you were told that there were some men to be got for a shilling or so's worth of beer, and you consented to go?—I did not know who he was; I took him down to the seventh ward to know whether I ought to go with him.

2012. To know whether he was a reliable man or not?—That I do not know.

2013. Why did you not go at once with him, as you did afterwards?—I went to make inquiries about him.

2014. You found that he was a man who could get a voter or two who would vote for a shilling or two's worth of beer?—No, I was told not to go.

2015. But still you went?—I did.

2016. You went for the purpose of inquiring whether you should go or not, and being told not to go you went?—Yes.

2017. Did he pick up any more than two voters?—Not that I am aware of.

2018. Did they get inside the fly or did they ride on the box?—They got inside.

2019. The fly was full then?—Yes.

2020. It would only hold four. How many were on the box?—There were two on the box.

2021. There was one and the driver, I suppose?—Yes, and the other was a lad whom the driver picked up to give him a ride.

2022. You went down and got these men, and got them for a shilling's worth of beer?—No, they were all gone, there was no one there.

2023. But these two men that you picked up were picked up for a shilling or two?—I do not know that.

2024. You went down there for the purpose of picking them up for a shilling's worth or two of beer. Do you mean to say that you do not know that these men were got for a shilling or two's worth of beer; did you give the money for the beer?—There was no promise made of beer.

2025. Of course not, but did you give any money?—Yes, I gave some money.

2026. What money did you give?—We had left half-a-crown at his own public house for beer.

2027. For these men?—No, those men were not there; they were all non-voters.

2028. Then you left half-a-crown for beer at his house?—Yes.

2029. No men were in the house?—So I was told.

2030. I suppose you did not drink half-a-crown's worth of beer?—No, that half-a-crown was left for the good of the house.

2031. Was that after or before you picked up the two men?—Before we picked up the two men.

2032. Then, if I understand, you went down thinking there were a number of men in the house?—Yes.

2033. (*Mr. Biron.*) You got those two men pretty cheap; that is what it comes to?—But they did not come from that house; they were picked up in the street.

2034. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Can you give us the names of either of those men?—No.

2035. You would know them again I suppose?—No, that I should not, the cab was full and we were all in a hurry.

2036. There were four of you in the cab?—I do not know whether there were not five; it was a complete squeeze.

2037. Are you sure that there was not another man that you accidentally and casually met?—He was not a voter.

2038. There was a man on the box?—The cab driver was on the box.

2039. You know you were squeezed in the fly, was there not a third voter. You have told me that there were five in the fly?—Yes, but they were not voters; there was only one voter at a time; out of those five there would be only one voter.

2040. There were two voters picked up on the road?—Yes, at different times.

2041. You told me you could not see because you were sitting back?—In the fly.

2042. Sitting back, you did not like to see what was done. On which side did he get out, on the same side as that on which he went to the man?—They passed through this fly in an extraordinary manner, in at one side and out at the other, till I got quite tired.

2043. There were so many of them?—There were only two voters.

2044. You say they were passing through so rapidly that you got tired?—People were running in and out of the fly. I do not know what for.

2045. Did the fly casually and accidentally (I must qualify it in that way) run to the poll?—Yes.

2046. And I suppose that the persons who were so brought casually and accidentally in the fly went up to the poll and polled?—Yes.

2047. (*Mr. Biron.*) What were their names?—I cannot tell.

2048. You saw them poll?—I did.

2049. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many times did you go up and down?—We only polled two voters.

2050. Did you go up and down more than twice?—We met the first man in Magdalen Street, I think, and he went and tried to vote first in Peacock Street; that was full, and we could not vote him there. Then we tried a little further down, and we could not vote him there. Then we got him to Magdalen Street, and when we got him there we found he belonged to the first ward.

2051. I do not quite understand at the present moment how it was about those men who were passing in and out of the cab so frequently and so rapidly. Who were those people?—I do not know, but if you call the man at the "Elm" tavern he will tell you.

2052. Where did they go and what became of them?—I really do not know.

2053. You say you gave half-a-crown; what other money did you part with?—I gave the man that voted in Magdalen Street a shilling after he had voted.

2054. But you saw that he polled before you gave him the shilling?—Well, I was told that he had.

2055. Do you know who he was?—No.

2056. You polled the other man?—Yes.

2057. What did you give him?—I do not know that he got anything.

2058. But do you not recollect that he did get something?—No, I cannot recollect.

2059. It is a very singular thing if there was only one, or was it that you paid so many that you forget how much money you parted with?—I do not even know that I paid the last one.

2060. Will you undertake to say that you did not pay the second man a shilling?—No, I will not undertake to say that; I cannot say.

2061. How many other men were there that you gave a shilling to?—I do not know that I did give the second. Whether I did the other I cannot say.

2062. You say that you went down twice, and you do not know how many times more you went down. How came you to go down three or four times?—I told you that there was such a crowd at the polling places that we could not get him voted. There were three polling places we had to go to, and then we found he was in the first ward, so I had to take him up there.

2063. Did you not bring some other men and drop them at the polling place as you passed towards the No. 1 ward, because you know they were passing in and out of the fly so rapidly. Were not those persons who got in persons who were dropped at the polling places which you passed, and you took these men on to the first polling place, which was a long way out? You say they passed in and out of the cab very quickly?—Yes, they did.

2064. Did they not pass in and out so quickly that you took them up to one polling place, dropped them at that polling place, and went on until you got to another?—No, I have told you the fact.

2065. Was it only these two? Did you not give more than half-a-crown?—Well, I spent another half-a-crown at that public house at St. James'.

2066. What public house is that?—Somewhere near St. James'.

2067. But you know St. James' is a large place?—But I told you it was near the Church.

2068. But you said the other public house?—I went near two public houses.

2069. In St. James', near the Church?—Yes.

2070. Was one the "Queen's Head"?—I do not know the signs.

2071. Do you know the name of the landlord?—No.

2072. You went there?—Yes.

2073. Was it the "Ship and Jolly Hatters," because I should think you would not forget that sign?—There were two there, and I cannot tell whether it was the first or the second.

2074. Do you know the landlord?—No, I did not see the landlord.

2075. Did you see the landlady?—Outside the door.

2076. What sort of a person was she—a stout person?—Yes, a stout person.

2077. What did you give her?—Half-a-crown.

2078. How came you to give half-a-crown to that landlady?—Because she said she had had a lot of people, and they were all gone up to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

2079. What I understand is, that she had sent up a lot of persons to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and wanted half-a-crown?—No, she did not want it, I volunteered it.

2080. How came you to give half-a-crown to a mere volunteer upon a statement of that kind? Had you any money provided for the purpose?—No, it was my own money.

2081. I suppose you had made up your mind to spend a certain amount?—No, I had not.

2082. Had you got a certain number down on your list?—No.

2083. (*Mr. Biron.*) How many publicans did you leave these half-crowns with?—Only two.

2084. To look after some voters?—Yes.

2085. To persuade them to go up to the poll?—I suppose so.

2086. But you went for an object, was it not to persuade them to go up to the poll?—Yes, of course it was.

2087. You would have been unnecessary unless it was for certain purposes?—Yes.

2088. You went down to provide the means?—No.

2089. You had got the means?—No, I had not.

2090. What money had you in your pocket?—I had half a sovereign and eighteen pence.

2091. Then if you got it changed you had 7*s.* 6*d.* out of the half sovereign?—Yes, I had.

2092. Where did the half sovereign come from?—Out of my own pocket.

2093. But how did it get there?—It was my own money.

2094. Did it come from Harvey's bank?—I cannot tell where it came from, but it was my own money.

2095. You went there to persuade these people to vote; was that in consequence of your conversation with Dr. Allen about its being necessary to persuade the people to vote?—No, Dr. Allen had nothing to do with that at all.

2096. It was after that conversation with Dr. Allen?—Yes, it was the last hour.

2097. You thought it was a good prescription of Dr. Allen's?—Oh no.

2098. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) After you had done this, did you report it to anybody? Did you tell anybody how many voters you had taken up?—No.

2099. No one at all?—No one at all.

2100. Have you not told anybody to this day?—No.

2101. You never told anybody until to-day that you had been successful in getting these two voters up?—No.

2102. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you ever mention it until to-day?—I may have casually mentioned it.

2103. Just tell me what it was that Allen said on that afternoon?—I do not recollect any conversation specially with Mr. Allen.

2104. But he said something or other, I suppose?—Yes.

2105. What was it? Can you not tell?—I cannot tell.

2106. The next morning, what was it?—I do not know that I saw him the next morning.

2107. But after you knew you had won the election you saw him?—Yes.

2108. What was it he said then?—I do not know that we had any conversation, except simply that it was a jolly good thing to have won the election.

2109. Did he not say how you had won it?—No.

2110. Did he not say what he had done towards it?—No.

2111. Just think for a moment; you know you said something about it?—Have I not already told you that Mr. Allen and myself row together generally in politics, but we are not very intimate.

2112. But you had a conversation that afternoon with him?—It was merely an expression of general satisfaction at the result.

2113. Did he not say anything about the way the result had been arrived at?—No.

THIRD DAY.

S. Daynes.

21 Aug. 1869.

SAMUEL DAYNES sworn and examined.

2114. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a printer.

2115. I believe you have taken an active part in the electioneering matters of this city for some years past?—In some of the elections.

2116. What was the first election that you took an active part in?—For that I think I must go back as far as the year 1832.

2117. But more recently than that. Take the 1857 election; did you take part in that?—No.

2118. The 1859 election?—Yes, I had something to do with that; but the first election that I had really any official connexion with would be that of 1865.

2119. On that occasion had you the financial management of it?—Not in any way.

2120. You knew nothing about the money arrangements?—Nothing whatever.

2121. In 1868 you, I believe, were joint manager with Mr. Ray?—I was.

2122. In 1865 Wilde was alone, was he not?—Yes.

2123. In 1868 you and Ray were joint managers for Sir William Russell under Mr. Coaks?—We were.

2124. Had you anything to do with the money matters, or were they left to Mr. Ray?—Entirely to Mr. Ray, so far as Sir William Russell was concerned.

2125. And for Mr. Tillett did you interfere at all in the money matters?—Not in any way.

2126. That was left to Mr. Stevens?—Mr. Stevens and Mr. Ray dealt with the money matters. I was present on several occasions when the accounts were gone through; but, so far as regarded the dealing with the money, I had no dealings with that either on one side or the other.

2127. You, I suppose, examined the canvass and the results of it from time to time?—Well, my connexion with the joint election commenced, I think, about the 3rd or 4th of November. I had occasion to leave Norwich some three or four days afterwards, and was absent nearly a week. On my return on the Friday evening preceding the election I of course commenced an inquiry as to how matters had progressed during my absence, and how they then stood; and I continued that course down to the end of the election.

2128. Were you present on the evening of the Saturday when Mr. Coaks was in the central committee room?—I was in the central committee room many times on the Saturday.

2129. Were you there when the question about securing the show of hands was gone into?—Yes, but I think that was in the afternoon.

2130. I think the gentlemen who have been called substantially agree about that?—It is extremely difficult when you meet many times in the course of the same day to fix any particular transaction at a particular time.

2131. It was understood by all of you that the show of hands was to be secured for the Liberals?—I heard a conversation respecting the show of hands, but I may say that I attach very little value to the show of hands, and I have expressed that on many occasions. However, such a conversation did take place, and the impression on my mind was that it was the general desire to acquire that kind of *prestige* which the obtaining of the show of hands is supposed to give.

2132. In point of fact you assented to its being done?—I do not know that I volunteered an opinion about it.

2133. You thought it a small matter?—A very small matter.

2134. Did you on the Saturday go into the result of the canvass?—Not completely so; I partially looked at the canvass on the Saturday, but more minutely on the Monday evening.

2135. What was your opinion of the result of the canvass?—It seemed to me to be a very worthless canvass; in fact, it could not be called a canvass to be relied upon.

2136. Did you go into it at all with Mr. Coaks?—Mr. Coaks was present, but I think, so far as his personal examination of the canvass was concerned, it was with Mr. William Wilde, as far as I remember.

2137. Was the result of your examination that you thought the Liberals would not be able to carry both seats?—My opinion upon my return from the investigation which I made of the canvass on the Saturday and Monday was shaken very materially. Previously to that time I felt full confidence in the result of the coalition; that though we could not carry all parties with us that would settle the election; but that opinion was materially altered by the imperfect condition of the canvass and the results as displayed by the canvass.

2138. Did you think that night that you would win or not; what was your judgment upon it?—It was extremely difficult to form a judgment, and for this reason, that although in the eyes of the public, perhaps, we professed to be a united party, yet that was not the actual state of the case. Speaking now of Sir William Russell's section, we could not by possibility tell how many of Mr. Tillett's more ardent supporters would refuse to support Sir William Russell.

2139. You could not, in fact, tell how many of Tillett's supporters would go with you?—We could not tell at all what course events might take.

2140. Did you and Mr. Coaks agree upon that?—I believe we did agree, we thought it was a very hazardous matter.

2141. Now to go to the Tuesday, you polled up very well the first hour?—Not so well as we had been accustomed to.

2142. But still both the Liberal candidates had a considerable majority?—An error occurred with regard to keeping the poll in one of our wards, which prevents my speaking with certainty of the condition of the poll, except as we gathered it from the returns of our opponents.

2143. Some mistake occurred which left you in doubt as to the truth of your figures?—Quite so.

2144. But still with all that, you at the committee room knew that you were ahead?—The greatest certainty that I personally have of the matter would be as to the condition of the poll about a quarter to 12.

2145. At a quarter to 12 had you a substantial majority?—I should say that Sir William Russell at that time would be 420 or 430 ahead of Sir Henry Stracey, and Mr. Tillett would at the same time be about 390.

2146. Taking them in round numbers at that time, did you think that the election was pretty safe for both candidates?—I did at that time, in fact I felt sure that unless means were resorted to that we clearly should not have recourse to, we had won the election.

2147. That you had won both seats?—Certainly.

2148. Was there any discussion in the central committee room about the state of the election shortly after 12, or thereabouts in the day?—No; not at that time in my hearing.

2149. When did the first reports come in that at all alarmed you?—I should say we were not disturbed about the result of the election until 2 o'clock.

2150. About 2 o'clock did reports come in that money was going about?—Yes, there had been reports about that time which we had endeavoured to test, because we all know that at elections there are parties who will spread these reports for the purpose of inducing those who have the conduct of the election to have recourse to certain means which these men like to indulge in.

2151. When those reports came, did you have any consultation?—We never during the whole day had what I should call a consultation; people would gather together, but there were not many admitted into the central committee room.

2152. But those who were there would naturally speak about what was going on?—They would.

2153. What was said about anything being done?—These reports came and were tested from time to time.

2154. Did you go out into the wards to try if you could see what was going on?—I did.

2155. Did Ray go on the same errand?—I think not, Mr. Stevens went with me. Mr. Ray had been with me during the day, but the first occasion that Mr. Ray and myself went out together was when we went to every ward in order to ascertain the then state of the poll in consequence of the rumour to which I previously referred.

2156. You then came back with the result which you think is a tolerably correct result at 12 o'clock?—At 12 o'clock, whatever variations might have occurred, would be the time occupied in going from one ward to the other; but that would be the substantial result beyond all question.

2157. Besides yourself did any of the other gentlemen at the central committee room leave to go to the wards and make inquiries after the reports had come in that bribery had been going on?—I believe that would be principally confined to Mr. Ray, Mr. Stevens, and myself.

2158. Womersley came in with a report, did he not?—I saw Mr. Womersley both in the committee room and out of it in the course of the day.

2159. I am speaking about 12 or 1 o'clock.—I think it was much later than that. I think the first time I saw Mr. Womersley that day to remember him was about 1 o'clock, and that was down in Pockthorpe.

2160. I want to call your attention to a time when Womersley came and said that some men were being bought?—I should think that was past 2.

2161. Womersley is a great Tillettite, is he not?—Not in the early part of the election; in the matter of fixing the candidates Mr. Womersley was supposed to favour Sir William Russell.

2162. But towards the end he became a warm supporter of Tillett, did he not?—Yes, I think that was so; but I believe we had his name as belonging to our section in the early part of the time.

2163. You have told me that you found that as matters went on he was hotter for Tillett than for Sir William Russell?—No, I have never said that, nor do I think so; I think that Mr. Womersley simply fell in with the subsequent arrangement of the party.

2164. You do not think he was going for one more than for the other?—I think Mr. Womersley acted as a decided party man for both the Liberal candidates.

2165. You remember his coming in with a report, and you say it was about 2 o'clock?—I think it was.

2166. What was that report?—That was a report which was a repetition of a former report which I had satisfied my mind in the first instance was incorrect, and I went down again with Mr. Stevens to test it.

2167-9. Where to?—To Pockthorpe; that was the place where it was stated that bribery had been commenced, and that a number of men were waiting at several public houses in order to be bribed.

2170. Did you see Womersley there?—I saw him there on the first occasion when I went down there. I may say that up to that time I had no particular knowledge of Mr. Womersley; I knew him by name exceedingly well, but in fact so little did I know of him that I asked Mr. Stevens who he was; there were other gentlemen I knew very well. I think I saw Mr. Harper there, Mr. Smith, the chemist, and two or three others, who alluded to this report that the Stracey party were about bribing. Upon that Mr. Stevens and myself had some conversation, and we mutually agreed without the slightest hesitation that if the Stracey party chose to take that course we must submit to the results, without following them.

2171. Your opinion was that if the money was forthcoming the election was gone so far as one of the Liberal candidates was concerned?—Decidedly.

2172. Where was this?—In the street, near the "Marquis of Granby."

2173. Was the "Marquis of Granby" one of the houses you referred to?—Where we were told these men were to be found.

2174. Were any other houses named?—There might be, but I do not remember them, nor did I go to any others.

2175. There are two or three houses in that district?—Oh yes, there are a number of houses about Pockthorpe.

2176. Is that one of your low neighbourhoods?—Yes.

2177. Did you yourself see any men hanging about those houses?—No. On that occasion Mackley, who is a well-known man, and who is the landlord of this house, was not at home, nor were there any persons there at that time.

2178. Did you see any of the Conservatives on that occasion about the "Marquis of Granby"?—No, I did not, in fact there was no one about the place except ourselves. I am speaking of the first visit; that would be early in the day, about half-past 12, or it might be near 1.

2179. I will pass that first occasion and go to the time when you saw Womersley there?—That was the first occasion.

2180. Did you not see him on the second occasion when you went with Stevens?—No.

2181. Who did you see there on the second occasion?—I saw the landlord of the house, Mackley, and he, in a very mysterious way, asked Mr. Stevens and myself to go into the nine-pin ground, as he had some communication to make; we went into the nine-pin ground, which is at the rear of the house, and he then said he could get a certain number of voters for a certain amount of money.

2182. Do you remember how many voters he said?—I think he said 20 or 30, and he believed he could get them for from 10*s.* to 1*l.* apiece, as far as I remember.

2183. Did he say where they were?—He said he knew where to find them.

2184. What did you infer from that, that they were in his house or close at hand?—That they were either at his house or somewhere in the neighbourhood where he could easily find them, but as we did not intend to buy we simply amused him.

2185. Did you go into any of the rooms at his house to see if men were there?—There is a bar in the front part of the house; we passed through that bar into the yard, and from thence to this skittle ground, and we returned in the same way.

2186. Did you see any men about?—There were a few men in front of his bar, some ten or a dozen, perhaps; whether they were voters or not I do not know. There was one man recognised me, as they do at election times, in a very friendly way; he said, "I am one of the right sort." I said "Yes, I suppose "you are; have you voted?" and he said "Yes."

2187. Did you see any of the active Conservative voters there?—None.

2188. How long did you stay there?—So long as it took us to go to this skittle alley, where we might remain some three or four minutes, I should think; from the time we drove up to the place to the time of our getting out it would be a long time to say it was a quarter of an hour. I do not think it would be so long.

2189. Then did you go back to the central committee room?—Yes, as quickly as possible.

2190. What did you do with yourself for the rest of the day?—We remained in the central committee room until reports reached us which quite confirmed what was going on, and then I went up to the sixth ward and I saw then—

2191. About the fifth ward first, what did you hear about that?—I saw but very little of the fifth ward.

2192. Were reports brought to the committee room about it?—Yes, I understood that at a house called the "Trumpet" there was a very large assemblage of

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Stracey's people, and that they were buying votes there.

2193. Passing along the street that day, did you see any fellows hanging about ?—I saw a crowd round the "Trumpet."

2194. You passed by the "Trumpet" ?—I did when I went to the third ward, and in fact many times visited every ward in the city.

2195. You are an old election hand, and understand this place perfectly. Did you observe men hanging about waiting for what they could get ?—No doubt that was so.

2196. In considerable numbers ?—Well, I should say in the third ward I observed the largest number. There is a plain very near the polling place; whether they were drawn there by curiosity I cannot tell, some might be drawn there by curiosity, but no doubt a large number were there as you say.

2197. To vote if they could get money ?—Yes.

2198. Did anyone make any offer to you to vote ?—No.

2199. You were in a fly of some sort ?—We had a fly or an open carriage just as it might happen.

2200. Now when you found that the Conservatives were coming up so fast did you take no steps at your committee room to get voters ?—The only steps taken, and the only steps that could be taken at this time, which would be something like a quarter past 3 o'clock, would be a step to encourage those who were employed to vote, that is to say, that voters who had been employed on our side with the understanding that they should not vote should be asked to vote. We were very anxious to keep within the law; Mr. Stevens, Mr. Ray, and myself had many anxious consultations as to how we were to keep entirely within the new law.

2201. Then do I understand that you had absolutely determined in no event to violate that law ?—Most decidedly, as far as I am personally concerned, I should not have consented to it.

2202. Supposing Russell had been behind ?—I should not then. My opinions were so fixed that it would be an imprudent step, to say the least of it, acting under the new law, without any decisions upon that law, without having any guide whatever as to what view might be taken of certain acts, it was our business, as the assistants of the manager of the election, to conduct it within the law, if we possibly could.

2203. You determined, win or lose, to fight the battle as one of purity ?—Most unquestionably.

2204. You were about the city, you say, during the course of that day ?—Yes, from before the opening of the poll in the morning. I live some distance from the city, and I came to Norwich about half-past 7.

2205. Did you spend any of your own money that day, I mean any trifling sums ?—Not a farthing; I never parted with a single coin until after the poll was closed, and that was to lend Mr. Coaks sixpence to purchase a newspaper.

2206. Then you were not tempted to give half-a-crown, or anything of that sort ?—Not a farthing.

2207. Before the coalition, had you been appointed to act for Sir William Russell ?—The original understanding, or at least the talk with Mr. Coaks, who in reality represented Sir William Russell, was that Mr. Ray and myself should be the agents for Sir William Russell.

2208. You convey to me the impression, I do not know whether it is correct or not, that there was no final arrangement made as to your acting for Sir William Russell alone ?—No; it seemed to be Mr. Coaks' wish that we should be considered as the actual agents, but he subsequently altered his mind, and himself became the unpaid agent, and wished us to act as joint managers of the election.

2209. That was not until the coalition ?—I could hardly fix that with certainty.

2210. There or thereabouts ?—I believe it was about that time.

2211. What did you do as joint managers; did you assist in appointing ward managers ?—Well, those matters were mainly arranged by Mr. Coaks himself, with regard to the ward managers, but there were a large number of other persons to appoint, who were appointed jointly.

2212. You did not take it upon yourself to appoint anybody other than the gentlemen whose names we have had furnished by Mr. Ray and Mr. Coaks ?—I appointed no person except in connexion with Messrs. Ray and Stevens, speaking now apart from the ward managers. The ward managers for Mr. Tillett were appointed without consultation with us, and I may say the ward managers on our side were appointed by Mr. Coaks.

2213. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You acted entirely in the first instance as the representative of Sir William Russell ?—Entirely so.

2214. Then came the coalition, and then you acted for both ?—Yes, to a certain extent, but there always seemed to be a distinction between them.

2215. But, in fact, you were still the representative of Sir William Russell, and ultimately you were paid by him ?—Certainly.

2216. Other persons represented Mr. Tillett up to and after the time of the coalition, did they not ?—Yes.

2217. Distinct from yourself ?—Quite so.

2218. Before the coalition had you felt pretty sure about Sir William Russell's election ?—It was very difficult to speculate as to what would be the result.

2219. You were in doubt, were you ?—We were in doubt as to who, in fact, would be our candidates.

2220. But I mean after Sir William Russell started; he had been your representative before ?—There is rather a long history attached to that starting.

2221. But after Sir William started did you remain in doubt up to the time of the coalition as to success ?—Previous to the coalition it was extremely difficult and it would have been unwise to form an opinion, because we could not tell who we should have to oppose us; we could not tell whether we should have two Conservative candidates, or whether Mr. Tillett might not select a colleague, when we should have had to fight a sort of triangular duel.

2222. When the coalition was formed were you pretty certain as to Sir William's success ?—When the coalition was formed, from what I knew as to the state of the other side, I thought our victory was complete. After the union of the parties, although a certain number of what are called the "high Whigs" in this city refused to be parties to the coalition, I felt that the success of both the Liberal candidates was certain.

2223. You thought both would be successful ?—At that time; I am speaking immediately on the coalition being effected.

2224. Mr. Coaks has told us that about 12 o'clock it was anybody's election ?—Twelve o'clock on the day of the election ?

2225. Yes.—I considered at 12 o'clock, with a majority of 400, it was clearly the election of Russell and Tillett if the other party abstained from bribery.

2226. How did you get at that, because the canvass would not give it to you, and the numbers polling had not given it to you ?—Mr. Ray and myself, with the utmost speed, when we found the state of the poll, paid a visit to every ward in this city, and obtained the accurate state of the poll up to the moment that we were in the committee room. That gave us, as I said previously, more than 400 majority for Sir William Russell, and very nearly 400 majority for Mr. Tillett; and we felt that with that state of things at 12 o'clock, having regard to the number of votes then polled, it was utterly impossible that Sir Henry Stracey could beat down that majority without having recourse to unfair means.

2227. There were ample voters left behind to do it ?—There were plenty of voters left behind, but from our experience of previous elections, although I admit that with the great addition to the constituency we should have to modify our opinion to a certain extent, still I repeat it now, that my opinion at 12 o'clock on that day was that with 400 majority, unless

bribery was had recourse to by the other side, we must win.

2228. There was ample time for any number of men to vote?—Yes.

2229. And your canvass had given you no information?—The canvass was no canvass at all.

2230. Then there being an ample margin of voters, and those voters being, at any rate as regards a great number of them, entirely unknown to you as to their quality, because they were new men, how could you feel certain that with only 400 majority at that time you would succeed?—I could see no reason why the same rate of polling should not continue on both sides if we both used the same weapons. I could see no reason why the superiority that had gone on from 11 to 12 should not continue from 12 to 1. So far as I knew of the city I could discover no reason for arriving at any other conclusion.

2231. There was eventually a considerable majority for Sir Henry Stracey?—Certainly.

2232. You spoke about going down to the "Marquis of Granby," and you said you went down there for the first time about 12 o'clock, I think?—Between 12 and 1. It is very difficult indeed to fix the time exactly.

2233. You found nothing going on then?—Nothing. My impression then was, and still remains, that no bribery had been practised up to that time.

2234. Are you quite clear as to when you met Mr. Womersley down there? Did you not meet him there the second time of your going down?—I think not. I am disposed to be confident in my memory, and I fix it that the first time I went to the "Marquis of Granby" was the first time I saw Mr. Womersley.

2235. But did you not see him when you went down there the second time?—In my opinion I did not.

2236. Because Mr. Stevens has told us it was the second time. I will call your attention to a circumstance relating to it. Had you not seen Mr. Womersley in the room in the interval, and had he not told Mr. Coaks in your presence that they were bribing down at the "Marquis of Granby," and did you not go down in consequence of that information?—Some one undoubtedly said that, and it might have been Mr. Womersley. You will be aware that in the course of the day there would be a great deal of conversation with a great number of persons.

2237. It may have entirely passed from your memory?—It may be so.

2238. Therefore I only call these facts to your memory to see whether you do not recollect that it was upon the second occasion that you saw Mr. Womersley?—I feel quite confident that it was on the first occasion.

2239. Were there many men down at the "Marquis of Granby" the second time you went there?—No, I think there could not have been more than some 14 or 15, that I saw.

2240. Where were they—in the bar, or where?—So far as I remember of the house, and I have never gone beyond the front part of the house except on one occasion previously, and that is some years ago, in connexion with some local election, I saw some persons in the back kitchen, but it was only a casual glance in passing from the skittle alley to the front part of the house, but it did not strike me as a crowd of persons, or anything of the kind.

2241. The landlord having made this communication to you, in going out did you take more particular notice whether they were there?—No, it really in no way interested me, because I knew perfectly well that we should not buy them.

2242. You had been told that they were buying them on the other side?—Yes.

2243. And you were told that they could be bought by your side?—Yes.

2244. Therefore one would have thought that you would have looked out to see what they were and who they were, and something about them?—I hardly required to be told they could be bought, because I knew that was perfectly certain; if they had told me so a week before I should have believed that.

2245. Is the vendible commodity so common in this city that you would have no doubt?—My opinion is, that at Norwich, as at every other place where the means are taken to buy votes, they can be purchased.

2246. Was the first report that you thought to be unfounded about 12 o'clock?—Between 12 and 1; it must have been nearly 1 o'clock, I think.

2247. What was the time that you went down into the city?—It must have been very nearly 2 or shortly after 2 o'clock.

2248. Did you go down at all in the interval between those times?—No.

2249. Did you go down later in the day?—I went down but twice that day.

2250. Now did you hear that there was bribery in any other ward besides that?—I did.

2251. Where was that?—I was in the eighth ward about 12 o'clock, and then rumours reached me at the committee room that certain parties were operating at a house which I think is called the "Woolpack."

2252. Who were the parties said to be operating?—Mr. Hardiment was mentioned to me as being one of the most conspicuous and active men in that ward.

2253. Was he mentioned as being engaged in bribery then?—He was.

2254. Did you go down again?—On the occasion of that visit I went down to ascertain the state of the poll in that district.

2255. Did you also go down to see whether there was any bribery going on?—That was the first time I had it reported to me that bribery had been commenced, and I did not believe it.

2256. Did you find anything of that sort going on at that time?—I did not.

2257. Was that report repeated?—Yes.

2258. Did you go down a second time?—No, the advice I gave (and I believe others did the same) to those parties who brought these reports was, that as we did not intend to buy votes, all we could advise them to do, in the interest of our party, was to watch those men who they suspected of bribing on the other side, to hang upon their skirts as much as possible, and to impede their operations.

2259. Can you tell me what time of the day it was that you heard the second report about Hardiment?—I think it must have been 3 o'clock.

2260. Did you hear any such reports with regard to the other wards?—The "Trumpet" was mentioned on two or three occasions at the committee room, but we gave the general advice which I have just stated.

2261. Do you recollect any other ward?—No, I do not.

2262. Did you yourself go to any other ward to see whether bribery was going on?—No, I did not.

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2263. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A solicitor.

2264. You were one of the managers in this election?—One of the ward managers.

2265. Of which ward?—The fifth ward.

2266. Where were your head quarters?—At the "Crown and Angel."

2267. Can you give us the names of the persons who were acting with you on the committee?—We had no committee.

2268. Who were the people acting with you?—Well, I acted very much on my own responsibility; I asked two or three to assist me. I can give you the names of those if you like.

2269. Yes, if you please.—Mr. Hall was one, Mr. Edward Bennett was one, Mr. Aldis was another,

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there was a Mr. Betts, who assisted somewhat, and a Mr. Grimshaw, I think.

2270. Were they there throughout the day of the election?—No, they were out and in.

2271. Getting up voters for you?—Yes.

2272. In cabs?—No, we had no cabs. Mr. Hall used his own carriage.

2273. Who did the canvassing in that ward?—I did some of it myself, Mr. Aldis did some, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Hall.

2274. Does the result of your canvass appear in a book?—Yes, I think it does.

2275. Did it appear afterwards that the persons who promised you their votes all voted for you?—In almost all the instances those who had promised did.

2276. Was there a large number of doubtful men in that ward?—I found that there were many hanging back.

2277. Did any of them make any proposal?—Not to me.

2278. Do you know of any suggestion being made on their behalf?—Not by any person with me. I formed the impression that some one on the other side had been canvassing, and I found that there had been some inducement held out to them to withhold their promises, that was my experience.

2279. Did you find out the name of any person by whom such inducement had been offered?—No, I did not; I can only give you my impression from some of the parties on the other side whom I saw canvassing.

2280. Perhaps you had better give us the names of those parties?—The first party I saw canvassing for the Conservatives were Mr. Fisher, a grocer in St. Stephen's, Mr. William Norgate, a wine merchant in St. Stephen's, Mr. Stockings, a chemist, and I think Mr. Watson, the son of Mr. Watson the solicitor.

2281. Did you see them canvassing on the day of the election?—No; I saw them on the day of the election, but not canvassing.

2282. Did you see them do anything on the day of the election?—I saw them very active on the day of the election.

2283. Did you see any one of them taking anybody to the poll on the day of the election?—I cannot say that I did, I had not an opportunity of doing so, only casually.

2284. Did you see any of them go to the public houses?—No; I myself was mostly occupied within on that day; I was out very little and had not an opportunity of going about. My duties were to superintend the election, and I kept to my own department.

2285. Were any reports brought to you of the operations of the Conservative party?—Yes, there were.

2286. At what time?—About half-past 1 or 2 o'clock.

2287. What report was brought to you then?—Well, I may say that before I heard the report, I observed that the Conservatives were getting certain votes which I thought looked suspicious. I saw that from the cards which were brought in from the polling places, and at the same time I observed a great activity in the street outside, as if some spurt was about being put on to bring up the numbers, and immediately upon that the Conservatives went on at a pace.

2288. What report was brought to you?—A general report that there were some monies being spent.

2289. Was any name mentioned?—No.

2290. Were any names mentioned as being active?—No, not any.

2291. Did you see anyone in the street that you knew?—I saw the gentlemen whom I have mentioned to you very active indeed, more active than they had been previously.

2292. Just at the time when the polling for the Conservatives was becoming quicker?—Yes.

2293. You saw each of those gentlemen you have named so employed?—Yes.

2294. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You said that you entered the result of your canvass in a book?—Yes; I may have done so to some extent, but I should think the parties who were with me might probably have done it.

2295. However, there was a book in which the result of your joint canvass was entered?—Certainly.

2296. Can you tell me where that book is?—I believe it was sent to the central committee room; I should imagine that you have it.

2297. Did you send it to the central committee room?—I should think I ordered it to be sent; I have no doubt I did.

2298. What became of the contents of your committee room?—They were all sent to the central committee room in a bundle, papers and everything that was used.

2299. You have not seen them since?—No.

2300. (*Mr. Biron.*) You said that you observed by the return as it came in that certain men had voted, and that that roused your suspicions?—It did.

2301. Were they men that you had canvassed or that you knew had been canvassed?—No; I should think not.

2302. Then when you said that your suspicions were aroused by seeing that they had voted, were they men you knew as being likely to take bribes?—I did not know it of my own knowledge, but I had heard so.

2303. They were men that you had heard of?—Just so.

2304. Could you, taking the poll book, put a mark against them or any of them; I do not want you to mention them here?—I should think I could; I can give you a list of the names that voted after 2 o'clock.

2305. That you suspected?—I cannot quite say that, but I can give you a list for your guidance.

2306. We do not require more than that; perhaps you will give that to the Secretary at your convenience?—I shall be very happy, as far as I can.

2307. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of your own knowledge of any money being spent improperly during the election?—Certainly not.

2308. Of course you were pretty well known as being an active supporter of Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett?—Yes, I was.

2309. When you were travelling along the streets did any men speak to you and offer to vote for a consideration?—No; I was not out of the house on the day of the election for more than half an hour.

2310. What time was that at which you were out?—Early in the morning I visited each of the compartments, to see the check card writers were doing their duty, once or twice in the day, and between 3 and 4 I went out to ask one or two persons to come and vote.

2311. You did not meet any bodies of men who came and offered to vote?—No, we had no bodies of men.

2312. No party came to you as representing a body of men, or anything of that kind?—No, nothing of the kind.

2313. Was no overture of any kind made to you for the sale of votes?—No.

2314. You, I think, have been engaged in other elections, have you not?—Oh, yes.

2315. There has been corruption upon those occasions?—Yes, I believe so.

2316. Do you know whether that has been done by way of gangs represented by one man, or whether it has been done merely individually, if I may so term it?—I should say it has been done individually, but I have no personal knowledge of the matter at all.

2317. Not personal knowledge, do not assume that I impute that to you; but from your general knowledge of Norwich should you say it was done individually or in bodies?—From what I have heard I should say that the last election was the first time that numbers met together in gangs.

ROBERT SAMUEL WALTER LONG sworn and examined.

2318. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you a gamekeeper?—Yes.

2319. In whose employment?—Mr. Osborn Springfield's.

2320. Do you live in this city?—Yes.

2321. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

2322. Where did you vote?—I think it is the seventh ward.

2323. I presume you voted for Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett?—Yes.

2324. Do you remember seeing Mr. Ray a day or so before the nomination?—Yes.

2325. He gave you, I believe, 8*l.* 10*s.*?—No.

2326. What was it that he gave you?—Not a farthing.

2327. Do you know Mr. Ray?—Yes.

2328. Perfectly well?—Quite well.

2329. Did not you see him at all on the Saturday?—Yes.

2330. The Saturday before the nomination?—Yes.

2331. Did you have any conversation with him about the show of hands?—Yes.

2332. Did he ask you to do anything for him with regard to the show of hands?—Yes.

2333. To get some men together?—Yes.

2334. Some of your watchers?—Different men. He cautioned me not to get men who had a vote.

2335. He wanted good broad-shouldered fellows, I suppose?—Men with decent voices, at any rate.

2336. Did he say what he was going to pay you for doing it?—I was to have been paid. I was paid, but not by him.

2337. Who paid you?—A man of the name of Barnes.

2338. What did he pay you?—It was 3*l.* or 4*l.*, I don't know which; but I could swear it was not more than 4*l.*

2339. Who is Barnes?—He used to be a baker, or something of that sort. I don't know what he is now.

2340. Was he present when Ray was talking to you about this show of hands?—No.

2341. When did Barnes pay you the 4*l.*?—I think on the Saturday night previous to the nomination.

2342. Where did he pay you?—I met him, I think, in St. Stephen's Street.

2343. Did he say anything to you when he gave it to you?—Yes, he told me what it was for.

2344. What did he say?—"You can get what men "you can;" and he said, "Keep back 10*s.* out of the "3*l.*," or 4*l.*, whichever it was, "for yourself," or something like that. What he gave me did not exceed 4*l.*

2345. Had you seen Barnes about it before?—No.

2346. He came up to you in the street?—No, I met him in the street.

2347. Was no reference made to Ray?—Oh, yes; they had been talking the matter over.

2348. Did you ask Barnes for the money?—That I forget. I know he gave me the money. Whether I asked him or not I don't know; I think it is very likely that I did.

2349. How came you to speak to Barnes about it at all?—I suppose Mr. Ray had had some previous conversation with him about it.

2350. Did Barnes come up to you?—No, I was walking in St. Stephen's, and I met Barnes.

2351. Then what passed?—He said, said he, "You "are engaged to get some men?" I said "Yes." He said, "I have got some money for you," and he paid me the money.

2352. Are you clear that he only paid you 4*l.*?—I am certain it did not exceed that. I don't know whether it was more than 3*l.*, but I am quite positive it was not more than 4*l.*

2353. You know Mr. Ray was examined here last night?—I heard of it, but I have not seen Mr. Ray since.

2354. He said, "Having made an arrangement with "Long I paid him 8*l.* 10*s.*"—Mr. Ray has made a mistake.

2355. Out of the 4*l.* or whatever it was, you kept the 10*s.* for yourself, I presume?—I do not think I did. I think I exhausted pretty well the whole of that.

2356. Whom did you get?—I had a list at the time. I didn't think there was no harm in it; it was a customary thing.

2357. You got these men together. How many were there?—I don't remember now exactly.

2358. About?—I should think about 30, or perhaps a little more.

2359. Were any of them voters?—No, I think not. I put the question to every one of them.

2360. Who were they? Can you tell me the names?—I really cannot tell you. You know the nature of a city like this, and a lot of poor fellows out of work.

2361. You can tell me the names of some of them?—One I remember of the name of Bunn.

2362. Where does he live?—In St. Martin's.

2363. Who else?—I really cannot remember.

2364. I daresay you may not call them all to mind at once, but consider?—I daresay I could soon ascertain who they were. I daresay I could find several others.

2365. You went to a certain number for the purpose?—They were about the streets.

2366. You can remember those for the most part?—I could find out some of them, but I did not think there was any harm in it.

2367. It is not a question of harm at all; we want their names?—I particularly put the question to every one of them if they were voters, and I said if they were voters I could not give them a job.

2368. You seem to be afraid of getting them into some harm if you tell their names. You need not fear anything of the sort?—I don't remember their names.

2369. If you say now that you do not recollect them I must take that answer for the present; but can you brush them up between this and Monday?—I might find some of them, but it would be impossible to find all, because many of them may be gone away.

2370. We only want their names, that is all. You say there were about 30, and you have only given the name of one. Surely you can recollect another or two?—No, I cannot at the present time because they were comparative strangers to me.

2371. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You have been employed in this way before?—No.

2372. Never in anything of the sort before?—Never.

2373. This was your first experiment?—Yes.

2374. And a very good one?—I am sure I don't know.

2375. It was a successful one?—I don't know.

2376. You employed men whom you could depend upon, of course?—It was simply for the show of hands.

2377. They were men whom you could depend upon to go up?—I suppose they were all there. I don't know.

2378. Did you go with them?—Yes.

2379. You are a gamekeeper?—Yes.

2380. I suppose you go out at night, and you have got some trusty men whom you would resort to in case of emergency?—Yes.

2381. Did not you employ some of them for this purpose?—It is only a very small estate. It don't require many men.

2382. There are occasions near a city like this when you may want a man to prevent your head being broken, and you would like to know your man before you took him. You might want a good number. You have beaters, I suppose?—Sometimes.

2383. You know who your beaters are; you would select some of them, would you not?—There was not a row expected or anything of that kind.

2384. Then you did not take them there to keep

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the peace; you took them for the show of hands?—That is all.

2385. Who are your occasional watchers?—They are generally men who live on the estate.

2386. Do you only employ them?—I do occasionally another one or two.

2387. Did you employ any of those who live on the estate to go to the hall that day?—No.

2388. None at all? You must remember whom you employed for such a service as this. It is not a year ago?—It is a matter that is thought very little of, and it is generally practised in Norwich.

2389. I daresay the people who did it, did it under the idea that there was nothing improper in it in any way, but it is a matter into which we have to inquire, and it in no way affects your character. Do not suppose that it does. I want to know who were the people you employed?—I do not remember now, but I have not the slighest reason for concealing their names. It was early in the morning of the nomination that I met with them in the streets. There was a lot came to me, and I put down their names at the time.

2390. What did you pay them apiece?—Various sums, but none less than two shillings.

2391. Where did you engage them?—In the street. There was nothing secret about it.

2392. At what time of the day?—Early on the Monday morning.

2393. Where did you muster them?—By Mr. Coleman's, in the Market Place, close by the hall.

2394. I suppose you appointed a regular place for the muster?—Yes.

2395. Then you took them up and headed them?—I was amongst them of course.

2396. Then really, do not you know who they were?—I should perhaps know them if I were to see them, but I do not suppose I know a quarter of them.

2397–8. But you know some of the names, surely?—Really I don't. I should tell you if I could. I should not keep their names back if I remembered them.

2399. I have no doubt you can between now and Monday morning, and you will come up again then?—Very well, Sir.

2400. (*Mr. Biron.*) You can see Bunn, and ask him whether he remembers any?—Yes.

2401. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Or if you find one man you can ask him who the rest were?—Yes.

2402. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you and your men get inside the hall?—Yes.

2403. You held up your hands for Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett?—Yes.

2404. When Mr. Ray engaged you, or whoever engaged you, you were engaged to into the hall, and not to keep the peace at the door. Were you ordered to go in?—Yes, and we showed a party feeling which every one else would do.

2405. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who is Barnes?—At the present time I think he is a collector of rates. He was a baker, but he is now a collector of rates.

2406. Where?—In Norwich.

2407. Can you tell me where he lives?—I don't know where he lives, but he is a rate collector and anybody can easily find him.

O. D. Ray.

ORLANDO DENNIS RAY recalled and further examined.

2408. (*Mr. Biron.*) You have heard Long give his evidence?—Yes.

2409. There is some little mistake about this 8*l.* 10*s.* or 4*l.* Can you explain it?—I paid 8*l.* 10*s.*

2410. To Long?—Well, there were several persons in the room at the time I paid the money. Barnes was there, and Long was there too. Long was sitting near the door, and I gave the 8*l.* 10*s.* to Barnes, and he and Long went out of the room together, and I understood that Long had been paid in the passage. I never inquired afterwards. I paid 8*l.* 10*s.* to Barnes.

2411. Who was Barnes?—The person who has been mentioned—the baker.

2412–13. Now a rate collector?—Yes.

2414. Where was this room you speak of?—At the "Crown and Angel."

2415. Who else was there?—I cannot charge my memory. Long, I believe, was downstairs and was brought up to speak to me, and he sat near the door.

2416. Do you remember who brought him up?—Barnes went and fetched him. There was very little passed as between Long and me as to this matter. It was done through Barnes, but I certainly paid the 8*l.* 10*s.*

2417. And no more?—I paid that sum for that purpose, and no more and no less. If I may be pardoned for saying another word, it might happen that Long's statement is right and mine too.

2418. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) They may have divided the money.—Yes.

2419. (*Mr. Biron.*) Barnes might have got some on his own account.—Yes. I think perhaps you will find that was so.

A. Stockings.

ALFRED STOCKINGS sworn and examined.

2420. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A chemist and druggist.

2421. You were agent in the fifth ward for the Conservatives?—Yes.

2422. And who were the persons acting with you?—There was a committee formed of about a dozen, and those gentlemen's names were Dr. Pitt, Mr. William Norgate, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Lovett, Mr. Garnham, and Mr. Parker, of Timberhill.

2423. Were they all in and out of the committee room during the day of the election?—Yes.

2424. Were they active in their duties?—They were.

2425. Taking up voters to the poll?—I believe so. I was not out in the street the whole of the day.

2426. Did you desire any of them to take up voters to the poll?—No, not any of them. They all took their own lists off the register and went out.

2427. Were those lists distributed to them by any one?—No, they copied them themselves.

2428. And they took different beats in the ward?—I suppose so.

2429. Did they not tell you how many voters they had taken up?—Not at all.

2430. Did not you ask them?—No; it was no interest of mine to ask them.

2431. You were the chief manager?—I was.

2432. The returns were brought into you from time to time, were they not?—They were.

2433. And you did not mention the persons that were to be canvassed or taken up?—Not that I am aware of. I do not remember mentioning any one's name to be canvassed.

2434. When you found that your candidate was behind, was there anything particular done by your committee?—There was not.

2435. Did Dr. Allen come to your committee room that day?—He did not.

2436. Did anybody come to you from the Conservative rooms in Queen Street?—Not that I am aware of.

2437. You received no instructions from any other committee than your own?—Not any.

2438. How was that fifth ward canvassed?—The

persons whose names I have mentioned canvassed different parts of the ward.

2439. Were any returns made out of their canvass?—The names were put down on little pieces of paper, about ten at a time. They were taken out and brought in, and they were marked off on a register.

2440. What became of that register?—It was sent to the central committee rooms.

2441. When?—As soon as the election was over.

2442. What became of the canvass book from which the register was ticked off?—There were no canvass books at all. They were pieces of paper.

2443. What became of those pieces of paper?—I cannot say. They might be torn up or anything of the kind at the time they were brought in.

2444. Did you vote yourself?—I did not.

2445. Who appointed you?—I was appointed at a meeting held at the "Swan."

2446. Upon whose recommendation?—I cannot say. I was chosen in a public room. About 120 persons were there.

2447. Did any other persons besides the gentlemen whose names you have given me come into your committee room during that day?—A great many.

2448. Any persons from other committees?—Not that I know of. I do not know the other committees, therefore I cannot say.

2449. Did any voters come?—A great many.

2450. Was any suggestion made that voters were hanging back?—Not at all; not to me.

2451. Had you no reason to believe that voters were hanging back?—I have no reason to believe so, as far as the fifth ward was concerned.

2452. In other wards then?—I knew nothing about other wards until after the election was over.

2453. Is there a house called the "Trumpet" in your ward?—There is.

2454. Did any reports reach you of what was going on there?—Not at all.

2455. When did you first hear of anything having been done at the "Trumpet"?—Two or three days after the election.

2456. What was the amount of information you gathered then?—That there had been bribery at the "Trumpet."

2457. Were any names mentioned to you?—There were no names mentioned.

2458. Then you had no suspicion of anybody who either received a bribe or was offered a bribe?—I had none till after the election petition was tried.

2459. Have you heard of anybody since having received a bribe?—I have not.

2460. Have you heard of anybody since who gave a bribe?—I have not, only by the papers according to the petition. I might just state that those men who gave evidence of receiving bribes at the "Trumpet" did not belong to the fifth ward at all. They were none of them fifth ward men.

2461. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know a person of the name of Garnham?—I do.

2462. Did he canvass with you?—I did not canvass at all. I was in the committee room all the time.

2463. He did canvass?—Yes.

2464. Did he keep a book?—To the best of my knowledge there was not a book kept.

2465. Do you know by sight a person of the name of Samuel Smith?—I do.

2466. You saw him, did you not, in your committee room on the day of the election?—I did.

2467. Twice?—I do not think it was twice. He came in the morning once.

2468. Did he not come again in the afternoon?—I believe not.

2469. Do you recollect what you swore before Mr. Baron Martin at the election inquiry. Did you not then swear that he came twice?—I do not think I did. I do not remember it at all.

2470. You were asked this: "Where did you see "him?" and the answer is, "He came into the com- "mittee room. *Q.* At what time?—*A.* In the morning, "twice. *Q.* When was the latest time?—*A.* About "noon." Now reflect. That is what was sworn at the inquiry before the judge.—I believed what I now stated was right—that it was only once.

2471. I daresay you may have believed that at the time, but when I call your attention to what was then sworn do you think that is correct?—I should think it is; it was nearer to the time.

2472. In what state was he?—He was sober first in the morning; when they came out first thing in the morning.

2473. In the afternoon how was he?—I don't know.

2474. I must call your attention to this:—"*Q.* Was "it about that time?—*A.* I say noon; I cannot say "whether it was near 12 or 1. *Q.* Was he sober?— "*A.* Tipsy." Now, pray be careful.—I know nothing but the truth, and I shall tell nothing but the truth.

2475. You then swore he was tipsy, and you have said now that he was sober?—I have not looked at it since the petition. I am come here to tell the truth, and I will do so.

2476. Having sworn on that occasion that he was tipsy, do you now think he was tipsy?—It is so long ago I cannot really say. I do not know anything about it.

2477. It is not so very long ago. You were speaking here in the month of January last, and you then swore that he was tipsy. What did Smith come into the committee room about?—I suppose he came in with the others. I really cannot say now, but I don't think, or at least I know, there was no one came into the room but asked how we were going on with regard to the state of the poll.

2478. Did not Smith come in and speak about there being men who were ready to sell their votes?—No.

2479. You are sure about that?—I will swear he did not.

2480. Did anybody come in and say that?—There was not a soul mentioned such a thing to me the whole day.

2481. What did Smith say to you?—I really cannot say. I suppose he was like the rest of the people, who wanted to know the state of the poll. I know nothing else.

2482. Did you see anybody speaking to him?—I really did not notice. I was busy marking off the whole day during the election. Several persons came to the committee room and waited for the returns being sent up from the central room.

2483. (*Mr. Biron.*) There were some people there when Smith came in?—There were the whole day.

2484. Can you mention the names of any who were there when Smith came in?—It is impossible for me to give you the names of those who were there when Smith came in. I can give you the names of gentlemen who were in during the day.

GEORGE FULLER sworn and examined.

G. Fuller.

2485. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are the landlord of the "Trumpet" public house, are you not?—Yes.

2486. Is that in the fifth ward?—Yes.

2487. Does your wife attend partly to your business?—Yes.

2488. Have you anybody else besides your wife who attends to your business?—Yes, a servant.

2489. Have you any daughter or grown-up son?—No.

2490. Are those the only persons in your house who attend to your business?—Yes.

2491. Are you a voter?—Yes.

2492. You recollect, I suppose, very well the day of the election?—Yes.

2493. How long have you occupied the house?—

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I think it is a little over six years, or something like that.

2494. You held it at the preceding election ?—I have voted at three elections ; more than that, I think.

2495. Has your house been a Conservative house all the time, or a Liberal house ?—For myself, I have always voted Conservative.

2496. And has your house been a Conservative house ?—During the time of my keeping of it.

2497. On the day of the election were there a good many people in your house ?—Yes.

2498. All day ?—Yes.

2499. From the early period of the morning ?—Yes.

2500. Were they drinking there ?—Yes, they were drinking there all day ; different parties.

2501. I suppose they were voters ?—Not all of them.

2502. Not all of them, but the greater portion were ?—I suppose so ; I should think so. I had plenty of people in and out all day.

2503. Do you know a man of the name of Hunt ?—Yes.

2504. During the whole of that day I suppose you consumed a large quantity of beer ?—Yes.

2505. Do you keep any books ?—No.

2506. What quantity of beer did you consume that day ?—That I cannot tell you.

2507. You can tell me about ?—No I can't. I never measure my ale, what I draw, so far as that goes.

2508. You tap casks ?—Yes, I tap casks. When I want ale I go and broach it.

2509. When the cask is empty ?—I broach another.

2510. You can pretty well tell how many fresh casks you tapped on that day ?—That I could not tell you.

2511. Do not you recollect ?—It is so long ago.

2512. Yes, but a publican can pretty well recollect a good draught ?—All I can tell you is, that I had a very good day. That is all I can tell you.

2513. Now, about the quantity. If you had a very good day, you know what your ordinary quantity is, and you can tell me how many barrels would represent a very good day, two or three barrels ?—Not so much as that.

2514. Two barrels ?—I don't suppose so.

2515. A barrel and a half ?—I never counted my ales like that. I should not like to tell you wrong if I knew it.

2516. What should you call a good day with you ?—If I take 5*l.* or 6*l.* I reckon it a good day.

2517. What would that represent ?—That I cannot tell you. I never closely measured my ales like that.

2518. You have got a brewer's book, I suppose ?—Only the book I goes down to the firm for the ale with.

2519. You do not brew your own beer ?—No.

2520. Have you got your brewer's book ?—No, I have not.

2521. What do you pay per barrel for beer ?—The mild ale I pay 34*s.* for.

2522. How much for the other ?—2*l.* 15*s.* for the best ale. Stout I pay 2*l.* 6*s.* for.

2523. I suppose that yours being a good Conservative house you made provisions against the day ?—No, not particular.

2524. That being the price of your beer, you say you took—how many pounds ?—5*l.* or 6*l.* Something like that.

2525. That would be more than two barrels ?—I should not like to tell you what I took because I don't know.

2526. You know the Conservative voters in your neighbourhood ?—I know some of them.

2527. You also know another class, not Conservative voters, but doubtful voters ?—Yes ; I didn't understand exactly what you meant.

2528. You know those who are staunch Conservatives, and you know those who are doubtful voters ?—No, I don't.

2529. You don't ?—Oh no. I know some what they call Conservatives, but I never trouble my head so much about that.

2530. Now in your house that day were there some people who were what you may call uncertain voters then ?—That I don't know. My house was open for any one. I had plenty of Liberals there as well as Conservatives, I believe. My doors was open for anybody that liked to come.

2531. And there were some about whose politics you knew nothing ?—Well, sir, I am not a very strong sort of party-feeling man in that way.

2532. Being a Conservative, was there a quantity of beer supplied which was not paid for that day ?—No.

2533. No beer supplied but what was paid for down that day ?—What beer I drawed I took the money for.

2534. When did you take the money for it, that day ?—The same day, as I went along.

2535. From every customer ?—From every customer that I served beer for there.

2536. Did you require payment upon the spot for every drop of beer that you drew that day ?—Well, there was one time when there was a quart left in the room, and the man told me he would bring the money directly, and so he did afterwards. I don't know exactly now, but I think I took in half a gallon at that time.

2537. To whose credit did you put that half-gallon ?—Hunt's. No, not Hunt's. I took for a quart, and he said "I will bring you the money for "the other quart in a minute."

2538. Were there people drinking with Hunt ?—There were some people drinking in that room.

2539. Were they drinking with Hunt ? You know what I mean ?—They were all drinking together. In fact I believe they were, some of them, clubbing.

2540. And was Hunt standing the shot ?—No.

2541. Did not Hunt pay you ?—I took money of other people.

2542. Did not Hunt pay you ?—He paid me for that quart.

2543. Nothing else ?—I took money as I went along.

2544. Did you take money from Hunt ?—I took some from Hunt, and some from other people.

2545. Can you tell me about how much you took from Hunt ?—That I am sure I cannot.

2546–7. I suppose it was a considerable quantity, was it not ?—No, I don't think I took much from him myself.

2548. Did you see your wife and servant receive money from him ?—I don't know. They took the money as they went along, and I did the same.

2549. Was Hunt sober ?—No.

2550. Did he remain drinking there the whole day ?—Yes.

2551. And drinking with other men there ?—He was drinking all over the house, with one party and the other.

2552. He was drinking there with different men the whole day ?—Yes.

2553. Just listen to these names and tell me whether some of these people were not drinking with Hunt or in your house. Henry Taylor ? You know him ?—Yes.

2554. Was he there ?—Yes.

2555. Granville Bygrave ?—Yes, I have known the man since the election.

2556. He was there ?—Yes, he was there. Leastways I cannot now say that man was there, because I don't know that I saw him there. I didn't know the man at that time.

2557. Although you did not know him at that time, I ask you whether you know now that he was there ?—I believe he was.

2558. William Ward ?—There was a Ward there.

2559. William Warren ?—Yes, he was there.

2560. John Churchyard?—I saw a Churchyard in and out several times during the day.

2561. Robert Fuller?—Yes, he was in and out.

2562. George Barnes?—Yes, he was there.

2563. Samuel Smith?—Yes.

2564. Robert Walker?—Yes, he was there. I saw him in the bar myself, I didn't see him anywhere else.

2565. George Smith?—Yes, there was a Smith there, I know.

2566. William Flat?—No.

2567. Are you sure Flat was not there?—No; I never saw him in my house all day. I know him very well, but I didn't see him.

2568. Just consider; did you see him just outside your house?—Well, I fancy I did see him in the lane or the street. Somewhere there I saw him that day, I believe.

2569. Henry Smith?—Yes.

2570. George Gowing?—Yes, I saw him.

2571. Michael George Gilbert?—That is the one you were speaking of before, I think, and I said I didn't exactly know.

2572. Was there not a man of the name of Gilbert?—Yes, but I don't exactly know the man.

2573. Did you not see Gilbert there?—I scarcely know the man.

2574. But although you scarcely know him was he there?—It was Bygrave you mentioned before. I believe the two men were there, but I don't know one from the other. They have been mentioned to me since.

2575. Was there a person whom they now call Gilbert?—They have told me so since the election.

2576. Did you see him at your house on that day?—I don't know whether I did see him or not; because I didn't know him.

2577. Robert Callow?—Yes.

2578. William Wright?—Yes.

2579. John Cracknell?—Yes.

2580. John Greengrass?—I should not like to say I saw him there, though I know the man very well, yet I should not like to say I saw him there.

2581. Was he not there?—I would not say that. He is very often in and out at my place.

2582. Is that a house which he frequents?—Yes.

2583. Then he might have been in your house?—He might have been there, but I should not like to say.

2584. Is it likely he would be there?—I don't know.

2585. If it is a house that he frequents he would be likely to be there?—I should not like to say that he was there that day.

2586. Henry Craske?—Yes.

2587. Do you know the two Browes'?—Yes.

2588. Was either of them there on that day?—I don't recollect.

2589. Do they frequently come to your house?—Sometimes; not very frequently.

2590. Did you see Mr. Bignold in your house that day?—Yes, I believe he was there.

2591. What time was he there?—That I could not say exactly. He was there I believe.

2592. More than once?—No. I think he was there only once. I am pretty well sure it was he that was there.

2593. Did he come there alone?—I think he was there alone.

2594. How long did he stay?—I don't know how long he stayed.

2595. Did you see him speaking to Hunt?—No.

2596. Where did he come to?—I believe he was in the market room.

2597. Was Hunt also in the market room?—I don't know that Hunt was there at the same time.

2598. However, Mr. Bignold was in the market room. How long did he stay in the market room?—I cannot say.

2599. Which Mr. Bignold is it?—Well, I can't tell you which one it was.

2600. Mr. Arthur?—I don't know one from the other only by the look of them.

2601. Was he a lame man?—Yes.

2602. About what age is he?—I am sure I can't tell that.

2603. Is he a gentlemen resident in Norwich?—I don't know. I have seen him several times.

2604. Have you seen him constantly about Norwich?—At different times I have.

2605. Tell me about his age. I wish to know which Mr. Bignold it is?—I am no judge of age, I can't tell you that.

2606. Do you recollect Sir Henry Stracey coming there?—Yes.

2607. Was there a Mr. Bignold with him?—No, I don't think there was.

2608. Did you see Hunt speak to Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

2609. Was Mr. Patteson with Sir Henry Stracey in your house?—Yes.

2610. Is Mr. Patteson your brewer?—Yes.

2611. After they left did you draw a good deal more beer than you had done before?—Well, I can't say that. I don't know that there was any difference made.

2612. Did you find that you were drawing beer more rapidly in the latter than in the former part of the day?—That I can't say now. I can't recollect that.

2613. You cannot say whether it was more in the beginning or the latter end of the day?—No, I can't recollect such a thing as that.

2614. Did Hunt remain in your house the whole of the time after Sir Henry Stracey was there, until you closed?—Well, I can't say.

2615. Until 5 o'clock?—I don't know that he was. I was too busy about my own house. I could not tell that. I should not like to say such things as that.

2616. Were you very busy after that?—I cannot say whether I was very busy after that. I was busy all day.

2617. You were so busy that you have no recollection of it?—I can't recollect so long ago as that.

2618. You have given me all those names. Can you recollect anybody besides those persons who were in your house?—No, I don't know that I can; but the house was full. There was more persons than them there in and out.

2619. You heard a great deal of talk about the election of course?—Oh! yes.

2620. Did you hear some men say that they were ready to vote for *5s.* or *10s.*?—No, I can't say that I did.

2621. Did not you?—No.

2622. Do you mean to say you did not hear men in your house say they were ready to vote if they could get money for it?—No.

2623. No one?—No, I don't know that I did.

2624. Was there not a talk about the voting?—Of course there was a talk about the voting.

2625. Was there not a talk of Sir Henry Stracey being behind?—No, I don't know that I heard that.

2626. Did not you hear men talking that votes could be bought?—No.

2627. Nothing about money for votes?—No.

2628. Nothing of the sort?—No.

2629. Did you shut your ears altogether in your house?—I was after business in the house. I was not in one place all the day.

2630. Did you not pay any attention to the conversation?—I didn't hear anything of the kind.

2631. May you have heard it and have forgotten it?—No, I never heard anything of the kind. I have heard plenty of talk since the election, but not before.

2632. That men were bought in your house?—I have heard about that since the election.

2633. Have you heard Hunt say that he bought some men in your house?—I heard Hunt say that he gave some money away.

2634. Did you hear anybody else say that they gave money in your house?—No.

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2635. Did you not hear people say that they had given money for Sir Henry Stracey's election ?—No, I don't know that I heard anything of the kind.

2636. You say you don't know, but such a thing as that would make an impression upon you. Do not you recollect men boasting in your house that they had given money, and that they had won Sir Henry Stracey's election ?—I heard some talk about it after the election.

2637. Who were the people that you heard say they had given money and won the election ?—I don't know that I heard any one say that.

2638–9. Who were the people you heard talking ? You said you did hear some people talking about it after the election ?—People talking about one thing and another—about money. That is all I have heard.

2640. Did not you hear people say they had given money and won the election ?—No. I heard Hunt say he had given some money. That is all I heard about money.

2641. When was that ?—I think it was the day after the election. He said he was money short—a day or two after the election.

2642. Did he say how much he was short ?—I can't say, I am sure.

2643. Have you had a claim against anybody for beer supplied upon that day ?—No.

2644. You have made no claim of any sort or kind ?—No.

2645. Do you intend to make any ?—No.

2646. On former occasions have you had claims ?—No.

2647. You have never had claims or a reckoning standing back ?—No.

2648. Have you always been paid on the spot ?—Do you mean at election times ?

2649. Yes.—No. What beer I drawed I took the money for.

2650. Upon any other election have you had a score against anybody connected with the supply of beer during the election ?—No.

2651. You understand what I mean ?—Yes. You mean other elections back.

2652. Yes.—No, I have had none.

2653. You have always been paid in the regular course ?—Yes ; what I have drawed I have had the money for.

Adjourned to Monday at 11 o'clock.

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Monday, 23rd August 1869.

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H. Taylor.
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HENRY TAYLOR called.

The Witness.—I want to ask the Commissioners, if I am not out of order, whether after I have given my evidence I shall be free from being molested.

Mr. Dowdeswell.—I will tell you and everyone in this city that if any person whatever molests or insults a witness who has given his evidence here because he has been a witness he commits a serious contempt of this court, and immediately information is given to us of anything of that sort having occurred, we will send a constable to apprehend the person who has done so, and if on examination of the facts the statement made to us is found to be true, we will commit him to the gaol, and there he will remain until he has cleared himself of that contempt, even though it may be until the end of this inquiry. That course will be inexorably pursued.

The witness is sworn and examined.

2654. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a shoemaker ?—Yes.

2655. Do you live in Coburgh Street ?—Yes.

3656. Were you a voter at the last election ?—Yes.

2657. I believe that you voted for Tillett and Russell ?—I did.

2658. You know the "Trumpet" public house ?—I do.

2659. On the day of the election were you there ?—Yes ; from about half-past 9 in the morning till about a quarter past 3 in the afternoon, or something like that.

2660. Were you in different rooms in the house ?—Yes.

2661. In the market room ?—Yes ; in the tap-room first, and then we went to the market room.

2662. Did you afterwards go anywhere else ?—Upstairs.

2663. In what room ?—In the bagatelle room, and in another room as well.

2664. Is that near the bagatelle room ?—Just off it ; just off it to the left.

2665. Do you know a man of the name of Hunt ?—Quite well.

2666. Was he there ?—I did not miss him only for a few minutes at a time.

2667. He was there the whole of the day, except during a few minutes ?—Yes.

2668. Do you recollect about 1 or 2 o'clock Sir Henry Stracey coming to the house ?—Somewhere about 2.

2669. Into what room did he come ?—Into the market room.

2670. How many people were there in the market room ?—There were about 25 then. I counted them myself.

2671. Were Granville Bygrave, William Ward, John Churchyard, Robert Fuller (that is, a brother of the landlord), George Barnes, Samuel Smith, Robert Walker, and George Smith there ?—Yes, pretty well all those. Bygrave and Walker were not there a wonderful while.

2672. Did you see William Flat there ?—Not in the house.

2673. Did you see Robert Callow there ?—Yes.

2674. William Rudd ?—I do not know him.

2675. John Cracknell, Henry Greengrass ?—I do not know that I know him.

2676. Were there two persons of the name of Browes ?—There were several there. I did not know the names of them.

2677. Several besides those I have mentioned ?—Yes.

2678. You know the Browes' ?—I do not know that I do. I might by sight, but not by name.

2679. Do you recollect their being there ?—I knew

several who were there, but I did not know their names. I had seen them about the city.

2680. When Sir Henry Stracey came in did he speak to the men ?—Yes.

2681. What did he say ?—He asked them why they did not come and vote.

2682. And what did they say in answer to that ?—They said that they had to pay rates.

2683. What did Sir Henry Stracey say ?—He said, "Why do you not come and vote, it is no use waiting "here ?"

2684. Did he speak to them further than that ?—Not anything particular. He turned round to the gentlemen there and Mr. Smith, and then they went in the passage.

2685. And then did they go out into the market room ?—They went into the passage.

2686. Did you follow them out ?—I went out just as they did.

2687. Did you hear anything that was said ?—No ; I could not catch the words.

2688. Were they talking together ?—Yes.

2689. Who were talking together ?—Smith and Hunt went out, and some more gentlemen.

2690. You have mentioned the name of Smith ; is that Smith who was formerly a fowl dealer ?—Yes.

2691. Was there more than one Smith there ?—At one part of the day there was.

2692. What part of the day was that ?—That was about the time that they gave the money.

2693. Which Smith was that ?—The son of the old gentleman.

2694. Did you see Sir Henry Stracey get into his carriage ?—No, I did not.

2695. Did you go outside, and see the carriage there ?—No, I returned into the market room. I did not go out at all.

2696. But you saw some persons talking together in the passage, did you not ?—Yes.

2697. As Sir Henry Stracey went out ?—Yes.

2698. You did not hear what was said at all ?—No, I did not. They were whispering or talking very low.

2699. Did you see who were talking low ?—They were all assembled together, and I went round the corner. I thought that if they had seen me perhaps they would think I had no business there.

2700. You cannot tell me who were talking ?—Sir Henry Stracey was one.

2701. You know young Mr. Stracey, do you not ?—I have seen him. I saw him that morning.

2702. Did he not go out of the room too ?—Yes.

2703. Did he return into the room before you or after you ?—I was in first. I think I was, but I cannot be certain.

2704. Did he not return into the room shortly after that ?—I saw him in the room almost as soon as I got there. I went to the fire-place.

2705. Did you hear Hunt say anything ?—I heard him say he could give them *5l.* among them for their votes.

2706. Before that did he say anything about beer ?—He kept bringing the beer in, he and others.

2707. Had beer been coming in before that ?—Before and after too.

2708. Were all the persons assembled there drinking beer ?—Yes.

2709. Did you drink with them ?—Yes.

2710. Did you pay for anything you had ?—I did not pay for anything after 11 o'clock.

2711. Did you see any other people pay for beer ?—No, it was taken in at the door, and then we drank it.

2712. Who took it in at the door ?—Mr. Fuller sometimes brought it in and Hunt took it, or else Smith ; sometimes one and sometimes the other.

2713. Were all the men who were there drinking ?—Yes.

2714. And they continued drinking ?—Yes.

2715. What quantity of beer do you think was brought in during the time you were there ?—A great many gallons.

2716. After Sir Henry Stracey had gone away, did you see Mr. Stracey come there ?—I saw young Mr. Stracey come in afterwards, after his father left.

2717. How long was it after Sir Henry Stracey had left that you saw young Mr. Stracey come in ?—About 10 minutes, as near as I can tell.

2718. Had anything been said about money before young Mr. Stracey came in ?—Oh, yes.

2719. What ?—They were offered *5l.* for the lot that was there, and a great many of them said "That is of no use ; it is no use stopping here, "we will take our hooks, we will be going ;" and they went away, several of them did, so that there was not above 16 or 17 left.

2720. When they had gone away, you say Mr. Stracey came in ?—Young Mr. Stracey.

2721. Who came in with him ?—There were two or three gentlemen.

2722. Was Smith there ?—Yes.

2723. Did he come in with him ?—He conducted them in the door.

2724. What did Mr. Stracey do ; did he remain in your room, or did he go elsewhere ?—He came into the market room.

2725. Did you hear anything he said ?—He only spoke to the same effect as his father did, and got the same answers.

2726. Did you see then where he went to ?—He went out.

2727. Did you see where he went to ?—No, I did not.

2728. Who went out with him ?—Smith, and, I believe, Hunt as well.

2729. Did Hunt or Smith return into the room ?—Smith did. I cannot say whether Hunt went out or not.

2730. Was anything then said by either Hunt or Smith ?—Yes, he said he would give another pound out of his own pocket to make it up *7s. 6d.* as long as there were 16 of us.

2731. Did Hunt say anything before that ?—No ; Hunt did not offer any money, he only said we could have *5l.* for the lot, that was on the first occasion.

2732. Was that repeated ?—No, I think not. *7s. 6d.* was offered them.

2733. Who offered the *7s. 6d.* ?—Smith said that he would give *1l.* out of his own pocket, and make it up *7s. 6d.*

2734. What was done then ?—Then they said they might as well take it, or else they should not get nothing perhaps.

2735. Did the whole of the persons who were then there agree to take *7s. 6d.*, or did some of them agree ?—There was one or two refused.

2736. Can you tell me the names of the persons who refused ?—I do not know that I can.

2737. Do you know a painter who was there ?—Yes.

2738. Did he agree to take the *7s. 6d.*, or did he refuse ?—He agreed to take it, and went upstairs with me, or rather followed me upstairs.

2739. When you agreed to take it, what was said ?—"Come upstairs, my boys, and I will pay you."

2740. Who said that ?—Smith.

2741. Did you go upstairs with the other men ?—I did. I was the second one upstairs.

2742. Was that in the little room you have spoken of ?—That was in the bagatelle room.

2743. When you got into the little room, did you see Hunt there ?—Oh, yes.

2744. Was Smith in the little room ?—No ; he was standing on the landing conducting Callow and his son to take them to vote.

2745. Whose son ?—Smith's son.

2746. Then Smith's son took Callow to vote ?—Yes.

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2747. Was Callow one of the lot?—Yes.

2748. Was Callow paid first?—Yes, he was paid in the bagatelle room.

2749. When you got into the room you say Hunt was there?—Yes.

2750. Did you see anything that he had there in the shape of money?—Yes, I saw the gold on the table in the bagatelle room.

2751. Did you see about how much it was?—I should think Smith might sweep about a score of half-sovereigns up and put them in his pocket, and he gave about as much to Hunt.

2752. When did Smith do that, when you first went into the room or shortly afterwards?—He was doing it just as we went into the room, so that I just saw the gold lying on the table, and he swept some of it up and put it in his purse, and took the other up and put it into his pocket.

2753. You say that Smith went out of the room and Hunt remained in?—No; after the first man had been paid they took us to another room.

2754. Did they pay anybody in the first room then?—Callow was the only one.

2755. Was he the only one who was paid in that room?—He was.

2756. What did they pay him?—7*s.* 6*d.*

2757. And then did Callow go up to vote?—He went along with Smith's son.

2758. Was Smith's son in the room?—Yes.

2759. Did he go out with Callow?—He did.

2760. And took him to vote?—Yes.

2761. Where did you go to after that, into what room?—I went into a little room just across the landing, a little more backward in the house.

2762. How many of you went there?—Several of us. I cannot exactly say how many.

2763. I understood you at first to say that that was in the little room; was it in the bagatelle room then that Callow was paid?—Yes.

2764. You then adjourned to the little room?—Yes.

2765. Who was in the little room?—Hunt.

2766. Was Smith there too?—No, he stood at the top of the landing.

2767. What did Hunt do?—Paid his money.

2768. What did he pay?—7*s.* 6*d.*

2769. He paid 7*s.* 6*d.* to each of the men there?—Yes, what I saw paid he did.

2770. Did you receive yours first, or did you receive yours among the rest?—I received mine about the last but one or two, or two or three, or something like that.

2771. And did they all receive the money, and then did they go away to vote?—Yes.

2772. How many altogether were paid that 7*s.* 6*d.*?—That I cannot exactly say.

2773. About how many?—I should think I saw eight or nine paid.

2774. Besides Callow?—Yes.

2775. Did you see anybody with a bag of silver there?—Yes.

2776. Who was that?—Robert Fuller.

2777. Is Robert Fuller the brother of the landlord?—Yes.

2778. Where had he the bag of silver?—I saw it in his hand.

2779. But in what room?—In the little room where the money was paid.

2780. Was he with Hunt then when the money was paid?—Yes.

2781. Did he hand the money to Hunt?—He handed the change to Hunt, and took the half-sovereigns.

2782. When Hunt handed half-a-sovereign to Fuller, Fuller gave him the change out of the bag of silver, and then Hunt paid the money?—Yes.

2783. Did you then leave?—Yes, I left when I got my money, and went and voted.

2784. You say that Hunt said that he would give them 5*l.*, or that Smith said he would give 5*l.*?—Yes.

2785. Which of them spoke about the 5*l.* in the first place. I am speaking of long before the payment, when the first talk was about the 5*l.* Who spoke of it first?—Smith and Hunt almost got it out in a breath.

2786. Then they both said it, did they?—Yes.

2787. What did the voters say to that?—They said they should not take it.

2788. Do you know John Churchyard?—Yes.

2789. Was he in the room at the time when that offer of 5*l.* was made?—That I cannot say.

2790. Do you recollect his saying something about going to the committee room at the "Two Necked "Swans"?—No, I did not hear him say those words.

2791. Did you not hear him say something about head-quarters?—No, I do not know that I did.

2792. Just remember?—I heard him say, "Keep "all together, the members are coming now, if you "do not, you will not get a farthing."

2793. Do you recollect his going out after that?—Yes, he conducted the member in.

2794. Do you remember his saying on coming in that he had been to head-quarters and made it all right?—No, I do not.

2795. You did not hear anything of that sort said?—No, I did not.

2796–7. And then immediately afterwards young Mr. Stracey came up?—No, Churchyard made a little bit of a nonsensical speech, as I call it, and then Mr. Stracey came in.

2798. And Churchyard had been out before that?—Yes.

2799. He had gone out after Sir Henry Stracey had left?—Yes.

2800. Who was it who came in with young Mr. Stracey?—I do not know the gentlemen; a man about 5 feet 6, with a large beard, was one of them, and he made a speech about Mr. Tillett, not much on his behalf though.

2801. Do you know Mr. Bignold?—No, I do not know that I do. I was told he was there.

2802. Do you know either of the Mr. Bignolds, John or Arthur?—No, I do not. I have seen them, but did not take particular notice of them, not enough to know them.

2803. Do you recollect whether it was either of them that came in with young Mr. Stracey?—That I cannot say. I was told there was one with Mr. Stracey, an old gentleman.

2804. Do you know the name of the man that you say came in with young Mr. Stracey?—I do not.

2805. Was the gentleman who came in with Mr. Stracey lame?—I cannot say.

2806. If I understand you it was after Mr. Stracey had been in that Smith came and offered you the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

2807. Immediately afterwards?—Yes.

2808. How long had Mr. Stracey left the room before Smith came and offered the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—A very few minutes.

2809. Had Smith gone out with young Mr. Stracey?—Yes, he went out the same as he did on the occasion of his father.

2810. Do you know George Barnes?—I know a man of the name of Barnes. I do not know whether his name is George or not.

2811. Was he there?—Yes.

2812. Did he refuse to take the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—I believe he did.

2813. Did you see whether he got anything more?—I did not. I did not see him paid.

2814. Have you heard whether he got anything more?—I did hear that he got half-a-sovereign.

2815. Who told you that?—It was the talk among one and another of us.

2816. Can you not give us the name of anybody

who told you that?—I heard it talked over in different places by individuals, strangers as well as others.

2817. Did you hear who paid him the half-sovereign?—I did not.

2818. Or where he got it?—No.

2819. You only heard that he had got half-a-sovereign?—That is all.

2820. Did you hear that he got it for voting?—Yes, of course I should think he did get it for voting.

2821. When did you hear that—the same day?—No, I think about a day or two afterwards.

2822. Do you not remember who told you?—No, I do not.

2823. (*Mr. Biron.*) Who brought you to that house on the morning of the polling day—how came you there?—I went there because I heard there was bribery going on—that is why I went there.

2824. Who told you there was bribery going on?—I heard Mrs. Fuller speak of it, the landlady.

2825. She told you that there was bribery going on and then you went in?—Yes.

2826. She told you that, and then you went in where the other men were?—I was told of it the day before. I was told there would be bribery, and so I went in on the election morning.

2827. She told you the day before that there would be bribery there, and then on the next morning you went there and waited, I suppose?—Yes.

2828. You remember the 5*l.* being offered by Hunt and Smith?—Yes.

2829. You have told us that a good many men said "That will not do," and went away?—Yes.

2830. Can you give us the names of any of those men who went away?—I cannot. They were strangers to me. They were fetched in. I suppose they were there an hour and a half or two hours, and they said that they were humbugging them and keeping them from voting the other way.

2831. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Can you give us the names of those persons who went into the little room. If I mention them to you do you think you can remember them?—I think I should.

2832. You say Barnes refused to take the money? He did.

2833. Do you know Granville Bygrave?—I heard him say he did not get anything. He went away before we went upstairs

2834. William Ward?—I saw him.

2835. Was he one of those that received the money?—Yes, he was.

2836. William Warren?—Yes.

2837. John Churchyard?—No, I did not see him.

2838. William Smith?—Yes, I saw two Smiths.

2839. Were they in the little room?—Yes, they went in the little room, and I stood against the door waiting to go in.

2840. Robert Walker?—No I did not see him.

2841. George Smith?—Yes.

2842. You said you did not know Flat, I think?—Yes, I know him; he was not there; he had not a vote.

2843. Henry Smith?—I do not know his name. There were two Smiths—George and his brother, I know.

2844. Michael George Gilbert?—No, he was not there.

2845. Robert Callow?—Yes.

2846. William Rudd?—Yes.

2847. John Cracknell?—I did not see him take it.

2848. John Greengrass?—I do not know the man.

2849. Henry Greengrass?—Yes, I saw him.

2850. Is there anybody else you recollect besides those you have mentioned who were in the little room and received money?—There are several that I do not know the names of that I saw take it. The names were put down of those that took the money.

2851. Who put the names down?—Cracknell.

2852. Where did he put them down?—On a piece of paper.

2853. In a book?—On a piece of blue sort of paper.

2854. Then there was a pen and ink in the room?—No, a piece of pencil.

2855. Were any of these men, except the first who was taken away by young Smith, taken away to poll?—Yes, Smith kept several of them on the top of the stairs, and he said "Do not go away, I may as well go "and see you poll." He said to me "You do not "want to go;" and I said "I am not going out of "the way;" and then I bolted off.

2856. Did you see the landlord go with anybody to the poll?—No, I did not.

2857. The landlord's brother Robert?—Several went out of the house. I saw them go out of the market room door.

2858. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did anybody take you to the poll?—No.

2859. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Which polling place did you vote at?—St. Stephen's.

2860. Do you know of any other money having been given to persons to vote during the election?—No; I was at that house all day.

2861. Not by anybody?—No.

2862. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

2863. How long have you been a freeman?—Several years.

2864. Were you a voter at the election of 1865?—Yes.

2865. Were you a voter in 1860?—No.

2866. Then 1865 was the first election at which you were a voter?—Yes, it was.

2867. Did you on that occasion receive any money for your vote?—Never in my life.

2868. If anybody offers you the least molestation in consequence of your having told us what you have to-day, come immediately to us and we will take effectual means to protect you.—Thank you, sir.

JOHN CRACKNELL sworn and examined.

J. Cracknell.

2869. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

2870. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

2871. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Stracey.

2872. You mean Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

2873. In what parish?—St. Peter of Mancroft.

2874. Were you at Fuller's house on the morning of the polling day?—Yes.

2875. How came you to go there?—That is a house that I generally use when I go into a public house.

2876. What time in the day did you get there?—When I first went down it was about 11 o'clock or a little after.

2877. And did you stay there until Sir Henry Stracey came in the afternoon?—I went away before he came.

2878. And came back again?—Yes.

2879. Did you come back again after he had left?—Yes.

2880. In the morning when you were there can you give me the names of the other men who were there?—That I could not.

2881. You saw Henry Taylor there?—Yes.

2882. Granville Bygrave?—Yes, I recollect his coming in.

2883. William Ward?—Yes.

2884. William Warren?—Yes.

2885. John Churchyard?—Yes.

2886. Robert Fuller?—Yes.

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2887. George Barnes?—Yes.

2888. Samuel Smith?—Yes.

2889. Robert Walker?—Yes.

2890. George Smith?—Yes.

2891. Henry Gowing?—I do not recollect seeing him there.

2892. Henry Craske?—Yes.

2893. Michael George Gilbert?—Yes.

2894. Robert Callow?—Yes.

2895. William Rudd?—Yes.

2896. Did you see Barnes there?—Yes.

2897. The two Browes'?—I do not know them; but I did not to the best of my knowledge.

2898. Did you see William Wright there?—Yes.

2899. Can you call to mind any other than those whose names I have read out to you who were there?—No. I saw plenty of people there that I did not know; plenty of people kept coming in and out.

2900. Did you drink beer there?—Yes.

2901. Did you pay for any beer?—Yes.

2902. How much beer did you pay for?—I think I spent a shilling altogether.

2903. A shilling of your own money?—Yes.

2904. How long were you drinking there; you went in, you say, a little after 11?—I kept drinking all the time I was there off and on with them.

2905. When did you pay your shilling; did you pay it all at once or by a pint or a pot at a time?—No; I took it in a pot at a time.

2906. And paid for it as you took it in?—Yes.

2907. Do you remember whether you paid Fuller, or Mrs. Fuller, or a servant?—I think I paid the servant for the first pot; but the last two pots—Mr. Robert Fuller owed me 8*d.*, so he had the money and told them to give me the beer for it.

2908. Then in fact you paid 4*d.* in money and the rest was what was owed you?—Yes.

2909. What did he owe you the 8*d.* for?—Mending some harness.

2910. He owed it to you for some work that you had done for him?—Yes.

2911. Did you drink any more beer than what you paid for yourself?—I cannot say. I drank with them that asked me to drink. I cannot say how much I did drink.

2912. Did you see anything of the beer brought in by Hunt and Smith?—No.

2913. You got in at 11 o'clock, what time did you leave?—I went away at 12 and at several different times.

2914. You were in and out, in fact?—Yes, I was in and out.

2915. Were you there when Hunt and Smith offered 5*l.* for the lot?—No, I do not recollect Smith and Hunt offering 5*l.* for the lot.

2916. What time did you get back after Sir Henry Stracey had been there?—I do not know, he had not been gone many minutes, but I do not know the time.

2917. Did you not hear Hunt and Smith offer 5*l.* for the lot?—No; I did not hear them offer it; they might do it.

2918. Was there not a talk about voting that day?—There was lots of talk about voting, I daresay.

2919. What sort of talk was there about voting?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

2920. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Let me give you this caution. If you do not tell the truth here you may be indicted for perjury, and most assuredly you shall be.—I am telling you the truth as far as I can.

2921. And you are bound to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.—I am doing it.

2922. There are many other witnesses to be examined, and I advise you to be very careful how you give your evidence now, because I quite see from the answer you last gave that you are not disposed to tell the truth if you can help it. Depend upon it you will be compelled one way or another to divulge everything you know. If it only comes out at last it will cost the city a great deal more money, but the truth will at last be got at as certain as water flows to the ocean.—I have told you the truth.

2923. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you remember Hunt and Smith offering 5*l.*?—I do not recollect it; they might do it.

2924. You were not drunk were you?—I was not drunk, but I was not far short of it.

2925. Do you remember the men going up into the little room?—Yes, I remember some of them going up.

2926. Do you remember going up yourself?—Yes.

2927. With whom?—With Henry Taylor, Callow, Ward, Warren, and Wright.

2928. When you got into the little room, who was there besides those you have mentioned?—Hunt was there.

2929. Smith?—I saw him on the landing.

2930. And Robert Fuller?—I do not recollect seeing him.

2931. Did you not see him with a bag of silver?—No.

2932. Changing half-sovereigns?—No, I did not see that.

2933. Had you a piece of paper and a pencil?—Yes, I had a piece of paper and a pencil.

2934. And did you take down the names of the men who were there?—Of those I have named I did.

2935. What did you do that for?—That I cannot say.

2936. If you do not answer in a straightforward manner I shall have to deal with you in a very different way.—I do not know whether anybody asked me to put those names down.

2937. Who told you to put the names down?—I think Hunt asked me to put the names down.

2938. You know he asked you?—I am not quite positive of it.

2939. Did not Hunt ask you to put down the names on that piece of paper?—It was a piece of paper that I had in my own pocket.

2940. Did not Hunt ask you to write down the names?—Yes, I think so.

2941. Then why did you not say so at first; what was going on then?—He was paying the men, giving them some money.

2942. And as he paid them you put down their names on a piece of paper?—Yes.

2943. How many names did you put down?—Five, and my own, that made six.

2944. And what did you do with the piece of paper?—I put it in my own pocket, and when I came downstairs I do not know what I did with it; whether I lit my pipe with it or not, I do not know.

2945. Did you not give it to Hunt?—No.

2946. What was the use of your taking the names down on paper if you were to light your pipe with it?—I do not know what I did with it, I assure you. I did not give it to Hunt.

2947. Did you see any other persons up there besides those whose names you put down?—No.

2948. When you had taken down their names and gone downstairs yourself, what did you do?—When I went downstairs there was nobody there, and so I went and voted.

2949. Did anybody take you to the poll?—No.

2950. Did you go with other men?—Yes; there were two more men there went across the market along with me.

2951. Who were they?—Henry Smith and George Barnes.

2952. Had they been in the "Trumpet" that day?—Yes, I saw them there.

2953. And were they going off to vote when you overtook them?—Yes.

2954. Did you go to poll with them?—Yes.

2955. And you polled at the same place as they did?—Yes.

2956. What time was it when you polled?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock.

2957. Did you see young Mr. Stracey at the "Trumpet" that day?—No.

2958. Are you sure of that?—I am sure I did not see him. If I did see him I do not know him. I do not know young Mr. Stracey.

2959. Did you see two gentlemen come in and take Smith and Hunt out in the passage to talk to them?—No.

2960. Did you see Smith and Hunt talking to two gentlemen?—No.

2961. Did not a gentleman come into the market room and make a speech or say something to the men there as to why they did not come and vote?—I heard when I came back that Mr. Stracey had been there, but I was not there.

2962. Is it Sir Henry that you mean or the young man?—I mean Sir Henry.

2963. Did you see another gentleman come into the market room?—No.

2964. A gentleman with a beard?—No, I did not see him.

2965. What are you, a freeman?—I am an occupier, I suppose they call it.

2966. Did you ever vote before?—No.

2967. Was this your first time?—Yes.

ROBERT CALLOW sworn and examined.

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2968. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your trade?—A shoemaker.

2969. How did you vote, as a freeman or what?—A householder.

2970. Of what parish?—St. Peter's.

2971. Had you ever voted before?—No.

2972. You never took part, perhaps, in any election before?—No.

2973. Do you recollect the day of the polling at the last election?—Yes.

2974. Do you recollect going to a public house called the "Trumpet"?—Yes.

2975. What time did you go there?—About 10 o'clock, or something like that.

2976. What led you to go there at that time in the morning?—I was going past and saw several people I knew there, so I went in. I went in for no particular purpose.

2977. Had you heard anything of what was going on there?—No.

2978. Did you find many people there?—Not the first part of the day.

2979. How long did you remain there?—Until 3 o'clock, or very nearly 3.

2980. You were drinking the whole time, I suppose?—Yes.

2981. Did you pay for your own beer?—No.

2982. Who did?—I do not know.

2983. Did you see anybody pay for beer?—The first two or three pints I saw paid for.

2984. Were they generally not paid for?—The greater part was not paid for.

2985. Drinking was going on there the whole day very freely, was it not?—Yes.

2986. At what time did you go and vote?—About 3 o'clock.

2987. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

2988. A plumper?—Oh yes.

2989. Had you seen Sir Henry Stracey during the daytime?—Yes; I saw him come into the "Trumpet."

2990. Where were you when you saw him come into the "Trumpet"?—In the market room.

2991. Can you give me the names of any of the people that you saw in this house during the daytime, stopping there drinking, and so on?—Some of them.

2992. Just mention their names if you please?—There was George Smith, Henry Smith, Henry Taylor, and John Cracknell.

2993. Anyone else?—William Wright.

2994. The Browes'?—No, I do not know the Browes'.

2995. And Ward?—Yes, Ward was there.

2996. And Warren?—Yes.

2997. Bygrave?—I do not know Bygrave to say he was there.

2998. Were there any others there?—Not that I can call to mind just now; there were plenty more there that I did not know.

2999. Smith the fowl dealer was there, was he not?—Yes.

3000. And Hunt?—Yes.

3001. And Smith's son?—Yes.

3002. And Robert Fuller?—Yes, he was there.

3003. Had you frequented this house before?—I had not been there more then a dozen times in my life that I can remember.

3004. But on this particular day you spent five hours there?—Yes.

3005. You knew that there was drinking going on freely there, did you not?—I did not know anything about it till I got inside.

3006. You heard Sir Henry Stracey make his speech?—Yes, at least he said something, I do not know what he said though.

3007. You heard what the men said to Sir Henry Stracey about voting?—No, I do not know what was said at that time.

3008. But you know that these men were asking for something to be done to induce them to vote?—No; I cannot remember anything that was said just then.

3009. After Sir Henry Stracey had left you had a little more drinking, I suppose?—Yes, drinking on as usual.

3010. A little more than before?—No, I do not know that, they all had as much as they wanted, both before and after too.

3011. Did anybody say that you could have as much as you liked there?—Yes, I believe that that remark was made.

3012. Who was the person who made it?—That I can hardly say, there were so many standing in a lump.

3013. In consequence of that everybody drank as much as they liked?—Yes.

3014. And you did not see that paid for?—No.

3015. Do you recollect anything being said by Smith the fowl dealer or by Hunt?—Hunt said he would give them a crown each to vote and they refused it, and Smith made some remark about half-a-crown, I cannot say what it was, to make it 7*s.* 6*d.*

3016. And what did the men say to that?—They received the 7*s.* 6*d.*

3017. Did you see it paid to any of them?—No, I left the room directly I had taken what was mine.

3018. You were paid yourself?—Yes.

3019. By whom were you paid?—Hunt paid me.

3020. In which room?—In the bagatelle room.

3021. Was Smith present then?—Yes.

3022. Had Smith any money?—I did not see him have any money.

3023. Who handed you the money?—Hunt.

3024. Was Robert Fuller there?—Yes.

3025. Had he anything in his hand?—He was giving change.

3026. Taking the gold and handing over silver?—Yes, he took half a sovereign and gave them three half-crowns.

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3027. And Cracknell was writing down the names?—I did not see that.

3028. But Cracknell was there?—He was there.

3029. Did you see what money Hunt had, was it gold?—There was gold a lying on the table when I first entered the room.

3030. What was it?—It was gold; I could not say whether it was sovereigns or half-sovereigns.

3031. Was there any quantity of it?—About 5*l.* or 10*l.* worth, or something like that.

3032. And when the rest was taken up who removed it?—Hunt removed it.

3033. And put it in his pocket?—Yes.

3034. Did you see anybody receive money when you were up in this room?—No, I did not.

3035. How was that, because several people were present, and I do not suppose that they handed you your money and then turned you out of the house?—No, I was the first one that took it, and went out of the room directly.

3036. Who took you up to the poll?—Smith's son.

3037. Did several others go with them?—No, I did not see anybody else with them.

3038. You are quite certain about that, are you?—Oh yes.

3039. Are you certain that you did not go into the little room?—We were in the little room the first thing in the morning, the very first thing.

3040. And then you went to the bagattelle room?—To the market room, and from there to the bagatelle room.

3041. Did you go into the little room when you first went upstairs?—The bagatelle room was the only room that was used during the time I was there.

3042. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know know the little room that there is off the passage?—No, only one, the smallest room we were in.

3043. When you went up when there was a talk about the 7*s.* 6*d.* and you went upstairs did you not go into the little room first?—No, only into the bagatelle room.

3044. And were you paid in the bagatelle room?—Yes.

3045. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you see Mr. Stracey there in the course of the day?—Yes.

3046. Did you see anybody with him?—Yes, a lot of gentlemen was with them.

3047. Do you know young Mr. Stracey as well as Sir Henry?—No.

3048. It was only Sir Henry that you saw and heard make a speech?—That was the only one I knew there.

3049. Was there a young gentleman who came in afterwards?—I did not see him.

3050. Were you in the market room?—I was in the market room.

3051. And did you not see a young gentleman and one or two more come in afterwards?—There was many in and out all day.

3052. Do you recollect seeing Mr. Patteson?—I do not know Mr. Patteson.

3053. Did you not see any gentlemen come in after Sir Henry Stracey left?—No; they were in and out all day. I did not notice them.

3054. Did you see any gentlemen come in and speak to Hunt and Smith?—I did not see them speak to anybody, because I stopped in the room all the time. I did not go out.

3055. Do you know Mr. John Bignold and Mr. Arthur Bignold?—No; I only know Mr. Samuel Bignold; that is all I know.

3056. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How came you to go up into the bagatelle room instead of being paid in the other room?—Because Hunt said, "Come along with "me."

3057. And did he and Smith then go before you up into the bagatelle room?—Yes, they were there when I got into the room.

3058. Where was young Smith? Did he go with them?—He followed them upstairs.

3059. Then you were paid first, and sent off to poll?—Yes.

3060. Were you taken up in a cab or did you walk?—I walked down.

W. Ward.

WILLIAM WARD sworn and examined.

3061. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where do you live?—I live in Coburgh Street.

3062. In what parish is that?—St. Peter's.

3063. What are you by trade?—I am a chimney sweeper.

3064. Are you a voter now?—Yes.

3065. Were you a voter before the last election?—No.

3066. You know the "Trumpet" public house?—Yes.

3067. Were you there on the morning of the election?—I was there about 11 or 12 o'clock.

3068. Was that the first time you went in there?—Yes.

3069. How long did you remain in the "Trumpet"?—About a couple of hours.

3070. Did you then go out and return again?—Yes.

3071. At what time did you return?—About 2 or half-past 2 it might be.

3072. And did you remain there down to the time you went away to vote?—Yes, I think I did.

3073. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

3074. When you went there, did you find Hunt the fowl dealer there?—Yes, I did.

3075. Did he remain there during the whole of the time you were in the public house?—Yes.

3076. In what room were you first?—I went only into one room, that was the room next to the lane, the big room.

3077. Was that the market room?—Next to the market room.

3078. Was Hunt there drinking?—Yes.

3079. Were there a number of other people there drinking also?—Yes, several more.

3080. Did you pay for anything that you had to drink that day in that house?—Oh, yes.

3081. What did you pay altogether for anything you had to drink?—I never spent more than about 6*d.* I might spend more, I cannot exactly say.

3082. You were there for two hours in the first instance, were you drinking during the whole of that time?—I drank some that I bought myself, and I drank also what I had given me.

3083. Were you drinking during the whole of the day? I am speaking of the time when you were there first?—Yes.

3084. Were you drinking the whole of the time you were there the second time?—No, not the second time, because I did not stop.

3085. Did you drink after you returned there?—Yes.

3086. Did you pay a single farthing for drink after you went there the second time?—No, I do not think I did.

3087. How many people were there drinking?—Well, I think there were about 23 or 24 of us.

3088. Do you recollect Sir Henry Stracey coming there?—No, I do not.

3089. You were not there when he came?—I never saw anything of the kind.

3090. Do you recollect when you came back the second time its being said that Sir Henry Stracey had been there?—I do not know the man, so I cannot say.

3091. But did you hear that Sir Henry Stracey had been in the house?—No, I never heard anything of the kind.

3092. Nothing was said to you about his having been there?—No.

3093. After you went back did any gentleman with

a beard come into the market room ?—I believe Hunt came.

3094. I am asking you before any gentlemen came in ?—I did not see any gentlemen come in.

3095. Did you see any young gentleman come in ?—No.

3096. You were not so far gone, I suppose, in beer as to be blind, were you ?—No, I was not.

3097. Were you fresh ?—I was rather fresh.

3098. But six pennyworth of beer will not make you fresh, will it ?—No.

3099. Then you had had a good drop more than six pennyworth ?—Well, I daresay I had.

3100. You do not recollect seeing the gentleman ; was anything said about the money ?—I do not recollect anything being said about money.

3101. You do not remember it ?—No.

3102. Do you remember getting any money ?—Well, sir, I did.

3103. Then you remember something about money ?—Well, sir.

3104. Money would not get into your pocket by accident. Do you recollect Hunt saying anything about money in the first place ?—Well, he was throwing his money about, and that.

3105. Do you recollect Hunt offering 5*s.* apiece ?—No, I do not.

3106. Do you recollect his saying something about 5*l.* for the lot ?—No.

3107. Nothing of the sort ?—No.

3108. Come, be careful. There is a place very near here where the lodgings are not comfortable. Now, then, were you offered 7*s.* 6*d.* for your vote ?—Yes.

3109. Who was it who offered you the 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Hunt.

3110. Did you hear Smith say that he would stand something towards the 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—No, I did not.

3111. Had he not offered you the 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

3112. Did he offer that to the other men as well ?—That I do not know.

3113. Where was the offer made, in what room ?—Well, sir, it was mentioned in the big room.

3114. How many were there in the big room when the offer of 7*s.* 6*d.* was made ?—Well, I do not know how many there was exactly ; there were several of us, 20, I suppose. I daresay there was 20 of us.

3115. Did they agree to take 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—That I cannot say.

3116. How many agreed to take the 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—That I cannot say.

3117. Did several besides yourself agree to take the 7*s.* 6*d.*—I took the 7*s.* 6*d.*

3118. I do not care about yourself. Do you mean to tell us that you do not know that others agreed to take the 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Well, I do not know, and that is the truth.

3119. Did you go up into the bagatelle room ?—I think I did.

3120. Had you had so much beer that you cannot recollect that ?—Well, I was rather far in drink, so I forgot, of course.

3121. A number of others went up into the bagatelle room with you, did they not ?—Well, I do not know, I think they did. I think there was some went up along with me.

3122. But you cannot recollect how many ?—No, I cannot, and that is the truth.

3123. You received the 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

3124. To vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Yes.

3125. And you did vote for him ?—I did.

3126. Who took you to the poll ?—Hunt, I think, and another or two besides.

3127. Who ; Smith ?—I think Smith went, and Wright went as well.

3128. Did you require to be taken care of ?—Well, I took care of myself. I was not so far in drink that I could not take care of myself.

3129. But Smith was so kind as to take care of you. Is that the retired fowl dealer ?—I believe it is.

3130. Did you go up into the little room at all ?—Well, I did.

3131. The little room off the passage in the "Trumpet" ?—I went upstairs into the little room, I believe, but I do not know where it was, not now.

3132. Did you first go up into the little room before you went into the bagatelle room ?—That I do not know.

3133. Did you not go up into the little room before you went into the bagatelle room before the money was paid ?—I went into the little room upstairs.

3134. Had they offered you 5*s.* in the first instance ?—That I do not know ; that I cannot say.

3135. Do you recollect making up your mind that you would not have 5*s.* ?—That I do not know. I do not know whether he said anything of that. I tell you I was rather in beer, so that I do not hardly know what I did say.

3136. Did you stand out with the rest, and say that you would not take 5*s.*, that you would have 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—I do not know, and that is the truth, because I was forward in drink. I do not know what I did say hardly.

3137. Did you see Granville Bygrave there ?—I do not know whether I did ; he might be there for what I know.

3138. Do not say he "might be there," that is no answer to my question.—I do not know ; he might be there. I cannot say.

3139. William Warren ?—Yes, he was there.

3140. John Churchyard ?—I think he was there.

3141. Robert Fuller ?—I think he was there.

3142. George Barnes ?—Yes, he was there.

3143. Robert Walker ?—I do not remember his being there.

3144. Do you know the two Smiths, George and Henry Smith, father and son ?—I know them both, but he was not there, I think.

3145. And were they not there ?—He might be there, but he did not stop I know.

3146. William Flat ?—I do not know whether he was there or not.

3147. George Gowing ?—I do not recollect whether he was there.

3148. Michael George Gilbert, do you recollect him ?—I do not know whether he was there or not. I cannot say.

3149. William Wright ?—He was there.

3150. John Greengrass ?—I think he was there, I will not be sure.

3151. Henry Craske ?—I do not think he was there. I do not know rightly.

3152. You know the Browes', do you not, father and son, John Browes, senior, and John Browes, the younger ?—I do not know whether they were there.

3153. Will you undertake to say they were not ?—I do not know whether they were there or no.

3154. Did they all receive the money ?—That I do not know. I cannot say whether they did or no.

3155. How many were there that went up with you to receive the money ?—I do not know ; I cannot tell you.

3156. A lot of them went up with you, did they ?—I think there were several went up, but that they took any money or not I do not know.

3157. How many who went up with you altogether received the money—There might be eight or nine ; or there might be more, I cannot exactly say.

3158. They went up all in a lot ?—Yes ; there might be eight or nine ; I cannot say ; or there might be more.

3159. Do you not know that there were more ?—No, I tell you I was rather far in beer, and therefore I cannot tell.

3160. There were other people in the house then

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besides these that I have mentioned ?—That I cannot say.

3161. Do you not recollect the names of any other persons ?—No, I do not ; as I told you I was rather far in drink.

3162. I suppose you had some particular friend who was there with you ?—I do not know any particular friends who were with me.

3163. Is this the house you generally use ?—It is the house I generally go to.

3164. Who was the particular friend with whom you were on that day ?—I do not know.

3165. (*Mr. Biron.*) Who did you drink with ?—First I drank myself what I bought. I spent a little of my own money, and of course I drank it by myself at first.

3166. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I suppose you were generous, and that you gave somebody else a little of it ?—No, I did not, for I was very dry, and to tell you the truth I could have drunk more if I had had it.

W. Wright.

WILLIAM WRIGHT sworn and examined.

3167. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A bootcloser.

3168. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

3169. What is your parish ?—St. Peter of Mancroft.

3170. How did you vote, as a freeholder or as an occupier ?—As an occupier.

3171. Who did you vote for at this last election ?—Stracey.

3172. Have you ever voted before ?—No.

3173. Do you recollect on the day of the polling going to the "Trumpet" ?—Yes.

3174. What hour of the day was that ?—A quarter past 2.

3175. What led you to go there at that time ?—It is the house I generally use.

3176. Had you been there earlier in the day ?—No.

3177. When you got there at a quarter past 2 I suppose you had some drink ?—That I paid for.

3178. Did you have any drink that you did not pay for ?—No.

3179. Now, who did you see there ?—I saw Hunt, Smith, Callow, Taylor, Warren, and Cracknell.

3180. In what part of the house were you ?—I was in the market room.

3181. Were you there when Sir Henry Stracey came ?—Yes.

3182. And you heard him make a speech there ; you heard him say something ?—I think I did.

3183. And what did the men say after Sir Henry's speech ?—I do not know that there was anything said at all about it.

3184. Did they not say something to the effect that it would not do for them ?—I never heard it.

3185. Was anything said about votes ?—No.

3186. Nothing said about money ?—Not at the time Sir Henry Stracey was there that I heard.

3187. Did the men say they had rates to pay ?—No.

3188. After that did you remain in this room, or where did you go ?—I remained in the room some few minutes after that.

3189. Did you go into any other part of the house ?—Yes.

3190. Where did you go ?—Upstairs.

3191. Into which room ?—I do not know what room they call it ; it was a little room.

3192. Who was there ?—There was Hunt, myself, Callow, and Taylor.

3193. Was Cracknell there ?—Yes.

3194. What was going on there ?—Well, we got the money there.

3195. Who gave you the money ?—Hunt.

3196. Did you see Hunt with money before him ?—No.

3197. Was Robert Fuller there ?—I do not know ; I cannot recollect.

3198. Was there anybody there with a bag of silver changing the gold ?—I never saw anything of the sort.

3199. Cracknell was there, and wrote down the names, did he not ?—He was there, and he wrote down the names.

3200. Did you see any money paid to anyone else ?—Yes.

3201. Who did you see money paid to ?—Ward, Cracknell, Warren, Taylor, and Callow.

3202. Did you see anyone else receive money besides those you have mentioned ?—No, they were all that were in the room.

3203. After you had got your money what did you do ?—I went and voted.

3204. Who did you go with ?—A man of the name of Ward.

3205. And the younger Smith ?—No.

3206. Did not Smith take you up to the poll ?—No.

3207. Did you go with Callow ?—No.

3208. Only you and Ward went together ?—We two chose to go alone.

3209. Now I want to ask you this about the 7*s.* 6*d.*, did either Hunt or Smith make a bargain with you all round ?—No.

3210. How was that done ? How did you come to agree upon the sum of 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Well, Hunt was bragging there about his money, his giving his money away ; he said, "Come upstairs and I will give you "some," and I went upstairs and held my hand out and got some.

3211. Had you made no bargain as to how much it was to be ?—Not at the time I was there. I believe there had been something said, but not in my presence.

3212. Then you believe they all agreed to take 7*s.* 6*d.* apiece ?—I suppose they did by that.

3213. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You went into the house, about what time in the day ?—A quarter past 2.

3214. What was the first thing said about money after you first went in ?—I do not recollect anything being said about it.

3215. You do not drop into 7*s.* 6*d.* accidentally without anything being said about it, just remember ?—There was nothing else said but "Come upstairs "and I will give you some." I do not recollect anything else.

3216. Who was it said to you, "Come upstairs and "I will give you some" ?—Hunt.

3217. Did he say what he was going to give you ?—No, not until he got upstairs.

3218. How long was it after you went in that Hunt said "Come upstairs and I will give you some" ?—A very few minutes.

3219. Was he talking to the other men when you went in ?—Yes.

3220. Then all you heard was, "Come upstairs and "I will give you some" ?—That is all I heard about the money affair.

3221. They were talking about voting, I suppose ?—I do not know. I was not in the house many minutes before I went upstairs ; they were all jangling together at the time I went in.

3222. All about voting ?—I think they were, I cannot be sure about that. They were jangling at the time I went in, but about what I do not know.

3223. They were jangling about how much they should get for their votes, were they not ?—No, I never heard anything about what they should get.

3224. What did you think the money was to be given for ?—I suppose for voting ; but I do not know.

3225. You supposed it was to vote, did you not ?—I took it as such.

3226. You thought so ?—Yes.

3227. Had anybody come to you to ask you for your vote ?—Yes.

3228. Who ?—Mr. Hutton.

3229. What did you tell Mr. Hutton ?—That I should vote for the Conservatives.

3230. Then why had you not voted for the Conservatives before half-past 2 in the day ?—Because I did not leave off work till half-past 1.

3231. But you know this was half-past 2 ?—I had to go home to get my dinner, and I had no time to spare then.

3232. Then you were going to the public house instead of the poll ?—Yes.

3233. Now do you mean to say that you were going to vote for the Conservatives until you had some money ?—I went in there to get half-a-pint of beer before I went to the poll.

3234. Then this affair about the 7*s.* 6*d.* was purely accidental ?—I went into the house, and after I had been there a few minutes, I heard them say, "Come upstairs," and I followed the rest.

3235. You went up into the room and took your 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

3236. Did you pay for a half-pint or whatever you had ?—Yes, I paid for two half-pints.

3237. Then you waited there long enough to drink two half-pints ?—Yes.

3238. What time was it that you went up to the poll ?—About half-past 3.

3239. That is rather late in the day for a man who had promised to vote, is it not ?—Better late than not at all, I should think.

WILLIAM WARREN sworn and examined.

W. Warren.

3240. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A shoemaker.

3241. Do you vote as an occupier or as a freeman ?—A freeman.

3242. Of what ward ?—The fourth ward.

3243. Did you vote for Stracey at the last election ?—Yes.

3244. Had you voted at other elections ?—I had voted Conservative.

3245. Have you voted more than once before this last time ?—Yes, I voted for Mr. Waters and Sir Samuel Bignold and Lushington.

3246. Then you voted in 1859 and 1865 ?—I cannot remember the dates.

3247. Were you at the "Trumpet" on the day of the election ?—Yes.

3248. What time in the day did you get to the "Trumpet" ?—It might be 11 o'clock, but I cannot say the time exactly.

3249. I suppose you began drinking ?—Yes.

3250. And did you drink on until Sir Henry Stracey came ?—Yes.

3251. Did you hear Sir Henry Stracey ask the men to vote ?—Yes, I think I did.

3252. How many of you were there when he came in ?—I cannot say what number there were.

3253. But about how many, 20 ?—I cannot say for 20. I do not believe there were so many as that.

3254. Was Bygrave there ?—I do not know the man.

3255. Was Churchyard there ?—Yes, John Churchyard was.

3256. Was Robert Fuller the landlord's brother there ?—Yes.

3257. And George Barnes ?—Yes.

3258. And Robert Walker ?—I do not know the man.

3259. George Smith and Henry Smith, father and son ?—Yes, I believe there were some Smiths there, but I cannot tell the Christian names of them.

3260. Michael George Gilbert ?—I do not know the man.

3261. John Greengrass ?—I do not know him.

3262. Do you know old Browes and his son ?—No, I do not.

2263. What brought you there ?—I went to get a little drink. I live close by.

3264. Is that the house you generally use ?—In a general way.

3265. You told me you were there when Sir Henry Stracey was there, and heard his speech. Did you hear the men say anything ?—I do not remember.

3266. I mean anything about having to pay rates ?—Yes, I believe there was something said about paying rates.

3267. Sir Henry Stracey had asked you to go up and vote ?—Yes.

3268. And some of the men said "We have got to "pay rates" ?—Yes.

3269. Was not Smith there at the time Sir Henry Stracey came in ?—I think Hunt was, but I do not remember anything about Smith. I do not remember his being there.

3270. Did you see either Hunt or Smith come in after Sir Henry Stracey had left ?—I never noticed them coming in.

3271. Hunt was there the whole time, was he not ?—Yes, he came in after Sir Henry Stracey had gone.

3272. What did he say then ?—He said something about this. "I have got some money," or "I have "got 7*s.* 6*d.* for you." I do not know which it was.

3273. Did he not say "I have got 5*l.* for the lot" ?—No, I never noticed his saying that. He possibly might have said it, but I never heard him.

3274. He said he had got 7*s.* 6*d.* apiece for you ?—Yes.

3275. What did you do upon that ?—I went and took some shillings of him.

3276. Had any other offer been made in your hearing about 5*s.* ?—Not that I remember.

3277. Had not Smith said something about 5*s.* ?—No, not in my time.

3278. Nor Hunt ?—I never remember Hunt saying so.

3279. You remember the 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Yes.

3280. Did you go upstairs to the little room after the 7*s.* 6*d.* was offered ?—Yes, I went upstairs.

3281. Were you paid your 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—8*s.*

3282. You got 8*s.* ?—Yes.

3283. How was that ?—I had not a sixpence.

3284. You had not change ?—No.

3285. Was he taking change ?—I do not know. I know he asked me, that is all.

3286. Who gave you the 8*s.* ?—Hunt.

3287. What coin did he give you ?—To the best of my knowledge four two shilling pieces.

3288. Did you see where Hunt got the money from ?—I think he got it out of his pocket.

3289. Did not Robert Fuller give it to him ?—No, I never saw him.

3290. Did you not see Fuller there ?—Do you mean the landlord ?

3291. No, Robert Fuller, the landlord's brother, was he not up there with a bag of silver ?—No, I never saw a bag of silver. I believe he was there.

3292. Did you not see Hunt hand him anything and get something back ?—I do not remember that, but he might do so.

3293. How many were there when you were paid ?—Upstairs ?

3294. Yes.—To the best of my knowledge there was me, Ward, Wright, Cracknell, and I believe Taylor and Callow, but I am not sure.

3295. Were they all the men who were there when you were paid ?—They were there.

3296. Did you see any of those other men up

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in the little room?—No, only what I have now mentioned; I do not remember seeing any in the house.

3297. Did Barnes go up there?—I do not remember him.

3298. Do you not remember Barnes refusing to take 7*s.* 6*d.*?—No, I do not—not in the time I was there.

3299. Was George Barnes there?—He was downstairs.

3300–1. Now did you say you paid for your drink in the first instance?—Yes.

3302. How much did you pay?—I might spend sixpence, or I might spend more. I cannot say exactly.

3303. But just recollect what you did spend?—I cannot exactly recollect.

3304–6. How long were you there drinking?—I was there from about 11 till between 2 and 3, as nearly as I can recollect, but I went home between those times.

3307. How long were you at home?—I went home several times.

3308. Who paid for the rest of the drink. You drank more than your sixpennyworth?—I believe Hunt asked me to drink once or twice.

3309. Hunt and Smith, I suppose?—No, I do not remember drinking a glass of beer with Smith.

3310. Only Hunt?—Yes.

3311. What time did you vote?—I think it must have been between 2 and 3, but I cannot exactly say.

3312. Later than that, was it not?—It might be later, but I cannot say, for I never noticed the time.

3313. Who took you up to the poll?—I and Ward and Wright went.

3314. Did anybody go with you?—Hunt went with us.

3315. Did you see young Mr. Stracey there at all?—I do not know young Mr. Stracey.

3316. Do you know Mr. Bignold?—I know the old gentleman, Sir Samuel.

3317. Do you not know either of the young ones, Mr. Arthur or Mr John Bignold?—No, I do not.

3318. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What quantity of beer did you drink?—I cannot say exactly what quantity I drank.

3319. How long did you remain in the house in the first place?—It might be an hour, or it might be half an hour, I cannot exactly say.

3320. But how long do you believe it was, or were you so tipsy that you have forgotten?—Well, I was a little the worse for drink, I had been drinking.

3321. Had you been drinking at any other public house?—Yes, I had been down at the bottom of St. Stephen's.

3322. What house was that?—The "Peacock" I think it was.

3323. Who had supplied you with drink there?—I paid for that, there was nobody there.

3324. How long had you been drinking down there?—Well, I might be there half an hour or so, but I cannot say exactly.

3325. What quantity had you down there?—Only two half pints, that is all.

3326. What quantity of drink had you the first time you went to the "Trumpet"?—A pint.

3327. Is that what you paid for?—Yes.

3328. Besides the pint you had paid for what more had you to drink, because you got drunk according to your own account?—No, I was not right drunk. We clubbed pennies together each for half gallons.

3329. Did you see other people drinking there?—Yes, there were plenty of people in and out of the house.

3330. Did you see them pay for the drink, or did they have it without paying?—I never took notice whether they did.

3331. How long were you away before you returned?—The first time?

3332. Yes.—Well, it might be half an hour or so, I cannot say exactly, or it might be less time.

3333. Did you go out again and come in a third time?—Yes, I might do that.

3334. Were you so tipsy that you cannot recollect?—No, I was not so tipsy as that.

3335. Just tell me did you go out and return a third time or did you remain there from that time until you got your money?—I believe I did go out again, I went home.

3336. How long were you away the second time?—For about half an hour, I should say, but I cannot exactly tell. I will tell you the truth as near as I can think of it.

3337. How long was it after you returned the last time that you went up into the little room?—I should say a couple of hours or an hour and a half, something like that.

3338. What were you doing during the whole hour and a half after you returned, drinking?—Yes.

3339. Now did you pay a single farthing for anything you drank after you returned that time?—Yes, I believe I did.

3340. Will you undertake to swear that you did?—I believe I did, but I cannot say.

3341. Who was it first spoke about the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Hunt, I believe.

3342. Did you hear Smith say anything about money?—No, I do not remember it.

3343. Do you know the bagatelle room?—No, but I know the large room in the lane.

3344. That is the market room, but you went up to some other room to receive the money?—Yes.

3345. Did you up into a little room first, or did you go straight to the bagatelle room?—A little room to the left of the stairs, to the best of my knowledge.

3346. Was there a bagatelle board in it?—I never noticed one.

3347. Did you only go to one room upstairs?—That is all.

3348–9. Did not some of these men, and if so which of them, go up with you? I will give you the names: Granville Bygrave, John Churchyard, Robert Walker, George Smith, Henry Smith his son, William Hunt, Michael George Gilbert, John Greengrass, and the two Browes?—I do not remember those names at all. I do not know Bygrave nor yet Walker.

3350. Out of those which I have given you do you not recollect some of them going up to the bagatelle room, or at least that little room?—Not the bagatelle room, I went in the little room.

3351. I want to know whether John Churchyard did not go up with you?—I do not remember him.

3352. Do you recollect Robert Walker?—No, I do not know that man at all.

3353–4. Do you know George Smith and Henry Smith, father and son.—I saw them in the room downstairs.

3355. Did you not also see them in the room upstairs?—No, I do not remember seeing them.

3356. Will you undertake to say that you did not see them?—I at the end remember seeing them there, and that is the truth.

3357. Do you know the two Browes at all?—No, upon my word I do not.

3358. After you received the 8*s.* did you immediately go downstairs?—Yes.

3359. You went straight downstairs?—Yes.

3360. Those who received money after you left of course you do not know?—No.

3361. Was Hunt there with the money at that time?—He gave me mine upstairs.

3362. And the other people that you have mentioned, were they in the room upstairs?—Ward and Wright were upstairs at the time I was there.

3363. You went straight away?—Yes, I went with them.

3364. Did you meet any persons coming up the stairs?—No, I do not remember any.

RICHARD WILLIAM LADELL sworn and examined.

3365. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a freeman of this city?—Yes.

3366. How long have you been a freeman?—15 years.

3367. Have you voted at the three last elections?—I have.

I am afraid, in consequence of the determination of some persons and of the advice of others to withhold information from us, we shall be compelled before the termination of this inquiry to call every person upon the register. That is a most serious consequence, involving an enormous loss of time and expense, and it ought to be well weighed by those who have given that advice. I extremely regret it for the sake of this city, but more especially for the inconvenience to which we must necessarily subject a large portion of the voters. Now I am sorry that you and a number of other persons in your position of life should have been compelled to come here, but it is a necessity which we feel we have no alternative but to carry out.

3368. Can you mention the name of any person who you have heard has either given a bribe or received a bribe at this election?—None whatever.

3369. (*Mr. Biron.*) Or treated?—Or treated.

3370. Paid for beer in public houses?—No.

3371. Have you heard the names of any public houses where bribery or treating went on at the last election?—I have not except from the late inquiry.

3372. Do you know of anything except what you have heard?—I do not.

JOHN SWITHIN MADGETT sworn and examined.

J.S. Madgett

3373. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—A freeman.

3374. Have you voted before this last election?—Oh yes.

3375. On which side?—Well, I have voted for all parties.

3376. For whom did you vote this time?—For Stracey.

3377. Are you aware of any person at this election having received a bribe to vote?—No.

3378. Any money?—No.

3379. Have you heard any names mentioned by report?—No.

3380. Who canvassed you?—Well, I was asked by Mr. Wilding.

3381. In what ward is that?—The fifth ward. They were taking the parish rounds, and it was only the parish of All Saints, I believe.

3382. Did you promise him to vote?—I do not recollect whether I did or not, but I intended to vote for Stracey.

3383. Did you promise anyone?—No, I do not remember anyone else speaking to me.

3384. You voted the first thing in the morning?—I did vote in the morning.

3385. Did you receive any money from anybody?—No.

3386, Did you receive any promise of money?—No.

3387. Did you receive any beer?—No, I never drank at all, and have not done so for just upon 30 years.

CHARLES JOHN WATSON sworn and examined.

C. J. Watson

3388. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

3389. A freeman?—Yes.

3390. How long have you been on the register?—I think I was on the register the first time last year.

3391. You did not vote before?—No.

3392. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

3393. Were you canvassed?—There were three of them in our place. They merely came to put the name on a paper.

3394. Do you keep a shop?—I keep a shop, at least my mother keeps a shop, but I attend to it and superintend it for her.

3395. Did you receive anything for voting?—No.

3396. No money or anything of the sort?—No.

3397. Were you about the city on the day of the election after you had voted?—At half-past 12 or 1 I was in the city, but not for electioneering purposes.

3398. You were there so as to see what was going on?—I was there.

3399. Did you see any men hanging about the polling booths who had not voted?—No. I was only out about an hour or two in the afternoon.

3400. Did you see any men hanging about public houses?—No; I can't say that I passed any public houses.

3401. It is impossible to go far here without getting near a public house?—I didn't, not to notice anything.

3402. Have you heard any reports of people being bribed?—No.

3403. Or bribing?—No.

3404. Have you not heard anything about the last election?—Merely what I read in the paper about the inquiry before Baron Martin. All I knew about it is what I read in the paper during that inquiry.

3405. You take no great interest in politics?—No.

WALTER EDWARD BIRD sworn and examined.

W. E. Bird

3406. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by profession?—An ornamental painter.

3407. What is the nature of your qualification?—A freeman.

3408. How many elections have you voted at?—I should think about four or five. I cannot say exactly.

3409. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

3410. What hour of the day did you poll?—As soon as the poll was open.

3411. Had you been canvassed before?—No.

3412. Had you given any promise?—No.

3413. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No.

3414. You have always voted on the Conservative side?—Yes.

3415. Are you cognisant of any money having been given at this last election on either side for votes?—No.

3416. Have you heard any reports to that effect?—No.

GEORGE HOLL sworn and examined.

G. Holl.

3417. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

3418. In what ward?—The fifth ward.

3419. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Tillett and Russell.

3420. Are you a freeman or an occupier?—A freeman.

3421. Have you voted before?—Yes. I have been a freeman these 40 years.

3422. How have you voted?—I have always voted

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on the Liberal side. I never voted Tory in my life.

3423. At what time did you vote at the last election ?—About 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

3424. Do you know of any place where bribery went on at the last election ?—No. I did not take any part in the election, I only voted. I walked about a little in the course of the day, but I did not see anything I could make anything of.

3425. Have you heard any reports since ?—No, not that I know anything about.

3426. Except what you have read of at the election inquiry ?—That is all.

J. Hall.

JAMES HALL sworn and examined.

3427. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a freeman of this city ?—Yes.

3428. How long have you been a freeman ?—I should think more than 20 years.

3429. Have you voted at the three last elections ?—Yes.

3430. For whom did you vote at the last ?—Russell and Tillett.

3431. Had you promised your vote before ?—No, certainly not. That is my opinion, and I voted that way. I was not canvassed by either side.

3432. Have you always voted that way ?—I did once vote for Douro and Peto, under circumstances, many years since.

3433. How long ago was that—More than 20 years ago.

3434. You were about, I suppose, on the day of the election ?—Very little indeed. I did not take much interest in it.

3435. Did you hear upon that day of anybody having received a bribe, or having treated anybody to make them poll ?—I might, perhaps, the latter part of the day, but I was not amongst them.

3436. If you heard it, who told you ?—I cannot say. It was public talk what I heard.

3437. Did you hear anybody mentioned ?—Not by name, but I heard that they were bribing.

3438. Did you hear whether they were bribing at any place ?—No ; it was public talk.

3439. It is quite public talk, I am sorry to say, that we have to inquire into ?—I was not amongst them, but in the evening or next day morning I heard about it, but I cannot say who said so.

3440. Did you hear any names of the people who were being bribed ?—Certainly not.

3441. Have you heard anything since ?—No.

3442. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you hear any houses mentioned where bribery was going on ?—I heard about the "Trumpet" and the "Marquis of Granby."

3443. That came out in the election inquiry ; but that day or the day after the election did you hear anything ?—I might hear it the day after the election, about what took place at the "Trumpet," merely talk amongst the people I am intimate with. That is all.

T. N. Penton.

THOMAS NELSON PENTON sworn and examined.

3444. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you ?—A porter.

3445. What is your qualification for voting ?—A freeman.

4446. How long have you been a freeman ?—About nine years.

3447. What previous elections have you voted at ?—For Russell and Warner.

3448. For whom did you vote this last time ?—Russell and Tillett.

3449. At what hour in the day did you poll ?—A quarter before 9 in the morning.

3450. Had you promised your vote to anyone ?—I had not promised particular, but Mr. Marston asked me a few days previous which way I was going to vote, and I said "blue," the same as before.

3451. Were you about the town that day ?—Yes.

3452. Did you hear anything going on ?—No.

3453. Nothing improper at public houses ?—No.

3454. Did you hear anybody's name mentioned in connexion with improper practices ?—No, not till after I see the newspaper.

E. P. Gedge.

EDWARD PETER GEDGE sworn and examined.

(*Witness.*) I have been a freeman in this city nearly 26 years, and never took a bribe.

3455–6. No one is imputing anything to you. You do not like bribery, I can see ?—No.

3457. I am perfectly certain you are speaking the truth, and that is why I want you to give evidence. You are the sort of man we want.—We shall help one another, I hope.

3458. Do not think I want to say anything that will hurt your feelings or the feelings of anyone else, I hope. Now tell me, did you hear anything about the bribery ?—I never went out anywhere.

3459. Did you hear anything about it ?—No, certainly not. After I voted I went with a friend. I said to him, "Old chap, will you have a glass of ale ?" and we had a pint together, and we paid for it.

3460. Then you did not hear anything about the bribery ?—No ; there was no bribery there, was there ?

3461. No, certainly not ; but did you hear of anything going on anywhere else ?—No ; I did not trouble myself at all. I don't care if my name is seen.

3462. You need not be ashamed of your name ; it is a very good name, and you seem to be a very good man.—It is the first occasion I have been called up, and mark my word, it shall be the last. I'll never poll again.

3463. You must not lose your temper, because we have to keep our tempers under very difficult circumstances. It gives us no pleasure to make these inquiries.—No, certainly.

J. B. Blackburn.

JAMES BERRY BLACKBURN sworn and examined.

3464. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I believe you are a freeman in this city ?—I am.

3465. And I suppose you have been so for many years ?—About 16 years.

3466. Were you canvassed for the last election ?—I was by the Tories.

3467. Did you promise to vote for them ?—No.

3468. Did you promise to vote for the others ?—I did ; but I was not canvassed.

3469. Then you volunteered ?—I volunteered.

3470. I suppose you took a little interest in the election ?—Well, I did not take much interest in this ; very little indeed.

3471. Did you hear during the day of anybody giving or receiving bribes ?—I did hear something of it. That is always the case. I did not pay no attention to it.

3472. Did you act at all towards promoting the election ?—I canvassed about three days before the election part of Crook's Place.

3473. What part did you canvass?—The first part in Crook's Place, Chapel Street.

3474. Has that street got a number of doubtful voters in it?—There was a great many doubtful voters. I got very few promises.

3475. Did you return the result of your canvass?—The party who took my canvass was a man of the name of Grimshaw. I went with him.

3476. Did he make up the canvass book?—He had the canvass book.

3477. Is Grimshaw a member of what they call the "organisation"?—Yes, I believe he was.

3478. Now when the people were doubtful did they mention anything to you about money?—No.

3479. They merely refused to give you any pledge at all?—There was very few gave a pledge at all in that street to us.

3480. Is it a populous street?—A good many working men; not so many after all.

3481. How many voters were there in the street?—I could not say.

3482. Had you a book for the purpose of canvassing them?—No.

8483. Did you look after the men at all upon the day of the election?—No.

3484. You know the "Trumpet," do you not, in this ward?—I know the "Trumpet."

3485. Did you hear during the day of anything going on in the "Trumpet"?—I heard afterwards. I did not on that day.

3486. Where did you hear the talk about the "Trumpet"?—I heard them talk about it the next day.

3487. Did you hear of any other public house in your ward where anything improper was going on?—No, I did not hear of any in the fifth ward.

3488. Did you hear of any other public house in any other ward?—I heard there was bribing done in the seventh and eighth wards.

3489. Where?—At the "Woolpack."

3490. And at the "Marquis of Granby"?—Yes.

3491. Were those the only places in which you heard the next day of any bribery going on?—I heard there was a house close to what they call Jenkin's Lane. I heard there was bribery going on there.

3492. Do you know the name of the house?—No.

3493. Don't you know the sign?—No.

3494. You merely heard that it was a beer house in Jenkin's Lane?—That is all. I heard they were bribing there; that there were a lot of votes there.

3495. Did you hear who was bribing?—No.

3496. Did you hear who the voters were?—No; I heard that they would vote for anybody if they were paid for it.

3497. Did you hear the names of any who were bribed at the "Trumpet"?—No, I did not hear any particular names.

3498. Who was it that was talking about it?—Those that had used the "Trumpet."

3499. Who was it?—I don't know. They said a lot of men were bribed there.

3500. I want to know who told you?—It was general talk.

3501. Only general talk? Is there any person in particular that gave you the information of it, because you say you have been canvassing, you know?—Not that I know of.

3502. Did you hear whether any of the persons that you had canvassed had been bribed?—No, I did not.

3503. You would be particularly interested in that?—I did not hear anything of the kind; in fact, on the election day I took very little interest in it indeed. I went and voted; that is all I done.

3504. I am not speaking of the election day simply, but on the next day or any day immediately afterwards did you hear of any particular person who was said to be bribed or to have bribed?—I heard, but it is only hearsay.

3505. That is what I want. When did you hear of anybody who was bribed or who had been bribing?—I heard of Smith the fowl dealer and others.

3506. Anybody else?—I don't know what names there were.

3507. Have you heard anybody since the election up to the present time say that any particular person bribed any of the voters?—No, I have not heard anything particular about it.

3508. Who were the other canvassers in your ward?—There were so many canvassers, but they were not united together. There was Marston the leather cutter, and there was a man that lived down Timberhill. I forget his name; he kept a shop; a shortish man.

3509. Anybody else?—Those were the only ones that went with me. I don't think the ward was properly canvassed at all.

3510. I want to know who actually made any canvass at all, not only with you, but for the other parts of the ward?—There was canvassers, no doubt, but I don't remember who they were, I am sure.

3511. (*Mr. Biron.*) Was the Liberal committee for that ward held at your house?—What committee?

3512. The Liberal, Russell and Tillett's?—Yes, it was.

3513. Then I take it you had an interest in these elections?—In some of them I had an interest.

3514. You had an interest in the last?—I had not much interest in it.

3515. Did you see the Tories canvassing your ward at all?—They called in at me; they canvassed me. I did not follow them about.

3516. Who canvassed you?—I think Stockings was one, and John Calver, and I think Fisher, the grocer.

3517. Did you not see any other Conservatives canvassing that ward—No, I did not.

3518. During the whole ten days before were those the only three men you saw about?—I saw them about, but none came to me.

3519. You stayed at home looking after your own business?—Yes.

3520–1. Do you know Larkman's, Thorn Lane?—No.

3522. It is a public house in Thorn Lane?—I went to no public houses.

3523. Don't you know the man who keeps a public house in Thorn Lane?—I may know the man, but I don't know the house.

3524. Did you hear of any bribery going on there?—No.

3525. From whom did you hear of the bribery in Jenkin's Lane?—I was walking leisurely with a friend, and we were told they were bribing there; we did not go in.

3526. With whom were you walking?—Young Henry Tillett, who is just dead.

3527. Did he say they were bribing there?—We would not go in, and a man said, "There's a lot of "votes there;" and he said, "Let them be there;" he did not know me, he knew him.

3528. Do you know who the man was?—No, he came out of this very house.

3529. He said, "There are a lot of votes there." You understood by that that there were men who would vote if they were paid for it, and Henry Tillett said, "There let them be"?—Yes.

3530. Do you know who the man was that came up to Mr. Tillett and said that?—No.

3531. What time was that?—About half-past 3,

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3532. Did you see anybody hanging about the house?—No, I saw no one. I did not go inside.

3533. Did you see any of the Tories there?—No.

3534. Did you see anybody whom you recognised as a Tory?—No.

3535. That is in your ward?—No; mine is the fifth ward.

3536. Where is Jenkin's Lane?—St. Martin's.

3537. What ward is that?—The eighth.

3538. You know where the house stands; you could go to it?—Yes.

3539. Could you get us the name of the house and of the landlord?—Yes, I should think I could.

J. Carter.

JOHN CARTER sworn and examined.

3540. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a freeman of this city?—Yes.

3541. I suppose you have been a freeman for many years?—Yes.

3542. Were you canvassed for the last election?—No.

3543. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

3544. Had you voted at the previous elections?—Yes.

3545. Which way had you voted at the previous elections, Liberal or Conservative?—Conservative.

3546. You have always voted Conservative?—Yes.

3547. Have you heard of any bribery going on at the last election, besides what you have heard in consequence of the inquiry before Mr. Baron Martin?—o I did not.

3548. No report?—No.

3549. Did anybody tell you of any particular act which had been done?—I have heard people talk, but I did not pay any regard to it, because I did not see any of it.

3550. Although you had not seen any of it, did they tell you of it?—No, I heard people talk.

3551. You took the common interest of other people in the conduct of this election?—Not much of that.

3552. You heard nothing?—No.

A. A. Marston.

ALFRED ABRAHAM MARSTON sworn and examined.

3553. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a leather cutter?—Yes.

3554. What is your qualification?—Freeman.

3555. You voted at the last election?—I did.

3556. Which side?—Russell and Tillett.

3557. Did you always vote on that side?—Always.

3558. You were one of the canvassers in your ward?—I did canvass All Saints parish somewhat.

3559. For Russell and Tillett?—For Mr. Tillett, because at that time the coalition had not taken place.

3560. Had you anything to do with the organisation society?—Well, I was, I may say, on the committee, if I may use the term, at least I organised as far as I could, and got the opinions of the new voters as well as I could, and induced them to join with me in that organisation.

3561. You were active on Mr. Tillett's side?—I was not so active as I should like to have been, because my means and time were limited.

3562. During the day of the polling, were you about a good deal in the city?—In the former part of the day I was.

3563. Did you hear of any improper practices going on in any part of the city on that day?—I did in the latter part of the day.

3564. What places did you hear mentioned?—The "Trumpet" was one place more especially than any other.

3565. What others?—I don't know that I could say.

3566. Have you heard the names of any persons?—That would be after. I don't believe that was in my ward.

3567. Did you hear the next day when the polling was over the names of any persons?—No. I think the principal business was done at the "Trumpet."

3568. Did you hear of any other place?—No, nor did I go there.

3569. Did you hear of any place in your own ward where "business" was being done?—I cannot say that I did.

3570. The next day did you hear any stories going about as to how it had been carried?—No; I heard something about the "Coach and Horses," I think.

3571. Where is that?—I think I am wrong; the "Coachmakers' Arms," I think that would be the sign, in St. Stephen's, about St. Stephen's gates. I heard there was some there.

3572. Did you hear the names of any persons who were said to be active there?—Smith, a fowl dealer, and Hunt.

3573. At the "Coachmakers' Arms"?—No, at the "Trumpet." I did not hear the names mentioned at the "Coachmakers' Arms."

3574. Did you hear the names of any other persons mentioned as giving or taking money at this election?—After the election. As you asked me, I was canvassing somewhat the new electors, and I called on a person of the name of Blanchflower; he lives on the road, and he told me he would vote for anyone that would hang Disraeli. I said I did not want to do such a thing as that, and so on, and I put him down. I met there with him a son-in-law to the old gentleman (he is 90 years old), and he said, "You can put us down, we are all right." About 1 o'clock it might be on the election day, seeing they had not voted, I called upon that old gentleman, and asked him to go with me to the poll. He gets down within six or ten or twelve yards of the polling place, and then he says, "I am not going to vote now." I says, "Why?" and he says, "I am going to see my "sons-in-law." I says, "Where are they?" and he says, "They are at the 'Trumpet.'" "Oh," I said, "I am not going there," and I did not go; and ten minutes after I saw both the sons-in-law had voted for Stracey. Browes is the sons-in-law's name; and then the old gentleman volunteered a statement after the election. He said he did not go directly into the house, but his sons-in-law led him across the street, and told him he might have half-a-sovereign for his vote for Stracey, but the old gentlemen did not have it; he did not vote at all.

3575. But his relations did?—The two Browes did.

3576. Did he give any reason for not voting?—No, he did not.

3577. Do you know that the old gentleman had come to vote?—He went with me, and I walked with him along the road, and expected he was going to vote; but ten yards from the polling place he said he would not vote till he had seen his sons-in-law.

3578. You say you thought him safe till within ten yards of the polling place?—Yes.

3579. Do you know of anything that happened at the "Coachmakers' Arms"?—No, I don't. I was not in the house at all.

3580. Can you tell me any other circumstance that has been mentioned to you since the election in con-

nexion with taking or giving money?—I cannot charge my memory just now with anything.

3581. Have you heard of anything?—No, general rumours.

3582. Can you mention any one of those general rumours?—No, I cannot, not now. I don't know but what I have disclosed all pretty well that I know, because my place is pretty well up to the work, we have not much fault to find with them generally; and I confined myself, what little I did, to that place.

3583. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is the name of this old gentleman?—Blanchflower.

3584. What is his address?— The fifth ward.

3585. In which parish?—All Saints.

3586. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you know Larkman, of Thorn Lane?—No, I don't.

3587. He keeps a public house there?—I know the house, but I don't know the man.

3588. Did you hear of anything going on there on the day of the election?—After the election I did hear many reports concerning it.

3589. You heard the men were there waiting to be bribed?—Yes, I did hear it.

3590. Did you hear that any were bribed?—Yes; and I likewise heard that many of them were there waiting to be bought, and they voted under the promise of receiving money after they had voted. They did vote, and they did not get the money.

3591. Did you hear who that was who promised, and did not keep his promise?—No, he was in a private room, and they were let in one at a time.

3592. Did you hear who he was?—No.

3593. Who told you that?—I could not say, it might be ten people almost who told me that.

3594. If ten people told you you can tell me the name of one of them?—Mr. Maitland was one, I believe.

3595. Who is Mr. Maitland?—He lives in Golden Ball Street, and keeps an eating house there. I believe he was one.

3596. Who else?—I believe, if you refer to the author, if he was truthful to me, he would tell you; Mr. Palmer, who keeps a shoe shop close by.

3597. Was Mr. Palmer the man who made the promise?—No; Mr. Palmer was to have gone and received the monies, I understood; but his heart failed him, he daren't take it.

3598. What else did you hear about this Thorn Lane place?—I cannot say. I think it is more than likely you have got more than I can tell you.

3599. You are only telling what you heard?—That is all I can think of just now.

3600. Think a little more?—I mention Mr. Parker, a grocer, being very active in buying.

3601. Where does Parker, the grocer, live?—Timberhill, close by.

3602. Do you recollect anybody else?—No; just now I cannot think of it.

3603. What was the name of the man that you mentioned just now?—Blanchflower.

3604. Did you ever hear him called by the name of Browes?—I believe he is registered under the name of Browes.

3605–6. There are two sons-in-law of the old gentleman?— The two Browes are sons-in-law of Blanchflower.

JOHN BROWES sworn and examined.

J. Browes.

3607. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

3608. When did you vote?—I voted about 20 minutes past 3.

3609. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

3610. Where had you been in the early part of the day?—I had been about in the city, different places, and had a glass of beer where I thought I would.

3611. Where did you take the first glass of beer?—I believe it was in the market.

3612. Towards 11 where did you get to?—About 11 o'clock I was up at Mr. Salter's, and had a glass of ale.

3613. Where is Salter's?—At St. Stephen's Gate.

3614. What is the name of the public house that he keeps?—They are wine vaults now, what used to be the "Bee Hive."

3615. Was there any talk about bribing there?—No, not to me.

3616. Two other men were there?—There was one talking about voting there.

3617. You did not stay there long?—No.

3618. To what place did you go?—I went home, and got my dinner.

3619. Where did you go to after dinner?—I come down into St. Stephen's again.

3620. Into what house did you go there?—I went to Fuller's, and had a pint of ale; I and my son.

3621. You heard some talk about voting?—No. There was only room for two people to sit where I went in, in the front of the bar. I sat there, and had a pint of ale; I and my son.

3622. You went to the "Trumpet." What room were you in?—In the front of the bar.

3623. Did not you go into the room below?—No, I did not.

3624. Who was with you there?—My son.

3625. What is his name?—John Browes.

3626. Did not you hear anything in the "Trumpet" about voting?—I did not, nor I never saw Fuller.

3627. When you came out did you see anybody who talked to you about voting?—They were talking in the street about voting.

3628. To whom?—I see Mr. Hardy, the grocer, and Mr. Fisher; he said, "Have you voted?" I said, "No, sir."

WILLIAM BLANCHFLOWER sworn and examined.

W Blanchflower.

3629. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city?—No, not that I know of.

3630. Have you not a vote for members of Parliament in this city?—No. They left me a card for it, and they asked me to vote for Mr. Tillett, and I said I should not vote for Mr. Tillett, nor no other man.

3631. Then you have a vote?—Not that I know of. I never paid the rate. I have lived in a house for 90 years at 2*s.* a week; that is all in one house.

3632. Did you tell them that when they asked you for your vote?—Yes, I told them I would not vote.

3633. Who asked you for your vote?—I don't know; a gentleman that lives on Timberhill.

3634. Is that Mr. Marston?—I don't know his name. Timberhill, just going on to All Saints Green. I told him I would not vote for Mr. Tillett.

3635. You recollect the day of election, do not you?—Yes.

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3636. Do you recollect a gentleman coming to you that day?—Yes.

3637. Did he ask you to come and vote?—Yes.

3638. Did you walk down with him from your house towards the poll?—He says to me, "If you "can't walk, I'll go and fetch a fly for you."

3639. Did you walk down with him?—I said, "I "can walk, I thank you, sir; I have got legs."

3640. Then you walked?—Then I walked a little way, and he asked me to take hold of his arm. I said, "I don't want to take hold of your arm; I can "walk without." We walked as far as the "Angel," in St. Stephen's, and when we got there I told him I should not vote for Mr. Tillett nor no other man at present, neither Mr. Tillett nor Mr. Stracey. Them are the words I said. We stayed there a little while. Then I went to St. Stephen's.

3641. Did you not say to that gentleman that you could not vote till you had seen your son-in law?—No, I never used such a word.

3642. Did you go and see your son-in-law?—No. It is my own son.

3643. Did you say you could not vote till you had seen your son?—I could not vote at all.

3644. Did not you tell that gentleman that you could not vote until you had seen your son?—I never said no such words.

3645. Remember now?—I do remember.

3646. Did you not go to the "Trumpet"?—I never voted at all.

3647. That is not the question I put to you. Did you go to the "Trumpet"?—No; I never went into the "Trumpet." I stood just by the pastry-cook's shop, just beside it.

3648. Did you see your son there?—I see him in the street, close by the pastry-cook's shop. I call it past the "Trumpet."

3649. Is that next to the "Trumpet"?—Yes, it is close by. One side is what they call the Trumpet Lane.

3650. Did you not talk to him about voting?—No, not a word. I never mentioned anything to him.

3651. Now remember this?—I remember very well.

3652. Did he not tell you that you could have half a sovereign if you would vote for Stracey?—He said I should have half a sovereign if I would go and vote, but I never went nor never took it.

3653. I do not suppose that. But did he not tell you that you should have half a sovereign if you would go and vote for Stracey?—He did not say for whom. I am upon my oath.

3654. Then did he go into the house. Did he tell you to stay there for a little time?—No. I went away. I went home.

3655. Did he go into the "Trumpet"?—No, he went into the other public house across the way—Mr. what's his name, that keeps that public house across the street—not the "Bull," the other.

3656. He went into that house?—Yes. I went home and he went in, and I never see no more of him.

3657. Is that public house called the "Rose"?—I don't know what it is called. What's his name that keeps it.

3658. Salter?—Salter—that's his name. He went in to Salter's. I did not see him go in, but he was going to take me in there; but I went home and I left him.

3659. He wanted you to go in there, did he?—Yes, but I did not.

3660. Did he want you to go in there to get the half sovereign?—No, he never said that.

3661. Did he say for what he wanted you to go into that house?—No, he didn't say nothing at all about it.

3662. Did he simply ask you to go into that house?—I was a standing on the path, and another man was coming by, and he catched hold of the man by the arm, and whilst he was talking with him he left go of my arm, and I walked home. That's all I can say about it.

3663. Before he spoke to you about the half sovereign did not you see him go into the "Trumpet"?—No, I didn't see him go into the "Trumpet."

3664. Did he speak to you about the half sovereign immediately he saw you?—I never see nothing more. Then he walked across the street, and I left him by Salter's door.

3665. You say that he spoke to you about a half sovereign?—He said he would get me a half sovereign; but then I never see it nor never had it.

3666. You say you saw him, in the first place, near the pastry-cook's?—I saw him when I was a coming up the street, and he followed me a little way—my son. He said he would help me through the crowd beside the "Trumpet." Then I stood there against the "Trumpet" door, and he went and came back in about three minutes; and then I went across the road.

3667. He did go into the "Trumpet"?—I did not see him go in.

3668. Did he leave you for a minute or two before he came back again?—Yes.

3669. Did you see where he went to during that time?—No; because I was looking up that way.

3670. You do not know whether he went into the "Trumpet" or not?—No, I did not see him go in.

3671. Did he say who would give you the half sovereign?—No, he did not.

J. Browes.

JOHN BROWES recalled and further examined.

3672. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told me you went to the "Trumpet" that afternoon?—Yes, about 20 minutes past 2.

3673. Did you not hear anything about getting money for votes?—I did not all the time I was there.

3674. When did you hear about it then?—Not until after the election was over; I heard them talking, but I know nothing further.

3675. Did you see Blanchflower, your father, that afternoon?—Yes, certainly I did; he lives next door to me.

3676. Did you see him after 3 o'clock?—Oh yes.

3677. You mean to tell me that you heard nothing at the "Trumpet" about half sovereigns being given for votes?—I did not, upon my oath.

3678. About money being given?—I did not at the time I was there.

3679. Did you that afternoon?—I did not.

3680. Do you mean to say that you heard nothing about money being given at the "Trumpet" for votes?—I tell you I never heard a word about a farthing being given that afternoon.

3681. You saw your father after you left the "Trumpet"?—Oh yes; he lives next door to me.

3682. Did you say anything to him about voting?—Oh no, I did not say anything to him about voting. I went and voted according to my own opinion.

3683. Did you say anything about his voting?—He had no vote.

3684. Did you tell him that he could have half a sovereign?—No.

3685. Have you got a brother?—I have a son.

3686. Was your son with you and your father?—My son and I were together.

3687. Did your son say to your father "You can "have half a sovereign for voting"?—No, I should say not.

3688. You should say not, but did he?—I cannot say whether he did or not.

3689. You, and your father, and your son were there together?—We were not together; not in the street. When I went home I found my father at home. My father, I knew, had no vote, so how could he have half a sovereign?

3690. Never mind that; but did your son say to him he could have half a sovereign?—That I do not know; he will have to answer that himself.

3691. Did your son say anybody could have half a sovereign for voting?—I do not know, I am sure.

3692. Or that they were giving half a sovereign for voting?—I never heard it.

3693. Did you hear anything whatever about money being given for voting, on the day of the election?—I did not, and I will take my oath that I never took a glass of beer, or so much as a farthing, nor yet was promised anything.

3694. You have told me what time you voted?—Yes, 20 minutes past 3.

3695. What made you wait until that time?—My fancy.

3696. But why was it your fancy? You had been in the "Trumpet," had you made up your mind which way to vote?—I had made up my mind which way to vote the first thing in the morning.

3697. Was that the first time you decided?—This was the first time I had a vote.

3698. Having made up your mind to vote, you voted at 20 minutes past 3?—I voted when I thought fit.

3699. But what made you think fit to wait until after 3?—What makes other people wait?

3700. You answer for yourself and let other people answer for themselves.—I voted when I thought I had a just right to vote.

3701. That is your reason?—I had no other reason.

3702. What were you doing all day? Walking about?—Yes.

3703. Did you pass the polling place?—Well, yes, I passed it a little.

3704. How many times did you go backwards and forwards?—I might say I went backwards and forwards in St. Stephen's three or four different times, I was in the market twice, and I must pass that street because I live that way.

3705. You had never voted before?—No.

3706. Were you canvassed for the election?—Yes, by both parties.

3707. Did you promise either of them?—No, I would not promise either.

3708. You said you had not made up your mind?—No, I never promised no one.

3709. When they asked you, what did you say?—They left their card and compliments at my house.

3710. Did you not see anybody?—No, I was not at home when they left them.

3711. You had a pint in the "Trumpet"?—I and my son had a pint there.

3712. Who did you see in the "Trumpet"?—I saw nothing going forward.

3713. Who did you see?—There was no one there particular.

3714. Did you see Hunt?—No.

3715. Robert Fuller?—If they were there they were in the back room.

3716. Did you see Robert Fuller?—I do not think I saw him.

3717. Did you see George Fuller?—I might see George, but not Robert.

3718. Did you see Mrs. Fuller?—Yes, she drawed me the pint.

3719. Did she say to you, "There is money going "here, if you have not voted"?—No.

3720. Did she say anything about voting?—No, I never heard a word mentioned in the house to me about voting.

3721. Why were you wandering about that day?—I was at work.

3722. What are you?—A fishmonger.

3723. Were you selling your fish?—No; after the poll was over I took my stall.

3724. Why were you not selling in the morning?—I never do sell of a morning; my time would come on of an evening.

3725. Did you sell stale fish then?—I do not go down to the corner until 5 o'clock, and there I am until half-past 11 at night.

3726. Those are your hours?—Yes.

3727. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see young Smith down there?—I did not.

3728. Not at the "Trumpet"?—No, I did not.

3729. Do you know Hunt?—I know them all, sir. I have stood at that corner, not above thirty yards away from the public house, for this 28 years, therefore I must know them all.

3730. What time of the day was it that you went into the "Trumpet"?—About 20 minutes past 2.

3731. What were you doing between 20 minutes past 2 and half-past 3 when you voted?—I went down into the market.

JOHN BROWES, junior, sworn and examined.

J. Browes, jun.

3732. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you the son of the last witness?—Yes.

3733. Are you a grandson of the old man who was examined here before?—Yes.

3734. What is your business?—I am a labourer.

3735. In what parish do you live?—All Saints.

3736. Are you a voter?—Yes, I did vote.

3737. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

3738. What time in the day?—It might be about 3 o'clock, it might be a little after, but I cannot say.

3739. You know the "Trumpet"?—Yes.

3740. When did you first go to the "Trumpet" on that day?—About half after 2.

3741. Where did you go?—Into the bar.

3742. And from the bar where did you go then?—Across St. Stephen's Street to Salter's, and had a glass of ale there.

3743. Why did you go across the street to another public house, and not remain in the "Trumpet"?—Because I was asked to go in and have a glass of ale.

3744. Who asked you to go in and have a glass of ale?—My father.

3745. Did your father come into the "Trumpet" after you?—No, I never went into the "Trumpet" no more.

3746. You or your father never went into the "Trumpet" again?—No.

3747. How was it if you were in the "Trumpet" drinking ale that your father asked you to go across to another public house to drink?—He did not ask me until we got to the middle of the street.

3748. Where were you going?—I was not going anywhere in particular then.

3749. Had you been anywhere on that day?—I had been in the market.

3750. Doing what?—Looking about, the same as a lot more people.

3751. Had you voted?—No.

3752. Now who did you see in the "Trumpet"? Do you know Smith?—Yes, I know Smith.

3753. Did you see him there?—No.

3754. Did you see young Smith?—No.

3755. Do you know Hunt, the fowl dealer?—Yes.

3756. Did you see Hunt?—No.

3757. Did anybody speak to you in the "Trumpet"?—No.

3758. Now you saw your grandfather, did you not?—No.

3759. Did you not see the old man?—No.

3760. Did you not see him at all that afternoon?—No, nor yet that day.

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J. Browes, jun.

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3761. Now be careful.—I am speaking the truth, sir.

3762. Mind, your father and your grandfather have been examined?—It will make no difference to me; I am telling the truth.

3763. The question will lie between you three?—I am telling the truth, and the whole of the truth.

3764. Do you mean to say you did not see your grandfather that afternoon near the "Trumpet"?—No.

3765. Did you not have any conversation with your grandfather near the "Trumpet"?—No.

3766. Did you not say to your grandfather that he should have half a sovereign if he would vote?—No.

3767. Did you not hear your father say that to the old man?—No.

3768. Do you know the pastrycook's near the "Trumpet"?—Yes.

3769. Did you not see your grandfather near the pastrycook's?—No.

3770. Had you any offer made you of money?—No.

3771. Did you receive any money?—Not a farthing.

3772–3. How came you not to vote until 3 in the day?—Because I was busy at work in the forenoon.

3774. Had you promised your vote?—No, I had promised it to no one.

3775. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

3776. Had you refused to promise it?—No, I never refused.

3777. Bnt you never had promised it?—I never had promised, I said I did not know which way I should vote.

3778. Who canvassed you?—I don't know the people's names no more than Adam.

3779. They came to you and asked you to vote and you refused entirely to give them any promise?—I never gave them an answer about it. They left me a piece of paper and I told them I should make up my mind.

3780. Did anybody offer you money on that day for your vote?—No.

3781. Had you any conversation with anybody on that day as to money for your vote?—No.

3782. Did you receive any money that day?—No.

3783. Have you received any money since?—Yes, when I was subpœnaed up here before.

3784. But do you mean to say that you have not received money from anybody else?—Not on the election.

3785. Who paid you the money that you received?—I don't know the gentleman's name that paid the money.

3786. Was that for your attendance here before Mr. Baron Martin?—Yes, only I was not called for.

W. Blanchflower.

WILLIAM BLANCHFLOWER recalled and further examined.

3787. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Which of these two men was it that said you should have half a sovereign for your vote? Look at them and tell us [*pointing to John Browes and John Browes, junior*]?—My own son.

3788. The oldest of the two?—Yes.

J. Browes.

JOHN BROWES recalled and further examined.

3789. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Now you have heard what your father says, what have you to say to that?—I do not mind what my father says, I never said no such word to him with my breath. I never said no such word during my breath to him, and I never had so much as half a glass of beer nor yet a farthing, nor yet any promise of a glass of beer, that I say upon my oath if I was now dying, and as to my father and promising him 10*s.*, why he had not a vote.

3790. Have you seen anybody about this?—No.

3791. Has anybody been speaking to you and telling you not to give your evidence?—No, not a soul.

3792. Do you mean to say that?—I do.

3793. (*Mr. Biron.*) You were subpœnaed before the election judge?—Yes, but I never was called for.

3794. You were there?—I was there ready to be called for.

3795. Did anybody say anything to you there about holding your tongue?—No, because I had just the same to say then as I have now.

3796. You told us that you saw your father that afternoon?—Yes, I did.

3797. Was your son with you when you saw him?—No.

3798. Where did you see him?—I saw him at home just after dinner.

3799. You saw your father at home?—Yes, he lives next door to me; my son lives on one side of him and I live on the other. My father was born in the house where I live, and I live one side of him and my son on the other.

S. Malster.

STEPHEN MALSTER sworn and examined.

3800. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your qualification for voting?—I am a freeman.

3801. At how many of the recent elections have you voted?—Only one.

3802. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

3803. What are you by trade?—I am a railway clerk.

3804. Were you about at all in the city during the day?—I did not interfere in the least with political matters.

3805. Did you hear of anybody taking money with reference to the election?—No.

3806. Have you heard any stories of that kind?—No I have not.

3807. Or of anything going on in particular public houses?—No.

3088. You took no money yourself, I suppose?—None whatever, sir, and never did.

3809. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

3810. Did you promise your vote?—I do not think I did.

3811. Who canvassed you?—I think Mr. Tillett canvassed me, and Sir Henry too.

P. Day.

PETER DAY sworn and examined.

3812. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a freeman of this city?—Yes.

3813. And I suppose you have been a freeman for many years?—I should think 50, or more than that.

3814. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey. The fact is I am a Conservative, and always have been.

3815. Were you canvassed beforehand, or were your politics well known?—I was always certain; it was no use canvassing me.

3816. Did you hear during the election, or immediately after it, of any improper practices having been carried on?—It was a common report that it was so, but I do not know it of my own knowledge.

3817. Did you hear it on the day of the election?—Yes, I think I did.

3818. From whom did you hear it; do you recollect?—No, that I do not; it was in the public market.

3819. Did you hear what the practices were, or where they were going on?—In what respect do you mean?

3820. Did you hear of bribery being committed?—Yes, I did hear that it was committed.

3821. Did you hear where it was being committed?—No, I took no part in it; this is what I heard in public.

3822. Who gave you the information?—I cannot say; it was common report.

3823. No particular individual?—No particular individual.

3824. Was any particular spot, or place, or public house, or anything of the kind mentioned?—No, I do not think there was anything of the kind.

3825. Did you hear immediately after the election of any particular spot?—No.

3826. Or any particular person connected with it?—No; the fact is that at my time of life I do not run into these things.

3827. But still you might in general conversation with people of position have heard things?—I know nothing at all about it. I would tell you all I know.

3828. You have not advised anybody not to tell the truth, I am sure?—There are two things I should like to be put aside, bribery and lying, and then you would get on better, I think.

ROBERT FRENCH sworn and examined.

R. French.

3829. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A tailor.

3830. What is your qualification for voting?—A freeman.

3831. What time did you vote?—As near as I can guess, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I do not know whether before 3 or after.

3832. Who did you vote for?—Sir Henry Stracey.

3833. Were you about the town during the day?—Yes, I was about the town.

3834. Did you hear anything about people being bribed or giving bribes?—I do not know that I did. I was at home a great part of the day. I was not out much.

3835. What did you hear?—I did not hear a great deal of talk.

3836. You heard something, no doubt?—Well, I heard how the election was going on, that is, the state of the poll during the different times of the day.

3837. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

3838. By whom?—Mr. Bird.

3839. Did you make any promise?—Yes.

3840. Who did you promise to vote for?—I told him that I should vote that way.

3841. And you did vote that way?—Yes.

3842. Had you voted at any previous election?—Yes.

3843. On which side?—I voted for Sir Samuel Bignold once.

3844. Did you ever vote for any of the Liberals?—Yes.

3845. Did you always vote late in the day?—No, not always; just as it happened, about that.

3846–7. Where were you at 2 o'clock?—At home.

3848. Where were you at half-past 2?—I was at home then, I should say.

3849. What public houses did you go to?—In the evening I called in at a public house.

3850. Before you went to give your vote where did you go?—I did not frequent any public house in particular then.

3851. Had you been in any public house that day?—Yes.

3852. Which?—I called in at a public house, but I forget the name of the street; it was close by Rampant Horse Street, where I was working.

3853. At what hour?—About the middle part of the day.

3854. What house was it?—It was kept by Hutton. I don't know the sign of the house.

3855. What other house were you at?—At night?

3856. Oh no, not at night, but while the election was going on.—I called at Ive's in Ber Street; that is the direction in which I live. That is the only one I can remember being in before I went to the poll.

3857. Did you have anything at Ive's?—Scarcely any.

3858. Is that a Conservative house?—I think it is.

3859. Did you pay for your own beer?—Yes.

3860. Did you have any other beer?—No, not a drop.

3861. Were those the only publics you went to?—Those were the only two I went to on that day that I can remember before the polling, but in the evening I called in at a public house in St. George's.

3862. Did you meet any of your political friends at these public houses?—No, not anyone that I had any particular chat with.

3863. Who did you meet there?—Hutton's bar was full of people backwards and forwards, but I did not speak to them.

3864. Who were they?—I could not call any of them by name; they were customers, backwards and forwards.

3865. Was any money offered to you for your vote?—No, not a fraction, not a decimal of a fraction.

3866. Has any money been paid you since?—Oh, no.

3867. Do you know of anybody being paid money?—No.

3868. Or being promised money?—No.

3869. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How came you to be so late in voting?—Well, I don't know about that in particular; it suited me that afternoon to go and vote. I was at work in my business.

3870. The polling place was close to you?—Oh, yes.

3871. Nearer to you than this public house?—Yes.

3872. And you passed the polling place two or three times in the course of the day?—Yes, I did do that.

3873. The polling place being so near to you, and you passing it so often during the day, why did you not vote before that time in the afternoon?—I cannot give any reason in particular for that.

3874. Can you give any reason at all?—No.

3875. Was there not a reason?—I had partly made up my mind not to vote at all.

3876. You said just now that you promised your vote?—Yes, I did.

3877. Had you promised your vote, and yet not made up your mind to vote?—Well, I cannot tell in particular.

3878. A man does not pass a polling place three times in a day if he has the cause which he is engaged in at heart, and not go and vote. What was your reason for not voting when you passed the polling place? You know you had voted both Liberal and Conservative before.—Yes.

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R. French.

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3879. What was the reason ?—Well, sir, I did not like to have my name brought up in electioneering business after I had promised.

3880–1. But every man's name who votes is not necessarily brought up in electioneering business ?—Yes.

3882. Now, having promised your vote, why did you not go up and vote if you had not a reason for it ?—I have answered it once.

3883. (*Mr. Biron.*) What were you afraid of ?—I was not afraid of anything.

3884. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Then if you had no reason on account of fear, what was your reason for not going up to vote until after 3 o'clock, having promised to vote ?—I did not know but that I could vote at any time in the day.

3885. Oh yes, you could vote at any time in the day, but you were passing the polling place three times in the course of that day, so that it would have been easy for you to vote. Why were you standing out until half-past 3 in the day ?—I was not standing out for money.

3886. Let us ascertain that. Are you sure that you were not standing out for anything else ?—No.

3887. Then what were you standing out for ?—I might disoblige different people.

3888. (*Mr. Biron.*) You were afraid you would disoblige people ?—Yes.

3889. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) But you had promised your vote, and you might oblige some people by voting, though you might disoblige others by not voting. I want to know, having promised your vote, and being likely to oblige some people by voting, and to disoblige others by not voting, was there not another reason why you stood out that day ?—No, I do not know that there is any other reason.

3890. (*Mr. Biron.*) How came you to vote at 3 o'clock if that was your reason ?—I do not know whether it was 3 or before 3 ; it was in the afternoon.

3891. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You say you were afraid because you would disoblige some people, but you had an inducement to vote because you would oblige others. How came you to vote ultimately ?—Well, I went up alone, by myself.

3892. You understand what I mean, what brought you up to the mark ?—Just so.

3893. I will not trouble you to answer that question at the present moment, I will put another to you. You voted Liberal upon some of the other occasions ?—I have voted Liberal on other occasions.

3894. What had you received for voting upon either of those other occasions ?—I do not know that I had anything.

3895. May you have had something and forgotten it ?—I was employed as messenger at different elections.

3896. Was that the inducement to you to vote ?—On other occasions ?

3897. You say you were a messenger upon former occasions ?—Yes, I had been.

3898. A paid messenger ?—Yes.

3899. And then because you were paid, you voted ?—No ; I should have voted, whether I had been paid or not.

3900. You were a messenger for the Liberals, were you ?—Yes.

3901. And then you voted for the Liberals ?—Yes.

3902. And when you were messenger for the Conservatives you voted for the Conservatives ?—I believe I did.

3903. And you were paid for it ?—Yes.

3904. What were you paid for voting at the last election ?—Not anything, I was not employed.

3905. Do you mean to say you had nothing to overcome the diffidence which you had about voting ?—You mean the last election ?

3906. Yes.—I had nothing.

3907. Do you know Hardiment ?—No.

3908. Do you know Smith ?—I do not know him ; I have heard him talked about.

3909. Have you ever spoken to him ?—I should not think I have ; I do not know him.

3910. Do you not know Smith, the fowl dealer ?—No, I do not.

3911. Nor his son ?—No ; there is a Smith has some property on the road where I live, but whether he is the owner of that property I do not know.

3912. Did you ever speak to Hardiment in your life ?—I cannot say, because I do not know the man. If I have spoken to him I have spoken to him not knowing that it was Hardiment.

3913. Do you know George Fuller ?—If I was to meet him in the street I should not know him ; if I was to see him in his public house I might fancy that was Fuller ; but I do not know him in any other way.

3914. Do you know Worledge ?—No.

3915. Do you know Dr. Allen ?—Yes.

3916. Did you see Dr. Allen that day ?—No.

3917. Did you see him before the election day ?—Yes.

3918. How soon ?—It might be a month or it might be two or three days. I should only see him then riding about the city in his gig.

3919. Was it not two or three days before the election that you saw Dr. Allen ?—I should be inclined to think I did see him two or three days before, because I so frequently saw him riding about.

3920. I am not speaking of seeing him pass, but did you see him to have any conservation with him ?—I never saw him to speak to him.

3921. Did you not speak to him ?—No.

3922. Did he not speak to you ?—No.

3923. Are you sure of that ?—I do not remember it.

3924. Could you have forgotten it ?—I think if he and I had any talk about it I should recollect it.

3925. You said you did not speak to him ; do you mean to repeat that ?—Yes, I do.

3926. Do you mean to repeat that Dr. Allen did not speak to you ?—No, Dr. Allen did not speak to me that I am aware of.

3927. But did it so happen that unawares he did speak to you ?—To cut the tale short, Dr. Allen never spoke to me about my vote.

3928. I am not asking about your vote ; but did he speak to you at all ?—If he did, it would be on medical matters.

3929. We will come to the vote presently. Did he speak to you a few days before the election ?—I do not recollect that he did, in fact I am sure he did not.

3930. You must recollect whether a man who has never had any conversation with you in your life, according to your ideas, spoke to you a few days before the election ?—No, he did not speak to me a few days before the election.

3931. Who has told you not to tell anything that you know ?—Not anyone.

3932. Are you sure of that ?—Quite sure.

3933. Did you ask anybody to appoint you messenger upon this occasion ?—No, I do not remember that. I heard that there was not going to be anyone employed.

3934. Did you have any talk about being appointed messenger ?—No.

3935. Did you not apply to be made a messenger ?—I never applied for myself nor yet for my sons.

3936. Have you a son ?—I have two.

3937. Are they voters ?—No.

3938. Neither of them ?—No.

3939. Was either of your sons a messenger ?—No. Why I mentioned that was because other voters had

sons employed as messengers, but mine was not, and I did not ask it.

3940. Who was the messenger in your ward?—It was the fifth ward, but I cannot answer that. I do not know who he was.

3941. Do you know Mr. Woodrow, the auctioneer or land agent?—I scarcely know him.

3942. Did he speak to you that day?—Never. I do not know that he ever spoke to me in his life; I do not suppose he knows me.

3943. Did anybody come to your house to get you to vote?—On the election day?

3944. Yes.—The man I have stated came.

3945. Who was he?—Mr. Bird.

3946. Where did he live?—He lives at the top of Surrey Street.

3947. What time of the day did he come to you?—I should think it was about 11 or 12 o'clock, somewhere about that time. I know I was at work.

3948. Did he ask you to come up and vote?—Yes.

3949. What did you tell him?—I told him that I dare say I should vote during the day.

3950. You know you promised to vote?—Yes.

3951. How came you to say you daresay you would vote, if you had promised to vote and intended to keep your promise?—I said I shall not vote against you if I do not vote for you.

3952. Having given him that answer I suppose that is what you thought at the time?—Yes, I did.

3953. How came it unless some one held out an inducement to you that you did not remain of that mind until the close of the poll?—I went up to vote.

3954. But how was it you came to vote, having told that man that perhaps you would vote for him, or perhaps you would not vote at all—having given him that undecided answer what induced you to go up and vote. Did he say anything to you?—No.

3955. Not to persuade you to vote?—No; of course he came and asked me.

3956. Did he say he would give you something to do?—No; certainly not.

3957. Was anything said about money?—Nothing.

3958. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of it.

3959. Not with him?—No.

3960. Do you know Mr. Stockings, the chemist?—Yes, I know him.

3961. Did you ask him to appoint you or one of your sons messenger?—No, I never spoke to him about electioneering business in my life, nor yet anything else, scarcely.

3962. Did you not expect one of your sons to be appointed messenger?—I never asked.

3963. A man may not ask and yet he may expect?—It would have done them good, and would have done me no harm.

3964. Then you expected that they would get in for a good thing, did you?—I did not ask.

3965. You did not ask, but there are other ways besides asking?—I can tell you if you will allow me. These lads teazed me to try and get them a situation, and I said no, I want nothing to do with it. They said "So-and-so," speaking of other lads that worked with them, "have got a situation; they are getting so "much for the day, cannot you get me one?" I said "I won't have anything to do with it," and the lads were at work all the day. That is what it was I did not make any application for it, although they teazed me to do so.

3966. There was a conversation about getting employment, was there?—Merely between the lads and me, not anything else.

3967. They urged you to get them employment?—They did.

3968. Did you happen to mention it to the gentlemen who called?—Not one.

3969. That you had sons?—I never mentioned that I had sons, nor yet anything else to them.

3970. Now being doubtful between 12 and 1, when that gentleman called for you, what induced you to make up your mind to go and vote?—Well, I would rather go and vote alone by myself than be walked up by a man like him, or be drove up in a cab, or anything of that sort.

3971. But they did not come in a cab for you?—Oh, no.

3972. You went of your own accord?—Certainly I did.

3973. How came you, having given that answer, and being perfectly undecided at 12 o'clock or 3 o'clock, to go and vote?—I wanted to get the right side of the election, one way or the other, and I voted for Stracey at the time to give him a lift up.

3974. What induced you between 1 and 3 o'clock to vote for Stracey. Something must have been done. A man does not do a thing of that sort without a reason. What was your reason, having refused to give a definite pledge at 1 o'clock, to go out at 3 o'clock and vote?—I was thinking about it all day; it did not come on me all at once.

3975. But what made you go up at 3 o'clock and vote?—I have no reason to give you, except that I exercised my right of voting at that time like the rest.

3976. Then you had no reason whatever according to your idea?—No.

3977. Not even your having given your vote previously?—No; nor any other reason.

3978. Do you know young Mr. Stracey?—No.

3979. Nor Mr. Bignold?—I know Sir Samuel Bignold.

3980. Do you know Mr. Bignold?—I know him, to see him about.

3981. Mr. John Bignold?—I do not know one from the other.

3982. Mr. Arthur and Mr. John?—I do not know which is Mr. John and which is the Captain.

3983. Did you see either of them on the election day?—I do not recollect it.

3984. Did you have any conversation with either of them that day?—No.

3985. Are you sure of that?—Quite sure.

3986. Do you know Mr. Stanley, the solicitor?—Yes.

3987. Did you see him that day?—I do not recollect seeing him that day. I did not go into any committee room.

3988. Did you see him or speak to him that day?—I do not remember seeing or speaking to him.

3989. Did you have any conversation with him that day?—No, certainly not.

3990. You mentioned Stockings, the chemist; is there another man of that name?—Yes, he is a butcher.

3991. Had you a conversation with him that day?—I do not recollect it.

3992. You do not recollect it?—I do recollect that I did not.

3993. Will you undertake to say that you had not any conversation with him?—No, I do not remember seeing him, unless I accidentally saw him.

3994. Do you know Gilbert?—No, I do not know Gilbert.

3995. Do you know Garnham?—No. What business is he? I might know him perhaps if you told me that; but I do not know him otherwise.

3996. He is a draper's assistant.—Oh no, I do not know him. I do not recollect the name.

3997. Had you no promise of any sort or kind?—No, not any.

FOURTH DAY.

J. B. Blackburn.

23 Aug. 1869.

JAMES BERRY BLACKBURN recalled and further examined.

3998. (*Mr. Biron.*) You mentioned to me a publican about whose house you had heard reports; was that William Clarke, a publican, at the corner of Jenkin's Lane, St. Martins-at-Oak? — That is the place.

W. Blyth.

WILLIAM BLYTH sworn and examined.

3999. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you? — A licensed victualler.

4000. Where do you live?—In Ber Street.

4001. Are you a voter?—Yes.

4002. Were you engaged in the management of this election?—Yes.

4003. What part did you take?—I had some men down at the nominatlon.

4004. Who engaged you to get these men?—Barnes came to me.

4005. Where did you get the men?—They were men that used my house.

4006. Who are those men?—Well, sir, I cannot think of all the names; I know some of them.

4007. Can you give us some of the names?—Yes.

4008. Just give them? — There was James Roberts.

4009. Was he a voter?—No. I was told when they came to me not to get voters.

4010. Can you give the other names?—Joshua Roberts, John Oldham, Donald Oldham, Solomon James, I think, but I would not be certain about him, Henry March, and I cannot think of any more just now.

4011. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many did you get altogether?—I think something like 20.

4012. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What engagement did you make with those men?—They were to go to the nomination in the market, and when they saw the working men from Carrow come they were to keep the place clear, and let them in.

4013. They were to hold up their hands?—To try to get the working men from Carrow in.

4014. What agreement did you make with them?—I think it was 2*s.* and a pint of ale each.

4015. They went into the hall, I suppose?—Into the market place on nomination morning.

4016. How much money did you spend altogether?—I think Barnes gave me something like 4*l.*

4017. Where did Barnes give you that?—In my own house. I think it was on a Saturday night.

4018. You spent all that money on the men, did you? Did your men go with you, or did they not, into St. Andrew's Hall?—I had no men go to St. Andrew's Hall at all. Not one.

4019. Do you not know where they did go?—At the nomination morning they were there, but there was such a crush at the doors that I do not know whether they got in. Some of them got in, I daresay, but there were hundreds round the doors.

4020. Were you inside?—Yes.

4021. Did you see any of your men there?—I could not swear whether there was or not.

4022. You meant your men to be in there?—I told them to be against the doors to let the Carrow men in.

4023–4. Did you give all that money to the men you employed?—I gave it all or spent it. I gave them some bread and cheese when they came back again. I will not be certain whether it was 20 or 25, but I could remember, I daresay, if I had time to get the names.

4025. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You supplied them with beer and bread and cheese?—Yes.

4026. And deducted that from the money?—They had about 2*s.* each in money besides.

4027. The other went towards the supply of beer and bread and cheese, and so forth?—Yes.

4028. And something for your own trouble. Of course in an election nobody does anything without being paid for it, at any rate in Norwich?—Just so.

4029. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You never made out any account of the bread and cheese and beer did you?—No, I never kept any account.

4030. And were not asked for an account by Mr. Coaks or Barnes?—No.

4031. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you know Larkman's public house in Thorn Lane?—Yes.

4032. Did you go in there the day of the polling?—No, I did not.

4033. Did you see people standing about there?—Yes, I saw plenty of people standing about.

4034. Can you give me their names?—I never noticed them sufficient for that. I cannot remember any of the names that stood about there.

4035. Cannot you remember one?—No.

4036. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) On the day of the election were there a good many men in your house?—Yes.

4037. Who came to your house to manage the voters?—I was not at home but very little time during the day.

4038. Then did your wife manage the business during the day?—My wife managed the business in the bar.

4039. Who were the men managing the voters down at your house?—There were no voters at my house, I think.

4040. No voters at your house?—No, I believe not.

4041. They were in pretty nearly every Conservative public house and other public houses too on that day, were they not?—I do not know.

4042. You had a very good day had you not?—Well, I believe there was some money taken, but nothing extra, I think.

4043. If you had a very good day there must have been some one to drink; it is not a good day unless something is drunk?—No.

4044. If you had a good many people in your house they would be the right sort, would they not?—Well, I have plenty of times taken more money than I did on that day.

4045. I daresay on former elections you may have taken a great deal more, but you say it was a good day?—No, nothing extra, just middling, that is all.

4046. There must have been some one to drink to make it middling?—There is generally some one every day there.

4047. (*Mr. Biron.*) You are a Liberal are you not?—Yes.

4048. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Then they were Liberals in your house were they?—I do not know at all.

4049. Was everything paid for that was had in your house on that day:—Nothing at all but what I paid for myself in the morning. Beer and bread and cheese that they had on the nomination day.

4050. Was there not a score standing out on that day?—No, I believe not.

4051. You must know whether you had got a score?—I had no people on the election day.

4052. But had you not a score at the end of the day?—No.

4053. Are you sure that you had not a score at the end of the day?—I hardly understand what you mean.

4054. Was there not a score standing against somebody at the end of the day at your house?—Not at my house, if there was it was unknown to me.

4055. You knew Barnes?—I had seen Barnes on the Saturday night.

4056. Was there not a score at the end of the day standing against Barnes?—Not that I am aware of.

4057. Are you sure of it?—I am not sure, but I think not, I do not remember seeing him there.

4058. You need not have seen him but still you may have had a score against him?—Do you mean a reckoning against Barnes?

4059. Yes?—No, I had not, I thought you meant a score of men. I had no reckoning against Barnes.

4060. Had you not a reckoning against anybody on that day?—No.

4061. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of it.

4062. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you ever been asked before to get men together for a show of hands at other elections?—It is so long ago that I can hardly remember.

4063. Have you?—I believe I have.

4064. At which election?—Not very long ago because I do not remember many elections ago.

4065. You received your usual fees on those occasions I suppose?—Yes, I never did anything without.

4066. And you never were so badly treated as you were this time, I should think when you got this 4*l.* 10*s.* You never did it so cheap did you?—I cannot recollect about the sum I had at other elections.

4067. You never took less than that, surely?—I do not know.

4068. Can you tell us what sum you did get before?—I cannot.

4069. (*Mr. Biron.*) In 1865?—I really could not tell you.

4070. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you recollect who paid it?—No, I cannot.

4071. You must recollect where you got the fees for such valuable services to the city?—No.

4072. (*Mr. Biron.*) Was it Barnes?—I do not remember Barnes ever giving me any at any other election.

4073. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you no notion what the sum was?—No.

4074. If it were divided with some one else, might it be about 20*l.*; did you ever see as much as that?—No.

4075. Did you ever see as much as 10*l.*?—No, I do not think I ever did.

4076. How many men did you ever get at a previous election?—That I cannot say, it is so long ago that I have forgotten.

4077. You do not recollect any sum that you have received before for this purpose?—No, I cannot recollect anything about the other elections.

4078. Were these people always your customers or were they a roughish sort of people that were picked up in the streets?—On an occasion like that, if anybody uses my house and lives close by, I generally get him as quick as I can.

4079. Did you ever get fighting men; you have done that have you not?—There are so many of them about that one hardly knows them.

4080. But you can tell a fighting-man with a short bull-neck and a broken nose?—I have seen plenty of gentlemen with broken noses.

4081. (*Mr. Biron.*) Jem Macè was a friend of yours, was he not?—Yes.

4082. Did he ever go for a show of hands; he was a Norwich man, was he not?—I remember Jem Mace and me riding about with Mr. Schneider.

4083. He was a useful man at a show-of-hands time, I should think?—Yes, a great many have found him so.

4084. Did not you and Mace get 50*l.* for the show of hands?—No; the time I was talking of was when Lord Bury and Mr. Schneider put up; me and Mace rode about with them, because some one stopped Mr. Schneider's carriage, and ran a cart across the carriage, and threw some sand in the carriage, and he sent for me and Mace to ride about with him in the carriage to protect him as well as we could, and we rode about in the same carriage with him.

4085. I suppose no one did anything to him while you two were there?—No, they did not.

EDWARD RAMSBOTTOM BARNES sworn and examined.

E. R. Barnes

4086. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you remember seeing Mr. Ray on the Saturday before the last nomination day?—Yes.

4087. Was Long, the gamekeeper, in the room?—At the time I went in he was.

4088. Did they speak to you about getting some men together for the show of hands?—Not at the time when Long was present.

4089. But afterwards?—Yes.

4090. Did he give you some money?—Yes.

4091. What was it?—He gave me 8*l.* 10*s.* in gold.

4092. You, I believe, gave 4*l.* 10*s.* to Long?—No, I gave him 4*l.* 5*s.*

4093. Did you tell him to get together some men for the show of hands?—I had no agreement with Long, but I performed that part of it for Mr. Ray, he had made an agreement with Long.

4094. You simply gave Long the 4*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes.

4095. And told him, I suppose, who you gave it to him from?—Well, I do not know that I did that.

4096. Did you yourself go to Blyth?—Yes, the same night.

4097. And did you arrange with him to supply some men?—Yes; I asked if he would supply some 25 or 30 men to the nomination to clear the way, so that the labourers from the Carrow Factory might get in for the show of hands; but of course they would follow afterwards.

4098. Did you arrange that with him?—Yes.

4099. You gave him 4*l.* 5*s.* also?—Yes.

4100. You divided the 8*l.* 10*s.* between Long and Blyth?—Yes.

4101. Were you there yourself on the nomination day?—I was not.

4102. Did you yourself take an active part in this election?—I have done on some elections previously to this.

4103. But at this election, were you about the city?—I was about the city canvassing of an evening.

4104. But during the day of the election did you see any of the men hanging about the public houses?—A great many.

4105. Waiting?—I do not know what they were waiting for.

4106. Did any one come up to you and offer to vote if he were paid?—No, I do not remember that any of them did; I have no recollection of it.

4107. Did anyone come and say, "Is there any "money going this time"?—They might possibly do such a thing; but I am sure I forget whether they did or not.

4108. Is that such a common thing in Norwich that it would escape your memory?—The day of the election is, of course, a very bustling day, and it is difficult to recollect what takes place.

4109. That sort of thing is very often heard of in Norwich?—Very frequently.

4110. "Is there any money going this journey"?—Yes; but I do not remember having the question put to me.

4111. Did you hear it put to any other people?—No; I watched the other party, but I never saw them do anything, neither did I hear anything.

4112. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A collector of rates to the city.

Adjourned to to-morrow at a quarter to 11 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY.

Tuesday, 24th August 1869.

FIFTH DAY.

J. B. Sillett.

24 Aug. 1869.

JAMES BANYARD SILLETT sworn and examined.

4113. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a freeman?—I am.

4114. How long have you been a freeman?—Upwards of 20 years.

4115. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

4116. And at the two preceding elections?—I think I did. I may say I did. I have no doubt of it.

4117. What are you?—I am a tutor. I take a few young persons to educate.

4118. Did you take any active part in the election?—Not at all, only by voting.

4119. But were you canvassed?—I was, by the Conservatives.

4120. Did you promise?—I did not.

4121. For whom did you vote?—For Russell and Tillett.

4122. Are you aware of any bribes having been either given or received?—I am not at all aware of it. I took no active part in the election beyond voting.

F. Widdows.

FREDERICK WIDDOWS sworn and examined.

4123. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a freeman?—Yes.

4124. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Russell and Tillett.

4125. Had you been canvassed?—No.

4126. What are you by trade?—A painter.

4127. Have you heard of anything improper connected with this election?—No.

4128. Only by report?—No.

4129. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you at any public house on that day?—No.

4130. You were at your work till you went up to poll and afterwards?—Yes. I went at 9 o'clock and gave my vote in, and then went to my work directly afterwards.

P. Widdows.

PHILIP WIDDOWS sworn and examined.

4131. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

4132. Had you voted on previous occasions?—I had voted ever since Gurney and Grant's election.

4133. That is a long time ago?—I have been a voter these last 30 years.

4134. Have you always voted the same side?—Always.

4135. Which side is that?—The Liberal side.

4136. What are you?—A gardener.

4137. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you at any public house on that day?—No; after I had voted I went to my employ.

G. Smith.

GEORGE SMITH sworn and examined.

4138. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where do you live?—I live in St. Peter's, Mancroft.

4139. What are you by business?—A plumber.

4140. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

4141. How long have you been a freeman?—30 years.

4142. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

4143. Did you vote at the two preceding elections?—Yes.

4144. What time in the day did you vote at the last election?—Between 3 and 4.

4145. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

4146. Where had you been on the morning of that day?—At the "Trumpet."

4147. When did you first go to the "Trumpet"?—I think it was a little after 10 that I was there.

4148. How long did you remain there when you went there first, or did you remain there all the time?—I remained there all the time, with the exception of going into the back yard. I stopped there all the time.

4149. You remained in the "Trumpet" from 10 o'clock till you went to vote?—That is right.

4150. Did you see Hunt there?—Yes, I did.

4151. Were you in the market room with him?—Yes.

4152. Do you recollect Sir Henry Stracey coming there?—Yes, I saw him there once.

4153. Did he come into the market room?—Just in the door.

4154. Did he say anything to the men there?—He wished them all to go and vote.

4155. What did they say when he wished them to go and vote?—Well, they wanted some beer, and he said he dare not give them any.

4156. Did they say anything about rates?—I never heard it mentioned.

4157. Did Hunt go out with Sir Henry Stracey?—That I cannot say.

4158. Did you go out when Sir Henry Stracey went out?—No.

4159. You remained in the room?—I did.

4160. Do you know Smith, the fowl dealer?—Yes.

4161. Do you recollect Hunt coming into the room after Sir Henry Stracey had left?—No; that was the time I was in the back yard.

4162. Was anything said in your presence respecting 5*s.*?—No.

4163. Was there 5*s.* apiece offered to the men to vote?—No.

4164. Not in your presence?—No.

4165. Was there a talk about money?—It was mentioned.

4166. Can you tell me when money was first mentioned?—I suppose that was about 12 o'clock.

4167. What was first said about money?—Some of them said they would not go and vote without they had money.

4168. To whom did they say that?—To me, but who they were I do not know; they were strangers to me.

4169. Did you hear that repeated later in the day?—No.

4170. How many men were in the room when they said to you that they would not vote without money?—There might be 22 or 23.

4171. Do you recollect Smith coming into the room some time after Sir Henry Stracey had left?—Yes.

4172. Did Smith say anything about money?—He only wished us to go and vote. I never heard money mentioned.

4173–4. Do you mean to tell me that nothing was said to you, either by Smith or by Hunt, about money?—Hunt said that we might have some money. Hunt said so, which we did not have at the time I was in the room.

4175. How much?—No quantity was named.

4176. Did you hear anything said about 5*s.*?—No.

4177. Was not an offer made to you of 7*s.* 6*d.*, and did you not refuse to take it?—I did.

4178. Was Hunt or was Smith the person who offered you the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Hunt.

4179. Where did he make you that offer?—In the market room.

4180. Did he offer the same sum to other persons as well?—It was named in the room.

4181. Publicly amongst you all?—Quite so.

4182. How many persons were in the room at that time?—About the same number; about 22 or 23.

4183. You having refused to take the 7*s.* 6*d.*, what became of the other persons—did they go anywhere?—Some of them went upstairs.

4184. Did you see how many went upstairs?—No; there might be five or six, or there might be six or seven.

4185. Where did you remain?—In the market room.

4186. Did you see the men come downstairs after they had been upstairs?—Yes.

4187. Did they go away?—Yes.

4188. Did you see anybody taking charge of them?—No.

4189. All those that had been upstairs went away, did they?—They went away, to the best of my knowledge.

4190. How many remained in the market room after they had gone upstairs?—That I cannot exactly tell you; there might be a dozen or 14 there.

4191. Do you recollect the names of any of those who remained in the market room?—There was me and my brother.

4192. What is his name?—Henry Smith.

4193. Who else?—Well, I am sure I cannot tell you the names.

4194. Perhaps I can refresh your memory; was John Churchyard there?—No.

4195. Robert Fuller?—Yes.

4196. George Barnes?—Yes, I believe he was.

4197. Robert Walker?—No.

4198. William Flat?—No.

4199. Michael George Gilbert?—No.

4200. John Greengrass?—I believe he was.

4201. A man of the name of Craske?—I believe he was there too.

4202. Do you know Browes or Blanchflower?—He was not there.

4203. Do you know a man named Barnes?—Yes.

4204. Was he there?—Yes.

4205. Was there anybody else that you recollect there?—Not that I am aware of.

4206. When these people went away Hunt remained, did he not?—No, I believe not; not at that time; he was not there.

4207. When did you see Hunt again?—It might be half an hour elapsed.

4208. Did Smith remain?—No.

4209. Did you see Smith also go away?—He was not in the market room.

4210. Hunt came again, you say?—Yes.

4211. What did Hunt then say to you?—Nothing. Hunt had no conversation with me at all after that.

4212. Did you not get 1*l.* for your vote?—No.

4213. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing. I refused taking the money.

4214. Do you mean to say you refused to take any money for your vote?—I did.

4215. You had been at this public house all day; how was it that you had not gone and voted?—Well, sir, I thought more about drinking and smoking than I did about the election.

4216. But they were asking you to go and vote?—Yes; I thought I could go at my leisure.

4217. You had a quantity of beer there?—Yes; and that I paid for.

4218. How much did you pay for your own beer that day?—It cost me 2*s.* 9*d.*

4219. Did you not say you would not take 7*s.* 6*d.*, but that you wanted a sovereign?—No.

4220. The offer of 7*s.* 6*d.* was made to you?—Not to me; it was spoken openly in the room.

4221. You told me that Hunt offered you 7*s.* 6*d.*?—I told you it was spoken openly in the room before the whole of us.

4222. I asked you whether it was offered to you and to other persons?—To the whole of us.

4223. And you said it was offered to you, and that you refused to take it?—Just so.

4224. You refused to take it because it was too little?—Just so.

4225. How much did you want?—A different amount to that.

4226. What was it that you wanted?—I never named any amount.

4227. You had voted at previous elections, had you not?—Yes.

4228. What did you get at the election in 1865?—I never had nothing.

4229. The election of 1860?—No.

4230. At neither election?—No, only beer.

4231. Then you had beer at the previous election?—Yes.

4232. The beer houses were kept open, were they?—That is right.

4233. Did you vote for the Liberals or the Conservatives in 1865?—I have only voted a Whig once; that is all.

4234. That was in 1865, was it?—It is about 14 or 15 years back, I suppose.

4235. For whom did you vote in 1865, the preceding election to that of last year; did you vote for the Conservatives or Liberals?—For the Liberals.

4236. In 1860, the next preceding election, for whom did you vote?—I voted a Tory.

4237. You frequented, upon that occasion, the Tory house?—Yes.

4238. On this occasion you wanted a larger sum than was offered you, but you did not mention what?—No.

4239. Having wanted that larger sum, did you ask anybody for it?—No.

4240. Did anybody ask you what you wanted?—No.

4241. Wanting a larger sum, and not having had any beer, how came you to go and vote?—I had made up my mind to go and vote then.

4242. But what had made you make up your mind?—I made up my mind so far that I went and voted; that is how I made my mind up. I walked down the street and voted.

4243. What induced you to make up your mind to vote; who promised you anything?—No one.

4244. Had you no conversation with anybody that induced you to make up your mind to vote?—Not that I am aware of.

4245. Tell us what conversation you had with anybody upon the subject of voting?—The truth is I was too forward in drink to know much about who I was talking to at that time.

4246. Had anybody been drinking with you?—I asked several to drink.

4247. There was a good deal of beer going there, was there not?—Yes.

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4248. A good deal of free beer?—No; that I never see and never tasted.

4249. Do be careful; there was a good deal of beer, was there not?—There might be some brought in; if there was, it was unbeknown to me. I know I kept paying my pence for it.

4250. Did money get into your pocket unbeknown to you?—I should hardly think so.

4251. Did not somebody promise it to you?—No.

4252. How was it that having refused to vote for 7*s.* 6*d.*, and requiring more money to vote, as you swear you did, you afterwards went and voted?—Because I thought it was high time to go in.

4253. Was it because you had got some money?—No.

4254. How was it that having refused to vote unless you got more than 7*s.* 6*d.*, you went afterwards and voted?—I went and voted; that is all I know about it.

4255. More money being required to induce you to vote, and as you say you would not vote without, how came you not to keep your word?—Well, I did do so.

4256. I want to know how that came about?—The only thing I can say is, that I made up my mind to go, and I went. That is all I know about it.

4257. What induced you to do it, that is my question?—There was no motive, only I went and voted.

4258. Did you talk to the landlady, Mrs. Fuller?—No, Mrs. Fuller kept out of the market room; to the best of my knowledge I never saw Mrs. Fuller in the market room.

4259. Did you see Fuller?—Yes, he brought my beer in several times.

4260. But after they had gone upstairs to get the 7*s.* 6*d.*, did you see Fuller, the landlord?—No.

4261. You did not see him at all?—No.

4262. Did you see his brother?—Yes.

4263. Where did you see him?—In the market room.

4264. Did you have a conversation with him?—No.

4265. Did you not speak to him at all?—No, only in the morning time.

4266. You had been standing out, had you not, during the whole day for money?—No, not for money.

4267. You wanted money?—No; I did not want any money.

4268. If you did not want any money, how was it that you told the people you would not vote unless you had more than 7*s.* 6*d.*?—I would not vote for that money.

4269. You thought you were worth more?—I do not know about my being worth more. I laughed at the sum of money when it was named.

4270. It was too insignificant for your consideration or acceptance?—Yes.

4271. If it had been a 10*l.* note it would have been a different matter?—I think it might.

4272. Or even a sovereign?—No, I would not have taken that.

4273. What was your price?—I named no price at all.

4274. But what was your mental price. You put a pretty good value on your vote that day?—I do not know; there was no thoughts about money on my part at all.

4275. You once voted for the Liberals?—Yes, I did.

4276. What was your price then?—No price at all.

4277. What was your price when you voted for the Whigs?—Nothing.

4278. Having always before voted for the Tories how came you to vote for the Liberals?—I was rather compelled to do that by working for a Whig master at that time.

4279. Did the Whig master compel you to vote?—Yes.

4280. What did your Whig master give you to vote?—Nothing.

4281. Was the beer of the Conservatives and the compulsion of the Whig master, the sort of influence that was used?—Yes.

4282. You went up to the poll about 3 o'clock?—Between 3 and 4, as near as I can guess.

4283. What became of you after that?—I walked about the market then.

4284. Where did you get more beer?—My partner happened to be with me that I used to work with.

4285. Who is your partner?—A man by the name of Sandell.

4286. Where did you go with him?—We went into the "Bull," opposite the market.

4287. How long did you remain in the "Bull"?—A very little while.

4288. What had you there?—About a pot among three of us.

4289. Who was the third man?—I did not know him.

4290. Who paid for that?—My partner.

4291. Where did you go after that?—He led me home then.

4292. Do you know Bygrave?—No.

4293. Granville Bygrave?—No.

4294. After the men had gone, did you not go with Fuller and Smith into a room in the "Trumpet?"—No; only with Smith.

4295. Did not Smith count money on the table?—Yes, but I refused it.

4296. And did not you take that money up?—No.

4297. I asked you over and over again whether Smith had offered you any money; you denied that he did so, and now you swear he did. Did not Bygrave and another man look into the room while that was going on, and did not Smith turn round and slam the door in their faces?—No.

4298. You saw Smith slam the door in the men's faces, did you not?—No.

4299. Did you see him shut the door?—Not that I am aware of.

4300. Then Smith, the fowl dealer, did offer you the money there?—His son.

4301. After he had been away and returned, he offered you the money, did he?—His son did.

4302. What is his son's name?—I am sure I cannot say.

4303. What was the sum he offered you?—He offered me 7*s.* 6*d.*

4304. In that private room?—Yes.

4305. Did you not refuse to take so little?—I refused taking the money.

4306. Did he not then count down on the table more?—No.

4307. Now be careful; did you not take the money up off that table and put it into your pocket?—No.

4308. When Smith offered you 7*s.* 6*d.* the second time, and put the money on the table, do you mean to say you did not say what you would take?—No, it never was mentioned. I never mentioned anything about it.

4309. You said you would not take that?—Yes.

4310. Did not Smith bid higher?—No.

4311. Did he not offer you anything more?—No.

4312. Did he not offer you a sovereign?—As soon as ever I refused it I turned out of the room.

4313. (*Mr. Biron.*) You went into this little private room with young Smith?—Yes.

4314. You knew what he wanted you to go in there for, did you not?—No.

4315. You knew why you went into that room; you went in there to get some money, I suppose?—I did not suppose anything about it.

4316. You knew it probably?—Yes.

4317. Had he offered you money before he went in there?—No.

4318. But he was there?—Yes.

4319. Had any other men gone in there to him?—That I do not know. I saw some more as I was coming downstairs on the stairs.

4320. Coming away from the room or going to it?—Going to it.

4321. Did you say anything to them?—No.

4322. What were their names?—That I do not know.

4323. As you say you refused to take the 7*s.* 6*d.*, did you say anything to Smith?—No.

4324. How did you refuse to take it then?—I said, "I shall not take it."

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4325. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A patent axletree maker.

4326. Did you vote?—I did not vote at all.

4327. Where were you on the day of the election?—I was about in the city.

4328. Where?—I was in St. Stephen's some part of the day.

4329. At what time did you go to the "Trumpet"?—Somewhere about half-past 2.

4330. Are you a voter?—Yes.

4331. Who did you go to the "Trumpet" with?—With Robert Walker and Granville Bygrave.

4332–3. Did you see George Smith there, the last witness?—Yes.

4334. In what room did you see him?—He was in the market room.

4335. Afterwards, I believe, you went into a little room?—That was later in the day.

4336. Upstairs?—No; it was in a little room adjoining the market room.

4337. You saw George Smith there?—Yes.

4338. Did you see anybody else there?—There was Smith and Fuller.

4339. Samuel Smith?—Yes.

4340. And George Smith?—Yes.

4341. Smith the publican?—Yes.

4342. Do you know the two brothers?—Yes, well.

4343. What was going on in that room?—I am not able to say; the door was closed.

4344. You saw Smith and Hunt together, did you?—Yes, they were at the "Trumpet."

4345. And was Smith's son there too?—Yes.

4346. Were you there when the men who had agreed to take the 7*s.* 6*d.* came back?—I was there when the men agreed to take the money, but not when they came back.

4347. But had you seen these men go up into the little room?—No.

4348. Did you see 7*s.* 6*d.* offered to Smith, the painter?—No.

4349. Did you hear anything pass between George Smith, Samuel Smith, and Hunt?—No, not a word. You see the door was closed.

4350. Did you see anything with young Smith, the fowl dealer's son?—Not at that time.

4351. What did you see then?—There were a great many people there then, waiting, I suppose, for a little money for their votes, and this Hunt said that he had got a little money in his pocket, that he had got about 5*l.*; and he counted the men in the room at that time, which was about 16, and it would amount to about 5*s.* each man, and they were dissatisfied with that price and said they would not have it; and this Smith, the fowl dealer, said, "Well, I shall be a sovereign out of "my own pocket, and I will make it up 7*s.* 6*d.* each "for you," and some of them were agreeable to take it, and others were not.

4352. What happened after that?—I left the room after that.

4353. Which of the men were they that agreed to take it?—I do not know the men, in particular, that were there.

4354. Can you give the names of any of the men who agreed, or who refused to take it?—Not one. I know one or two would not have it.

4355. Who were they?—There was a man named Clayton, a fishmonger or fish dealer.

4356. Did you hear any of them ask for more?—Yes, he did; he wanted half-a-sovereign.

4357. Where does that man live?—I do not know.

4358. What is his Christian name?—I do not know. I think his name is Alec or Alexander.

4359. Did you hear anybody else make a bargain of that kind?—There was a man named Barnes; he would not take 7*s.* 6*d.* I believe his name is George Barnes.

4360. Did he ask for more?—Yes.

4361. Who bargained with him when he asked for more?—Hunt was bargaining with the whole of them in the room.

4362. Who was?—Hunt and Smith; they were all in the room together publicly. Hunt is a dealer by trade. I consider him a good dealer.

4363. How many of these men did you see come off to the poll?—There were three or four, I should say.

4364. Had they been upstairs?—Not then. I left the room. After the men were grumbling at the 7*s.* 6*d.* I left with Walker and Bygrave.

4365. You went down towards the poll, did you?—No, we went down into the city.

4366. Was George Smith there?—Not at that time. I did not see him at half-past 2.

4367. When did you see him?—At 4 o'clock we were coming back and called at the "Trumpet," and this Fuller, you understand, and Smith, the fowl dealer, Smith, the painter. We were coming up St. Stephen's, and this little Smith, and Smith the fowl dealer, and Fuller came back to the "Trumpet" from the polling place in St. Stephen's, you see, and they went into a little room adjoining the market room.

4368. Did you look in at the door?—I just made an effort to go into the door, not knowing what the rule was, and he slammed the door in my face, this Smith, the fowl dealer, did.

4369. Did you get a glimpse of what was going on?—No, I could not.

4370. Did you see some money, or rather did you hear it chinking?—No, I did not.

4371. Did you see these men come out?—Yes, they did come out.

4372. And did you hear anything said?—There was nothing further said.

4373. At that time had you heard Smith, the fowl dealer, say anything to Fuller or George Smith?—There was nothing said. They were saying something, but I did not observe what they were talking about; I left them. I had a glass of ale. We did not pay much regard to what they were talking of, or to what was going on, because we did not know anything more about this Commission coming down than about the bribery that was going on; it was not our business to look after that.

4374. Did you see George Gowing at this place?—Yes.

4375. Was he in conversation with Hunt?—No. I was at the bar of the public house when George Gowing came in at the "Trumpet," and he and Hunt went into another room.

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4376. Had you heard Hunt offering beer to people in the place?—It was after Gowing went away that he ordered half a gallon of beer, I believe it was, or it might be a gallon.

4377. And you had some of that, I suppose?—No, I did not have none of that.

4378. Was Granville Bygrave there most of the time when you were there?—Yes, he was with me.

4379. In which room?—We were in the market room and in the bar too.

4380. Did you see Cracknell there?—I do not know Cracknell.

4381. Did you see Browes there, or either of the Browes'?—No, I did not see them at the "Trumpet," but I know who you mean.

4382. How many people do you think there were altogether when this conversation took place about the 5*s.* and the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—There were 16 in the room. Hunt counted them.

4383. Did you see Fuller with any money?—I did not see anybody with any money particularly.

4384. You only heard this bargaining?—Yes.

4385. And you afterwards saw these men in the private room when they slammed the door upon you?—There was only one man, and that was the little man; that was at 4 o'clock.

4386. After he had polled?—Yes, after he had polled.

4387. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you recollect when Hunt first spoke about money?—Yes, it was somewhere about half-past 2 in the day.

4388. Had you been there when Sir Henry Stracey was there?—No.

4389. You had come in after he had left?—Yes; they told me he had been there.

4390. Was Smith in the room when the money was first spoken of?—Smith, the fowl dealer?

4391. Yes, Samuel Smith, the fowl dealer, was he in the room?—Yes.

4392. Before Hunt said anything about money did he give any order for beer?—Yes.

4393. Tell me what he said about beer?—Why, they were in the bar, and he said "Come in this "room together here, I will have half-a-gallon of "beer,"—or a gallon of beer—"I will treat you "together."

4394. To whom did he say that?—To the people of the bar.

4395. Did they bring in the beer?—He took it in.

4396. He took it in himself, did he?—He took it in himself.

4397. And where did he carry it?—Into the market room.

4398. In addition to the men who were in the bar at that time, were there a number of men in the market room also when you went in?—Yes, there were a few men.

4399. When you got in all the beer, did he say anything about the poll?—Yes.

4400. What did he say?—He first of all asked whether any of us had voted, and we said no; and he said "Come in and shut the door."

4401. Did he then shut the door?—The door was shut.

4402. After the door was shut what did he say?—"Are you all going to vote for Stracey?"

4403. What did they say to that?—They said "Yes."

4404. When they said that did he say anything about money?—Yes, he said he had got 5*l.*, a 5*l.* note, or something like that, and the men were counted and they numbered about 16, so that it would be 5*s.* each.

4405. The men were counted and it made up the 5*l.*, did it?—Yes.

4406. What did the men say to that?—They said they would not have it.

4407. It was not enough?—Not enough for them.

4408. Was Smith, the fowl dealer, there when that was said?—Yes, close by Hunt.

4409. And upon that what did Smith say?—"Look "here, my boys, I shall be a sovereign out of my own "pocket, and make it up 7*s.* 6*d.*" That is what he said exactly.

4410. Did they parley about the 7*s.* 6*d.*, or what did they say about it?—Some of them were dissatisfied at it.

4411. Were some of them satisfied?—Some of them were agreeable to take it in case they should not get nothing.

4412. How many of them were agreeable to take it?—There was, I should say, perhaps 8, 9, or 10 in the room that were agreeable to take it at that time.

4413. And did they say they would take it?—Yes.

4414. When they said they would take it, what was done?—At that stage I left the room; I did not wait a minute longer.

4415. Where did you go to?—Down St. Stephen's, down the city.

4416. What happened after that you do not know?—No, not for an hour or so, or an hour and a half.

4417. Did you see any of those men who were willing to take it go up into the city to poll?—No.

4418. Did you see them up in the city when they were polling?—No.

4419. Do you recollect seeing Smith, the painter, in the city after that?—Yes, I saw him.

4420. Whereabouts?—At the bottom of St. Stephen's, coming with Fuller and Smith.

4421. Which Fuller?—The publican.

4422. George?—Yes, I believe so.

4423. Which way was he coming?—He was coming up St. Stephen's, he was coming to the "Trumpet."

4424. He was going towards the "Trumpet"?—Yes; the polling place is between George Fuller's and the bottom of St. Stephen's.

4425. Were they coming from the direction of the polling place?—Yes, to the polling place.

4426. Did you go with them, or did you follow them?—We were coming behind them.

4427. Where did they go to, did you see?—They went to the polling place, and after that they went to the "Trumpet" again.

4428. Did you follow them down to the "Trumpet"?—Yes.

4429. When you got to the "Trumpet" did you see Smith, the painter, there in the house?—Yes, they were in the house in a little room. I saw them come out of a little room at the "Trumpet."

4430. Did you see Robert Walker speak to the painter?—No, not at the "Trumpet."

4431. But before you got to the "Trumpet" did you see Robert Walker go to the painter?—Yes, that was in St. Stephen's.

4432. Did you hear anything that Walker asked the painter?—Yes. I believe he asked him what he had got or what he was going to get.

4433. And what did the painter say?—He said, "All right, I will let you know."

4434. Then did he go on after that to the polling booth?—Yes.

4435. And afterwards you followed him, you say, to the "Trumpet"?—Yes.

4436–9. Who were in the little room?—George Fuller and Samuel Smith.

4440. Was there anybody else in the room besides?—Not in that small room.

4441. Was the door open, or was it shut?—The door was shut when they were in the room, but when they came out they opened the door.

4442. But while they were in the room did you see the door ajar?—Yes, the door was ajar.

4443. Did you attempt to go in?—Yes.

4444. Do you know a man of the name of Bygrave ?—Yes.

4445. Was he there ?—He was in the room.

4446. But with reference to this little room, was he there at the time they were in it ?—He was at the "Trumpet," but not in the little room with these people.

4447. Was he near the little room at the time you were there ?—Yes.

4448. Could you see inside the little room ?—I could just discern this Smith, Samuel Smith, and Fuller, and as soon as this Samuel Smith, the fowl dealer, saw me he closed the door ; he smacked the door in my face.

4449. Did you have any money ?—No.

4450. Did you hear anything said about money ?—No, not then.

4451. Did you see Smith, the painter, with any money ?—No.

4452. Did you hear Smith, the painter, say anything about money ?—Not a word ; I had not much knowledge of the men.

4453. Then you did not see what, if anything, occurred with reference to money inside the room ?—No.

4454. How long did they remain in the room after the door was shut ?—They were in the room at the "Trumpet" when I went to the "Trumpet."

4455. But after they shut the door in your face how long did they remain in the room ?—Not more than three minutes.

4456. Did they then come out of the room ?—Yes.

4457. All three ?—Yes.

4458. Did you hear anything that passed between them when they came out ?—No, we left the house then.

4459. Smith, the painter, left, did he ?—No ; I, Walker, and Bygrave left the house.

4460. Did you hear Smith, the fowl dealer, say anything to Fuller about yourself ?—No.

4461. Were you there and two others standing by at the time they came out ?—Yes.

4462. Do you recollect Smith saying anything to Fuller about settling or squaring with anybody ?—I believe it was Smith. Smith said to Fuller, "There "is three more here waiting to vote ;" but then it was too late ; it was 4 o'clock, so that we did not pay any regard to them.

4463. It was too late ?—Yes, the poll closed at 4.

4464. Did you hear anything said by Smith about their having stood out too long ?—Yes.

4465. What did he say ?—He said, "You have "been standing about all the afternoon, and now you "go and get nothing," and Bygrave made a reply, "Well, the fact is, if we wanted anything we could "have had it, but we did not intend to take any-"thing, only to watch your shameful villainy."

4466. Was Bygrave standing by at that time ?—Yes.

4467. Who else was with him ?—Robert Walker, and me, and Bygrave.

4468. (*Mr. Biron.*) When Hunt or Smith were beginning with the men and counting them, he included you, Taylor, and Bygrave. He counted you, and made the offer to you ?—Yes.

4469. After the offer was made, and some of the men had accepted and others had refused it, you went away somewhere for an hour and a half ?—We went out of the room because we had occasion to go out. I do not know that there was any particular reason why we went out.

4470. Where did you go ?—Down St. Stephen's.

4471. Did you go to any other public house ?—No, down to the city.

4472. You did not go into any other public house that day ?—Not between half-past 2 and 4.

4473. Before half-past 2 did you go into any other public house ?—Yes, but that was right through part of the city.

4474. What public house was that ?—That was a house on the hill leading down to St. James', at the bottom of Willow Lane.

4475. Were there any voters waiting there ?—No ; it is a public house, but there is not much custom attending it.

4476. During that day did you see any men hanging about at any other house ?—I did not observe it ; in fact, I did not think anything about it.

4477. How was it that you did not vote yourself ?—I made up my mind not to vote at all before.

4478. During the day did not you hear any other men say that they would not vote without money ?—Do you mean any other men besides those at the "Trumpet" ?

4479. Yes.—No, I have not been mixed up in any electioneering business. It only happened that we went into that house promiscuously, as we might go into any other.

4480. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) All the men at the "Trumpet," I understand, said they would not vote unless they had money ?—Yes.

4481. (*Mr. Biron.*) All except yourself, Bygrave, and Walker ?—Yes.

4482. The rest were ready to take the money ?—Yes, the others agreed to take the money, and we came away.

ROBERT WALKER sworn and examined.

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4483. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—I am a bootmaker.

4484. Did you go into the "Trumpet" on the morning of the last election ?—Not in the morning ; about half-past 2 o'clock in the day.

4485. Who went with you ?—Gilbert and Bygrave were with me when I went in.

4486. When you got there did you go into the market room ?—Yes ; I went into the bar, which was very full of people, and I had a glass of ale, and went into the market room ; the door was standing open.

4487. Did you hear Smith or Hunt invite the men at the bar into the market room ?—No, I did not hear that.

4488. You did not hear either of them say anything about standing a gallon ?—No, I did not hear that ; it was before I got there, if it was the case.

4489. In the market room did you hear Hunt say anything about money for voting ?—I heard him say that he had got 5*l.*

4490. Did he mention the number of men ?—He did ; he had 16 of them.

4491. What did Hunt say ?—He said he would give them 5*s.* each ; and Smith, who was behind, said the people were dissatisfied with that. A man named Clayton was very dissatisfied, and they disputed upon the thing, and some of them rose to go away, and some apparently did leave.

4492. How many stayed ?—I cannot say that. I cannot say how many stayed. It might be three or four went away.

4493. When Clayton and the others appeared dissatisfied, and said so, did Smith, the fowl dealer, say anything ?—He said that he would give a pound out of his own pocket, and make it 7*s.* 6*d.*

4494. What did they say to that ?—Some of them appeared to be dissatisfied with that.

4495. What did the others do ?—There was a difference among them.

4496. Did you see Smith, the painter ; little Smith ?—Yes, I did.

4497. Did he say anything ?—No, I am not aware that he said anything.

4498. After that did some of them go into another room with Hunt and Smith ?—I did not notice that. One man I was in conversation with told me that I had voted for Tillett in the morning. I said, "How

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"do you know I did?" He said, "You told me so." I said, "If I told you so that is a proof that I have "told you an untruth, for I have not voted for any-"body."

4499. Who was it who said that?—I do not know his name. I saw the man here as a witness though.

4500. After Smith and Hunt had made this bargain what did you do?—I left. I had only had a glass of ale when I was there; that was all I had.

4501. Did you leave in company with Gilbert?—Yes.

4502. And Bygrave?—Yes; they came after me.

4503. Later in the afternoon did you see Smith, the painter?—I saw him in St. Stephen's Street with young Hunt apparently, which I see here.

4504. Young Smith, you mean?—No, young Hunt.

4505. With anybody else? Was Fuller there with him?—No.

4506. Fuller, the publican?—No, I think it was young Hunt that I saw with him.

4507. Had he voted then?—Apparently he was going to vote.

4508. He was going towards the poll?—He was going towards the poll at all events.

4509. Did you say anything to him?—No, I did not say anything to him. I beg pardon, I did say "Let us hear who you are going to vote for," but he did not make me any answer.

4510. Did he not say anything when you asked him that?—He held up his hands. Whether he said anything or not I do not remember.

4511. You ran up to him, did you not?—Yes.

4512. And did you not ask him what he was going to get?—I believe that is the question that I did ask him.

4513. And did he not say, "I cannot stop, I am in "a hurry. I will let you know"?—That was somewhere about the words.

4514. And did you then follow him and see him go to the poll?—He went to the poll. I passed him.

4515. You saw him at the poll?—Yes.

4516. And while he polled, were Fuller and Smith, the fowl dealer, there?—No, I never saw them; they might be there, but I did not see them.

4517. Did you see him again go back from the poll?—No.

4518. Did you not see him return from the poll to the "Trumpet"?—Yes, I saw him at the "Trumpet."

4519. Did you see him go from the poll, after he had given his vote, to the "Trumpet"?—No, I saw him at the "Trumpet."

4520. Where was he at the "Trumpet"?—He came in the bar, but I lost sight of him afterwards, and my eye was not upon him particularly.

4521. Did you see him go into the little room?—The room I never saw; I saw the passage.

4522. Did you see him go into it?—I cannot say I did.

4523. Did you see him in it?—No, I did not.

4524. Did you see Fuller or Smith then in the little room?—No.

4525. After some time the painter got back from the poll?—No. I never went into the little room. I never went farther than the bar.

4526. Did you go by that little room?—No, I did not. I went to the bar.

4527. Did you see Bygrave and Gilbert go up to the door of the little room?—Bygrave and Gilbert I believe did. I saw them against the doorway.

4528. Did you see anybody come out of that little room?—No, I am not aware in particular that I did.

4529. Did you see Smith, the painter, Smith, the fowl dealer, and Fuller, the publican, come out of that little room?—That appeared to me the way they had to go. I saw them come backwards and forwards, but I did not know their business.

4530. Did they not come and say something to you?—No.

4531. Did not Smith, the fowl dealer, say anything to you?—No, he spoke to Bygrave.

4532. Were you left there with Bygrave?—Yes.

4533. What did he say?—When we came back he said, "You can settle with these three men; here is "three men," says he, "you can satisfy them. I "have had a deal of trouble all day; I have been "running about all day, and I am tired."

4534. Fuller said they have not got any votes?—That is what Fuller said.

4535. Did you say anything?—No, I did not say anything.

4536. Did not Smith say, "You have been hanging "about the whole afternoon; now go and get "nothing"?—That he said to Bygrave. He said, "You have been hanging about all the day for "money, and now you are going not to have any." Bygrave made a reply, "We do not want to have "any money of yours," in that sort of way.

4537. Did you say anything?—No, I said nothing.

4538. How long did Smith, the painter, remain at the "Trumpet"?—I do not know. I left the "Trumpet."

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MICHAEL GEORGE GILBERT recalled and further examined.

4539. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know Fisher, a grocer in St. Stephen's Street?—No.

4540. Do you know a grocer in St. Stephen's Street?—I know one or two grocers.

4541. Do you know Mr. Stockings?—I know there is a grocer by the name of Stockings, but I do not think I should know him if I were to see him.

4542. Do you know Mr. Fisher, a grocer?—Yes.

4543. Is he in St. Stephen's Street?—Yes.

4544. Were you walking with Bygrave in the street near the "Trumpet" on the afternoon of the election day?—Yes.

4545. Did Mr. Fisher speak to you?—Yes.

4546. What did he say to you?—He asked us whether we were going to vote, and we told him "No, decidedly not;" and he said that if we went down to the "Trumpet," that was about half-past 2, things were working all right there, and most likely we should see what was going on, and get something.

4547. Did he say anything about coming to him at any time?—He said he would be at the "Trumpet" at that time.

4548. Did he say anything about 5*s.*?—Not that I am aware of. He might, but if he did it has slipped my memory, I forget; he might, but I am not aware that he did.

4549. Did he say anything about your coming to his shop?—I believe he did so to one of my friends.

4550. Who was the friend to whom he said it?—I think Walker, I am not sure.

4551. The last witness?—Yes.

4552. Did you hear what he said?—He said if we went and voted for Stracey, and called at his shop in about a fortnight, he would give us 5*s.*, or something of that sort. That is what he said.

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ROBERT WALKER, examination resumed.

4553. Do you know Mr. Fisher, the grocer?—Yes.

4554. Do you recollect seeing him in the street on the day of the election?—No; I have been trying to recollect that, but I do not remember it.

4555. Do you recollect his speaking either to you

or to Gilbert?—He might speak to Gilbert; he did not speak to me.

4556. Did he speak to Bygrave?—He might do that.

4557. You did not hear anything he said?—No, I did not.

4558. Do you recollect seeing him?—I do not recollect seeing him in St. Stephen's Street.

4559. But do you recollect seeing him on that day; do you recollect his saying anything about the "Trumpet"?—Yes, I saw Mr. Fisher, that is right enough; but I never heard anything he said.

4560. Where did you see him?—Gilbert has explained to you.

4561. If you saw him, he stopped and spoke to you, did not he?—No, he did not speak to me.

4562. Did you hear him speak either to Gilbert or to Bygrave?—No.

4563. To neither?—No, I did not hear him.

4564. You said just now that you heard something about the "Trumpet." Come, reflect; did you not hear him speak about the "Trumpet"?—I never heard Fisher say anything about the "Trumpet" that I am aware of.

4565. You said just now that something was said to you about the "Trumpet."—What, from Fisher?

4566. Did you not hear him say something about going down to the "Trumpet"?—I never heard Fisher say that.

4567. Did you hear Fisher say anything about coming to his house in about a fortnight?—I didn't hear him say that. I never spoke to Fisher. I was not nigh to Fisher.

4568. I ask you whether Fisher did not say something in your presence and hearing?—He did say something to them, but I could not hear what it was; I was not nigh enough to hear.

4569. You heard him speaking to them?—Yes, I saw Bygrave speaking to him. I never heard what he said.

4570. Was anybody with Fisher when he spoke to them?—No, there was no one with him that I am aware of.

4571. You know Stockings?—I know Stockings, the chemist.

4572. Was he with him?—I didn't see that man.

MICHAEL GEORGE GILBERT recalled and further examined. *M. G. Gilbert.*

4573. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told us about Mr. Fisher speaking to you, Bygrave, and the other man, was anyone with him then?—Yes.

4574. Who was it?—There was a young gentleman, but I have no knowledge of him whatever. Mr. Hardy, the grocer, was canvassing with him.

4575. Was that the first occasion when he spoke about the "Trumpet"?—Yes, in Regent Street.

4576. Was anybody else with him?—There were three of them canvassing. I do not know the other man.

4577. Was Mr. Stockings, the chemist, one?—I do not know him.

4578. Was Stockings, the grocer?—No, I don't know him.

4579. There were three of them altogether?—Yes.

4580. When Fisher said that about the "Trumpet"?—No. Mr. Fisher and me and Bygrave were talking together in the garden, and this young man whom I don't know he was there, but Mr. Hardy kept out of the little garden.

4581. He was in their company?—Yes.

4582. Do you know young Mr. Stracey?—No, I don't.

4583. If you were to see the young man again whom you saw with Hardy and Fisher, should you know him?—No.

4584. You do not carry his appearance in your mind?—No; I know Hardy quite well, and Fisher. People as I know, I know; and them as I don't, I don't.

4585. When you see a man who is a perfect stranger, should you not know him again?—No, I should not recognise him again.

4586. That was on the first occasion, but you saw Fisher later in the day; was anybody with him then?—We went into the committee room because he was not at the "Trumpet," you see, and he came out of a room where Stockings, the chemist, was. They said Stockings, the chemist, was there, and Mr. Fisher. Mr. Fisher came out of the room, and spoke to us privately.

4587. That was the time about the 5*s.*?—Yes, that was it.

4588. Was anybody then present except yourself, Bygrave, Taylor, and Fisher?—Walker.

4589. Anybody else?—No.

4590. What room was it he came out of?—It was the committee room, I believe.

4591. For which ward?—The fifth ward.

4592. What did you go to the committee room for?—I went with my friends.

4593. What for?—Why, it was merely a holiday. Election day is generally a holiday, and I went round just merely for amusement. That's all.

4594. You did not take much interest in it, you did not vote.—It is a holiday, and we take it as such.

4595. What brought you to the committee room?—I went with my friends.

4596. What for?—Just merely to oblige them.

4597. How did you oblige them by going to the committee room?—I was not going to stop outside when they were going in.

4598. Did they say what they were going in for?—No.

4599. What brought you into the committee room about 3 or half-past 3? Had they said they had made up their minds?—I believe they had said they had made their minds up not to vote.

4600. What brought you to the committee room?—Merely for curiosity; we intended to see what we could see and hear what we could hear, and so on.

4601. Did you tell Fisher you would not vote when he offered the 5*s.*?—I never said I should vote or not vote.

4602. You said nothing to him?—He said, "Are "you going to vote?" We said, "No."

4603. Then what remark did he make?—That if we went to the "Trumpet" we should see things were working all right, and that we should be getting something there. He came there about half-past 2.

4604. You went to the "Trumpet" in consequence of the conversation with Fisher?—Yes.

4605. To see if anything was going on?—Yes, that is it, merely a lark, curiosity's sake.

4606. Whereabouts was this garden where you saw him?—A garden leading from Regent Street to Chapel Street.

4607. What were you doing there?—Walker lived there. I went to him.

4608. He lived there?—Yes, he is a boot and shoe manufacturer, and he had a pair of boots of mine doing at that time. Fisher and Hardy and this other gentleman were canvassing in Regent Street, and a boy that is there, Walker's boy, see these gentlemen canvassing there, and he told us.

4609. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you ever seen that young gentleman since?—The gentleman that was with Mr. Fisher?

4610. Yes.—Not that I am aware of. I may have seen him and not known him.

4611. Do you know Mr. Bignold?—I know Sir Samuel Bignold.

4612. Do you know Mr. Arthur Bignold?—No; I

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know a Mr. Bignold, but I don't know his Christian name.

4613. Mr. John Bignold, the lame gentleman?—I know him by sight, but I didn't know his name was John.

4614. He was not so old as that gentleman?—It was not the lame Mr. Bignold, I know.

4615. The gentleman was not so old as Mr. John Bignold?—No, I don't think he was.

R. Walker.

ROBERT WALKER recalled and further examined.

4616–7. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you remember Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hardy coming to your place?—I never saw them; but I heard Bygrave and Gilbert say they came, but I never saw them.

4618. Did you see the third person?—I was at work in the shop at the time.

4619. Did you see the third person who was with them?—No, I did not see any of them.

4620. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) They came to your shop?—No, they did not come to the shop; they came to the garden gate, and it might perhaps be as long from the garden gate to the door as from outside to here. If they did come into the garden they did not come beyond the gate, because I must have seen them.

4621. They came into your garden?—Gilbert and Bygrave told me so. I didn't see them.

W. J. B. King.

WILLIAM JAMES BRIEN KING sworn and examined.

4622. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a freeman?—Yes.

4623. Did you vote at this last election?—Yes; I voted for Tillett and Russell.

4624. What are you by trade?—Fish hawker and fish curer.

4625. Who canvassed you?—No canvassers came round; only a man called one evening.

4626. Did you vote at any election before?—No.

4627. Did anybody offer you any money in connexion with this election?—No.

4628. Did you hear of anybody receiving money?—No.

4629. What became of you during the day?—I was after my employment.

4630. After you had voted you went back to your employment; is that so?—Yes.

4631. Had you promised Sir Henry Stracey your vote?—No.

4632. You had not promised anybody before?—I did not promise anybody.

4633. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you hear any persons say that they had got money for their votes?—No.

4634. Not on the day of the election?—No.

4635. Did you hear anybody say you might have money for your vote?—No.

4636. No offer was made to you of that kind?—None.

R. F. Alden.

ROBERT FOSTER ALDEN sworn and examined.

4637. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A lamp maker and brazier.

4638. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

4639. For whom?—Tillett and Russell.

4640. Did you go about the city at all during the day of the polling?—Yes.

4641. Did you see any men hanging about the public houses?—Yes.

4642. For money?—I don't know.

4643. Did anyone offer to vote your way if you would give them something?—No. I took no active part in it whatever.

4644. Did anybody say "Is there any money "going?"—No.

4645. Or "Can't you stand something if we vote?"—No.

4646. You heard nothing of that?—No, I don't think I did. I saw a great many people going up to vote drunk, but I took no active part in the election whatever.

4647. That was late in the day when they went up drunk?—Yes; afternoon time.

4648. Did you see who the drunken men voted for?—No.

4649. How long have you been a voter?—About 45 years.

4650. And have you voted at every election?—Yes; every election.

4651. Always for the Liberals?—Yes.

4652. In 1860 and 1865 you voted?—Oh, yes; at every election—municipal and general too.

4653. In 1865 did you hear of any corrupt treating or bribery; that was when Goldsmid and Waters were on one side and Warner and Russell on the other?—No, I heard nothing then.

4654. Or in the 1860 election?—No, I have been out of the electioneering machinery for about 20 years.

4655. You have retired on your laurels?—Yes.

J. C. Fisher.

JAMES CRACKNELL FISHER sworn and examined.

4656. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a grocer in St. Stephen's Street?—Yes.

4657. Did you take an active part in the last election?—I did.

4658. Were you a committeeman?—I was.

4659. In which ward?—The fifth ward.

4660. Did you canvass?—I did.

4661. Do you know a person of the name of Gilbert?—I don't by name. I don't know who you mean. I may know him by sight, but I cannot remember him by name.

4662. Do you know him by sight?—I may. I should not know then whether it was Gilbert or not. I fancy I should know if he lived in the parish.

4663. On the day of the election were you out canvassing?—Yes.

4664. Do you know a person of the name of Hardy?—I know two persons of the name of Hardy.

4665. Is there Hardy, a grocer?—Yes, I know him.

4666. Were you out canvassing with Hardy on the day of the election?—For a few minutes I was, I suppose half an hour, not longer; James Hardy that is.

4667. Did you go into Regent Street during the time that you were out in that half hour?—No, I did'nt. I don't think I went into Regent Street that day.

4668. Did you not go upon the day of the election into Regent Street with Hardy the grocer?—I think not.

4669. Remember?—I feel sure not.

4670. Consider. It is some time ago?—It is a long time ago; I do not think I did go into Regent Street.

4671. First I will speak to you about Regent Street. Did you not go with Hardy into a garden near or in Regent Street? You know Walker's?—No, I don't.

4672. The shoemaker?—No, I don't know Walker, the shoemaker.

4673. You don't know the place?—No.

4674–5. Will you undertake to say that you did not go into Regent Street with Hardy, the grocer?—I won't undertake to say that. I remember going into a garden, but whether it was with Hardy or not I don't know. I went into a garden and saw two men.

4676. Look at that man [*pointing to Gilbert*] and say whether that was not one man?—I could not say whether it was or was not. I do not remember seeing him before.

4677. But you saw two men in the garden?—I saw two men in the garden.

4678. Did you say to them that they were to go up to the "Trumpet" about half-past 2?—No.

4679. Did you mention the "Trumpet" to them?—No, I knew nothing about the "Trumpet."

4680. Was there anybody besides yourself and Hardy, the grocer, in the garden?—I don't remember Hardy being with me.

4681. If Hardy was with you, was there anybody besides?—If Hardy was with me there were two men besides. There were two men I saw in a garden.

4682. Was there anybody else canvassing with you?—Not at that time.

4683. Had there been anybody else canvassing with you that morning?—Oh yes, I think there was.

4684. Who was canvassing with you that morning, just reflect?—I really don't remember who did canvass with me.

4685. I will refresh your memory?—I will tell you the truth.

4686. Bring your memory back to the day of the election?—I think during the day I must have canvassed with three or four gentlemen besides Mr. Hardy.

4687. Was there any young gentleman who canvassed with you?—No, I don't think there was. The only person I canvassed with as a young man was young Mr. Norgate. He was the only young man I canvassed with that I remember.

4688. Did you canvass with him that day?—I really cannot say whether I did on that day or not. I might. I hardly know. Really there was so much confusion on that day that I forget. I think I canvassed with him on that day, but I certainly did canvass with him before the election at all events.

4689. Do you know Stockings, the chemist?—Yes.

4690. And Stockings, the grocer?—Yes.

4691. Was either of them with you that day canvassing?—Oh no. Stockings, the chemist, did not canvass that day at all.

4692. Did Stockings, the grocer, canvass with you?—I cannot remember. I don't think he did. I should say he didn't.

4693. Remember.—I would tell you in a moment if I knew.

4694. Your mind is a blank as to whether Stockings, the grocer, canvassed with you?—It is. I should say he didn't. I should say it is more probable he did not than that he did.

4695. Now I want to know whether you did not say to that man and to another man who was with him anything about the "Trumpet"?—I didn't.

4696. And that you would be down there about half-past 2?—I did not, most certainly; I knew nothing about the "Trumpet."

4697. You know the "Trumpet"?—Oh yes, well.

4698. Do you know the landlord of the "Trumpet"?—I did not know the landlord till that day.

4699. What time was it when you saw them in the garden in Regent Street?—I don't know what time in the day. I should have said it was the afternoon. I don't remember going out with Hardy until the afternoon, if Mr. Hardy was with me.

4700. Did you not tell them to be at the "Trumpet" at half-past 2?—Most assuredly not.

4701. Did you not tell them there would be some money going on at half-past 2 at the "Trumpet"?—Certainly not.

4702. Not a word to that effect?—Not a word to that effect.

4703. You had been at the meeting of the Conservatives that morning?—I had, at our own committee room.

4704. Had something occurred at that meeting which nothing on earth would induce you to reveal?—Nothing whatever. I will tell you everything that occurred so far as I am concerned.

4705. Tell me the names of the persons who were present at that meeting?—I cannot from memory. There was the committee. It was known who they were. Stockings was the leader or the chairman of the meeting, I think. There was Dr. Pitt, Mr. Lovett, but I cannot posivitely say who there were.

4706. Do you know Dr. Allen?—Yes, well.

4707. Was he there?—No, I should say not, certainly I think he was not.

4708. Will you undertake to say he was not?—I would say he was not, rather than I would say he was.

4709. Your mind is uncertain about whether he was there or not?—I do not think he had any right or business there. I do not remember seeing Dr. Allen there.

4710. A man may have no business in one sense, and a very great deal in another?—Yes, but I don't remember seeing Dr. Allen that day. I believe I did not.

4711. Do you know Mr. Woodrow?—I did not know him till I saw him on Saturday.

4712. You were here on Saturday whilst he was being examined?—For ten minutes while he was being examined.

4713–4. Stockings was a very active person, was he not?—There are three or four; which do you mean?

4715. Stockings, the grocer.—I don't think he was active more than another. We endeavoured to do all we could to return our candidate fairly.

4716. Was he not present at the meeting on that morning?—I really do not know; I cannot tell you.

4717. Had you any committee book to show you whether he was present or not?—I had not.

4718. Was there not a book to show who was present?—I don't know.

4719. Listen to these words, and say whether you did not utter these words, or words to this effect, to that man who is standing there (*pointing to Gilbert*). Before the words are read I will ask you this, did you not afterwards see that man in the committee room?—I don't remember seeing him before.

4720. Bygrave and another man with him. Do you recollect seeing that man in the committee room?—I don't remember ever seeing the man.

4721. Do you recollect coming out of the committee room and speaking to them alone?—No; I don't remember ever seeing the man before.

4722. But I ask you whether you came out of the room and spoke to two men privately?—I came out of the room several times and solicited several people to vote, you know.

4723. Did you not utter words to this effect, that if they would go up and vote for Stracey and come to your shop you would give them 5*s.*?—I had no funds to give. I could not.

4724. Did you not say this, or words to this effect, "If you go and vote for Stracey, and come to my "shop in a fortnight, I will give you 5*s.*"?—No, I could not say that.

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4725. Could you have said that ?—I don't think I did.

4726. You don't think you did ?—I feel sure I did not.

4727. Will you swear you did not ?—I could swear I did not.

4728. Will you swear you did not utter those words to those men ?—Yes, I can swear it, because I could not have uttered them.

4729. I don't want any reason. Will you swear that you did not utter those words to those men, or to one of them ?—No, I could not.

4730. A direct answer, yes or no ?—I could not have told them so.

4731. Will you swear you did not say that to those men ?—I could not.

4732. Did you utter those words or anything like it to those men, or either of them ?—I did not ; I could not have done so.

4733. I won't have that answer.—I say then, no, certainly not.

4734. Will you undertake to swear you did not ?—I swear I did not.

The shorthand writer will now read the exact words to you. Listen to them.

[*An extract is read from Michael George Gilbert's evidence.*]

4735. Did you not utter words to that effect, not those words necessarily ?—I could not have uttered words of that sort.

4736. Yes, you could have uttered them. Did you not ?—I could not have uttered those words.

4737. Will you undertake to swear that you did not utter words to that effect ?—I should swear I did not.

4738. Will you swear, sir ?—I did not utter such words as those at all. I had no motive for it whatever.

4739-40. You might have many motives ?—I had none.

[*A further extract is read from Michael George Gilbert's evidence.*]

(*The Witness.*) I saw the two men at the "Trumpet" that I saw in the garden, and they wanted me to promise to give them something, and I said I could do no such thing. I saw them, but not by appointment.

4741. Then you did go down to the "Trumpet" ?—Yes, twice that day. I went in the morning and in the afternoon.

4742. Have you any doubt that that is one of the men ?—I could not tell you if you were to give me a thousand pounds to tell you. The men I saw, to the best of my remembrance, looked like bricklayers.

4743. You went out with Hardy canvassing for half an hour ?—Yes.

4744. With whom else did you go down to the "Trumpet" ?—I went alone to the "Trumpet." I was alone at the "Trumpet," to the best of my knowledge.

4745. What took you down to the "Trumpet" ?—Oh, there were a lot of voters there, and I went to ask them if they had voted.

4746. Did you know that there were a lot of voters for sale there ?—Yes, I did.

4747. Did you know Hunt, the fowl dealer ?—I did not.

4748. Did you know Smith, the fowl dealer ?—I have known him a long time.

4749. He is a personal friend of yours ?—No, not a personal friend. I have known him for many years. I don't suppose I have spoken to him twenty times in my life.

4750. Did you see Smith at the "Trumpet" ?—I do not remember seeing Smith at the "Trumpet."

4751. Whom did you see ?—The two men I have named, and that is all, to the best of my knowledge ; and I asked them to vote for Stracey.

4752. What did you go down to the "Trumpet" for, to see the two men whom you had seen in the garden ?—No ; I went to ask if there were any to vote.

4753. You asked if there were any voters for sale there ?—No, I did not do any such thing.

4754. You went down to the "Trumpet" and saw the two men ?—I did see the two men.

4755. Did you not see anybody else there ?—I saw several people there.

4756. You know you went down for some object to the "Trumpet ? "—If I had been asked to swear at the end of the election I should have sworn there had been no money spent at all. I was called in to the "Trumpet" by some one who knew me.

4757. I want to know.—If you will let me tell my tale in my own way I shall be able to convince you. I was called in in the morning. They said there were 15 or 20 men—I don't know how many they said—and was there any money stirring that they could have ? I said I would have nothing to do with making any risk at all. I said "I will have nothing "to do with that."

4758. Who called you into the "Trumpet" ?—I really cannot say. I don't know at all.

4759. Were you passing by the "Trumpet" ?—I was passing by it and was called in.

4760. In passing by the "Trumpet" somebody called you in and told you there were a number of men there for sale ?—Yes.

4761. Cannot you recollect who it was that called you in and made that unimportant communication to you ?—I cannot, indeed. I do not remember the least who it was.

4762. Who was with you when that communication was made ?—I was alone.

4763. What time in the morning was that ?—I really don't know. I should say perhaps 11 or 12 o'clock. I should suppose it was 11 or 12 o'clock. They appeared to be all tipsy, from what I could see.

4764. Did you see Smith, the fowl dealer, there ?—No, I did not.

4765. When did you see him ?—I don't remember seeing him that day at all.

4766. Did you see his son ?—I don't know him.

4767. You had received the communication in the morning that there were a lot of men at the "Trumpet" for sale ?—Yes.

4768. Having received that communication, how came you to go down afterwards to the "Trumpet" ?—To know if they had voted. I was going past again.

4769. At what time?—I really don't know what time it was. I should say it was after 2 o'clock in the day. They were not people in our ward. I knew nothing about them.

4770. When you heard that there were a number of men down there for sale how came you to go down—you, a Puritan—for the purpose of seeing whether those men who were for sale had voted ?—Our committee room was very close, and I had to pass two or three times ; I don't know how many times in the day.

4771. How came you, having learnt that these men were for sale, to go down to ascertain whether they had voted ? — Only that I might get them to vote for Stracey, but to hold out no inducement.

4772. The men being in the market, you went down to get them to vote for Sir Henry Stracey if they had not voted already ?—Yes.

4773. What were the means by which you thought you were going to get men who wanted to be paid to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ? — Legitimate means.

4774. Did you find that they had voted ?—I found

that a great many of them had gone away. I was told so.

4775. You found that man and his companion there?—They might be there.

4776. But you said you saw them; you saw two men there?—Yes, I don't remember this man (*pointing to Gilbert*).

4777. You said you saw two men whom you had appointed to meet there?—No, no such thing.

4778. You saw the two men who say they had an appointment to meet you there; they were persons who had not voted?—They had not voted when I saw them.

4779. What means did you take to persuade them to vote?—I don't remember taking any means but asking them to vote.

4780. You went down to persuade them to vote?—I used the best means I could to persuade them.

4781. You find two men to whom you had spoken before who had not voted. Do you mean to say that you took no means to persuade them to vote?—No other than legitimate means.

4782. What was the use of your going down?—I went past the place several times.

4783. Going in there for the purpose, how did you try to persuade them to vote?—I really cannot tell. I said I would rather have Stracey returned than Tillett. I said that Sir Henry Stracey was the man who ought to represent the city.

4784. Having gone in for the purpose of persuading men who were for sale, do you mean to say that you said nothing to the men but that?—I spoke to two men; that was all. Who they were I don't know. One man said he came from Yarmouth, I think.

4785. Having gone down there to persuade those men to vote, did you not say to them "You go and "vote for Stracey, and come to my shop in a fort-"night, and I will give you *5s.*"?—I could not possibly have said that.

4786. What did you say if you did not say that?—There are lots of things a man may say besides that. I endeavoured to persuade them to vote for Sir Henry Stracey in opposition to Mr. Tillett.

4787. Did you not say to them—going there to persuade them to vote, and knowing that money would persuade them—"You go and vote for Stracey, and "come to my shop in a fortnight, and I will give you "*5s.*," or words to that effect?—No, I could not have said so, because I had no means for paying them.

4788. (*Mr. Biron.*) Half-a-sovereign would not have ruined you?—I would not give half-a-sovereign to turn the best election that ever was.

4789. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are a wealthy man?—I don't profess to be a wealthy man.

4790. You could have afforded half-a-sovereign?—I would not have given half-a-sovereign to turn the election.

4791. Did you not say to those men "You go and "vote for Stracey, and come to my shop in a fortnight, "and I will give you *5s.*," or words to that effect?—I could not have said so.

4792. Might you have said that?—No, I could not have said that. I could not possibly have said that, because I had no means to be recouped, and I could not unless I had.

4793. Was that the only reason that you had?—Certainly; because I would not put my hand in my own pocket.

4794. Not having the money being the only reason, you had no scruples about giving money?—I had none to give. I had scruples because I did not wish—

4795. You said the only reason was that you had not the money.—I had, because I did not wish to infringe the law.

4796. Why did you tell me the only reason was because you had not the money? You go down there where you know men are for sale; you go down to persuade those men to vote. Do you mean to tell this body of persons who are assembled here that you did not use those means of persuasion?—Not money means, certainly.

4797. Not money means?—Nor promise means.

4798. Did you not give them a promise of money?—No, I could not have done so.

4799. Did they follow you up into the committee room, then?—Not that I am aware of. I don't remember.

4800. Did you see them afterwards in the committee room?—I don't think I did.

4801. Did you come and speak to them privately?—No, I don't remember seeing the two men only in the garden and in the "Trumpet." That is the only time I remember seeing the men.

4802. Will you undertake to say that they did not come up to you in the committee room, and that you did not speak to them privately?—I will undertake to say that I don't remember such a thing.

4803. You remember voters coming to the committee room and speaking to you?—I don't remember that.

4804. You said so.—I beg your pardon. I think I did not say so. I don't think I said so.

4805. You said you recollected voters coming to the committee room. Do not you recollect those two men coming up to you in the committee room?—No, I don't.

4806. You saw them at the "Trumpet"?—Yes.

4807. How long did you remain at the "Trumpet"?—Not more than five minutes I should say.

4808. Where did you go when you got into the "Trumpet"?—A small back room adjoining the bar. I really cannot say.

4809. A very convenient room. How came you to go straight into a small back room at the "Trumpet" without seeing anybody but these two men?—I was asked to go into a small back room.

4810. Who asked you?—I think the two men called me in themselves.

4811. Where were you then?—As far as I remember they were in the front bar, which is next the street.

4812. And then they asked you to go into a back room?—Yes.

4813. What did they say when they got you into a back room?—They wanted money to vote. They told me so in the garden; and I said I had nothing to give.

4814. When you knew these people wanted money, why did you go down to that place? A man like you does not go into a place like that without an object?—You want to extract from me what I don't know. I had no money to give, and I bribed no one and offered no one a bribe.

4815. How came you to go down to persuade them without money?—I tried to persuade them to vote for Stracey.

4816. I want to know how it comes that you, a person knowing that men wanted money to vote, went there?—I have told you.

4817. Somebody called you into the public house?—Yes.

4818. And you went to the bar?—Yes.

4819. And then you saw these two men there. What did the person say to you who came to you then and called you in?—I was called in in this way, "Hi, hi," and I turned round and looked. To the best of my knowledge it occurred in that way. I didn't go pointedly to the public house.

4820. Do you go into every house where a person calls "Hi, hi"?—Certainly on an election day. I should go to hear what they had to say.

4821. It was not one of the two men who called "Hi, hi"?—I really don't know. I could not say whether it was or not.

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4822. You saw the two men at the bar?—I think I saw them in the bar.

4823. They asked you to go into a back room?—Yes.

4824. How came you, having nothing whatever to conceal, to go with two men whom you had never seen before in your life, into a back room?—I had seen them that morning.

4825. But you had never known them before?—No.

4826. How came it that you, in your position of life, went with them into a back room?—I should have gone into anywhere. I should have gone into a pigsty with them if they would have voted for Sir Henry Stracey, that is, if I could persuade them.

4827. Your zeal was so great for the cause that if they had asked you to go into a pigsty you would have gone?—Certainly I would.

4828. Yet although your zeal was so great, you would not be induced to part with 10*s.*?—I didn't want to be brought before the magistrates for bribing people.

4829. It was no moral reason then, but only the fear of the law that prevented you?—There is no mistake about that.

4830. That is your morality?—That is my morality.

4831. We are to estimate your veracity by your morality?—It was contrary to law, therefore I would not offer a bribe nor intimidate at all.

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4832. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a grocer, I believe?—Yes.

4833. I think you were a committee man on the Conservative side at the late election?—I was not; I declined to be.

4834. You were a friend of the party, were you not?—I am a friend of the party.

4835. And you took some share in canvassing?—Not at all.

4836. Did you not canvass at all?—Only on the day of the election I assisted, but not before.

4837. Tell me where you were on the day of the election?—I began in the early part of the morning to take up voters where I knew them personally, and I assisted personally in the election the whole of the day. I never left it a moment.

4838. What voters did you take up, a good many?—Oh no, I might walk up with about three or four respectable persons, and they might ask and call upon others to go up.

4839. Did you take up any in cabs?—No, but I hired a cab to go home, and in going home I saw Mr. Slipper, a surgeon, and other gentlemen, and Mr. Slipper rode back with me in the cab.

4840. Did you find yourself in the "Trumpet" at any time?—I never went into the "Trumpet," although I was continually passing it.

4841. Were you at any time during that election with Mr. Fisher?—Yes.

4842. How long were you with him?—Mr. Fisher is overseer of the parish, but not knowing exactly where fresh voters lived I asked him to accompany me into Crook's Place to call upon voters that had not voted. I went to take a list of the men who had not voted, and made myself personally active in taking Mr. Fisher with me and calling upon those who had not voted.

4843. Were you with Mr. Fisher in Regent Street?—I was in every street with him.

4844. How long were you in company with Mr. Fisher that day?—It was under the pressure of the election, but it might be half an hour I should say.

4845. Not more?—No; I merely took him as a person who could give me information.

4846. When you were with Mr. Fisher did you canvass any electors?—Oh, yes, those who had not voted. I went for the purpose.

4847. Did you go into a garden with Mr. Fisher?—Yes, we took the streets *seriatim* until we came to the finish, and then I believe there was a garden where we saw one or two men.

4848. Did you say anything to those voters?—Of course I did.

4849. What did you say?—I asked them immediately to go up and vote.

4850. How did you say that?—I said, "My good "fellow, will you go and vote for us; we are winning, "and we expect that you will go and vote." I obtained several in that way.

4851. What did you hear Mr. Fisher say?—Mr. Fisher was simply accompanying me, because he knew the people, being an overseer, better than I did, and he chatted with me as you would in a case of that sort.

4852. Do you remember the words Mr. Fisher used?—I do not recollect that, because I was so continually about the whole time, but Mr. Fisher was merely accompanying me. I trusted to him to tell me where to go. I did not know the people. I did not know that these people had not spoken to him as others did. Of course, in elections, these people call you in if they think you are about canvassing, and when you go to find voters who have not voted, no doubt they are waiting for some purpose, and we call upon them to ascertain that they have not polled.

4853. Did you not hear Mr. Fisher say something to these men about coming to vote?—No, I never heard that. Of course I had not seen Mr. Fisher. I came here the moment you sent for me, and I have not seen a soul.

4854. Did you not hear that two men desired to go to the "Trumpet"?—No, I should say no message was sent. I had been round about the "Trumpet" repeatedly, and had been asked to go into the "Trumpet." I knew very well the nature of what it must be, and I purposely avoided it in Sir Henry Stracey's cause, and I daresay I worked as hard as anybody in our ward, if not harder, in calling upon the voters, knowing them in previous elections, but I never went into the "Trumpet."

4855. Did you never hear anyone told to go into the "Trumpet"?—No, I do not think Mr. Fisher would say such a thing; it was no general rendezvous.

4856. Did you go to the "Trumpet"?—No; I was in the neighbourhood three or four times that day, and was invited in, but declined it.

4857. Did you not know that Mr. Fisher did?—No, I did not know. I did not come in contact with Mr. Fisher till later in the day, when I was asked to go into Crook's Place, which was late in the day, and I asked him to go with me as he knew the voters.

4858. Did you know two voters named Bygrave and Walker?—I should know them probably if I was to see them, but I cannot recall them to mind.

4859. Can you recollect what was said when you and Fisher and these two men met?—I should say that no more was said to these men.

4860. You should say; what did you hear?—Nothing but advising them to go and vote, and Mr. Fisher might say a word to them, but, of course, I had no time to lose; there was no conversation, no parley with the men, we were on the route for other men, and we could not stop a moment.

4861. You knew very well that these two persons met Fisher at the "Trumpet," and do you mean to say that no conversation took place which led to their subsequently meeting people at the "Trumpet"?—Certainly not. I never heard the "Trumpet" named, or of any person being sent to the "Trumpet," and I was about as much as most persons that day.

4862. Have you been engaged in many elections for the city?—Yes.

4863. And always voted for the Conservatives?—Yes, and perhaps in 1854, Sir Samuel Bignold's elec-

tion, I had more to do with than any one, and it was a perfectly pure election. In 1857 an offer was made to withdraw the petition under the belief that Schneider and Bury had both bribed, but Bignold had not.

4864. We will not go into that at present; we know all about Schneider and Bury.—Yes.

4865. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The elections of 1860 and 1865, I suppose, were as pure as that one?—No, I do not say that. I am only speaking of my knowledge of elections, and where purity existed and where it did not.

4866. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who were the other gentlemen that you canvassed with?—In election times I go invariably alone to canvass; I prefer it. My own personal interview is better for persuasion than two or three talking to a voter at once.

4867. Did you keep a record of your canvassing that day?—I could give you the names that I went to specially. I went into the Crescent to the gentlemen there. I went to the high as well as to the low, and many of the gentlemen declined to vote in the morning, but finding a little change they voted in the afternoon.

4868. Did you know of any cases of gentlemen who went through that change in the course of four or five hours?—Yes.

4869. How was it done?—By simply telling them the poll was altering.

4870. Not by persuasion?—No; you will excuse me putting it, but with these gentlemen it is not persuasion. Many people vote according as the poll is going. Sometimes if the poll is against them they do not trouble about it, but if the poll is rising they go and vote.

4871. How is that, because at this election up to a certain hour the poll was going all one way, and then it suddenly changed; is it the habit of the people of Norwich to vote in that way?—Yes; it was a very great mistake to suppose the election was over when so few had voted.

4872. But you told me just now that the people voted with the winning side. Sir Henry Stracey was far behind for a long time, and then suddenly a number of plumpers came in and put him a head of Mr. Tillett; was that done entirely by persuasion?—Vast numbers have voted after the middle of the day purely voluntarily. If I had been prepared I could have probably named several.

4873. That is the same with regard to the Liberal side?—Of course it is.

4874. But there are some of them who by persuasion go in between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon and give plumpers. What do you know of those men? Were they brought up by you or by your arguments?—No, they did not want arguments.

4875. By money?—No, I beg your pardon it is not so. Many men will withhold voting for a certain time, and if they find it is not a venal voting they will frequently vote then. I know people in Crook's Place who went up and voted, finding as you say they could not get a bribe they voted the same, and some were shut out from voting who were eager to record their names.

4876. They were eager to record their names when they could get nothing for it?—They were eager to get something for it, and they would have done it if they could.

4877. Can you tell me the names of any gentlemen who were actively engaged in canvassing on your side?—I know gentlemen in every ward of course. Mr. Norgate and others.

4878. Were you with Mr. Norgate on the day of the election?—No.

4879. But was there not any other person with you and Mr. Fisher?—Oh no, I went into the committee room.

4880. At the time when you and Mr. Fisher spoke to these two men was there any one else with you?—No, I was going by myself.

4881. No one was with you, either old or young?—No, I should have gone by myself if I had known the places.

4882. There was nobody but Mr. Fisher?—Mr. Fisher was an official, and therefore the best man I could take.

4883. Was anybody else with you?—Oh no.

4884–5. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) When did you begin to canvass?—On the day of the election I might personally make a few calls where I knew the voters and interested myself generally, but I purposely avoided being on the committee, and purposely avoided canvassing, and requested my name to be withdrawn.

4886. You were a zealous person?—Decidedly so.

4887. Then why did you, being a zealous person, abstain from being on any committee?—I could not afford the time, for one thing, to attend to it, and if I could have given my mind to it, the probability is that I should have been put into a position in the committee which would have taken up all my time. I had been chairman of this ward committee on previous elections, and therefore I declined to have any position in it.

4888. At previous elections you had been chairman of your ward committee?—Oh yes.

4889. You said that the last two elections had not been pure ones?—With regard to the last two elections I do not know that they were pure. I will answer you positively. I can speak to the fact that the two last elections could not have been pure, for they were petitioned against.

4890. Do you know that the elections of 1860 and 1865 of which you were chairman of the committee were not pure elections?—You say do I know they were impure from their being found to be impure afterwards; of course a man who is chairman of a committee does not necessarily criminate himself by not knowing these matters, he is outside.

4891. That is to say, the chairman keeps himself in the dark?—You say in the dark, sir; I am not in the dark, and I will tell you all I know.

4892. Being chairman of the committee did you think it was your duty to keep in the dark?—I was not in the dark previously.

4893. Then if it was impure, and you were not in the dark, you knew what was going on?—I might know from information.

4894. Of course you might, but we may take it that you did?—You may know it or anybody may know it outside.

4895. Did you not know it?—I did not know it personally.

4896. Had you nothing to do with money upon these elections?—Well, I may have had to do as all other people have had to do with; when all is impure there is no impurity, don't you see.

4897. There was a good deal of money running loose upon those occasions, was there not?—Well, I should think there was.

4898. And in your ward as well as in other wards?—Very little in our ward.

4899. Was yours a pure ward then?—Nearly pure.

4900. Then I suppose the other wards were very bad ones?—I mean to say that ward in which I have acted is not considered by report to be impure. Of course I know nothing about the other wards.

4901. Although it is not considered by report impure, is it actually very impure?—No, it is not.

4902. Then report makes it out as well as it is or better?—It is, and of course it must be better, it is only a matter of opinion.

4903. Perhaps it is kept dark?—No, it is not. I did not come here to be dark in anything; if you want to know anything I can tell you, I will tell you.

4904. In the elections of 1860 and 1865 was not little money spent in your ward?—Probably in 1865 there was.

4905. I may take it I should think there was?—Very well, if you like to take it so you can.

4906. Now at these elections, you, being chairman of the ward, can tell me who were the gentlemen that were the financial agents in the matter?—Oh yes, but the finances did not come in in connection with the committee of the ward.

4907. But there was money going?—It does not matter; as chairman of the committee I should not allow such a thing to come before me.

4908. As chairman of the committee and not keeping yourself entirely in the dark, knowing that money was going about, you would know, I should think, who was the financial agent who arranged the funds?—I do not know that.

4909. Did you keep yourself in the dark about that. Was it the man in the moon?—Well there is a man in the moon always, of course.

4910. At Norwich is there always a man in the moon?—Oh yes.

4911. By report who was the man in the moon?—I certainly could not tell you at all.

4912. Not by report?—Not by report, I could not tell you; you might for the same reason use that as an argument with regard to the "Trumpet;" it was said that Sir Henry Stracey walked in and gave the money himself, which was a most absurd thing.

4913. Who was by report the financial agent?—There was none that I know of; if any money was spent it might be as I might spend money.

4914. As you might spend money?—Yes, I dare-say I spent a few shillings as I went about by giving the children a shilling and sixpence and other people I might see.

4915. You spent a few shillings by going about giving it to the children?—Yes.

4916. Did the children happen to be grown up children?—No sir.

4917. Of course.—Then if you asked me in the abstract did I spend a shilling in the day it is ridiculous. I could not go about without spending a sovereign or two.

4918. I quite understand if a man has been engaged in elections in Norwich for many years, it is ridiculous to say that he did not spend a few shillings.—You go into a house and ask a man for his vote, and perhaps he is not at home, and you see the wife, and then you may spend a shilling or sixpence in that way.

4919. It is nonsense, is it not?—It is nonsence to call it spending money of course.

4920. It is nonsence to say that a man who takes an active part must spend a sovereign?—A man cannot go about canvassing and asking voters to vote without now and then spending a sixpence.

4921. I suppose as it is impossible not to do it and you did it, that it did cost you a sovereign at any rate?—I could not tell you that.

4922. Not to a shilling of course?—I did not give it to voters. I probably avoided giving it to voters.

4923. Nor to voters' children?—Of course I do not mean to say that.

4924. Or to a voter's wife?—Or to a voter's wife, and a very good gift as far as it went.

4925. You have said you would not be particular to a shilling, then you would be particular to a pound?—Well, I should not carry more than shillings in my pocket.

4926. It is impossible when a man is actively engaged to remember whether it is a pound or two, I should think?—I am quite willing to answer exactly as you wish, but I cannot narrow myself in that way; I cannot tell, I might spend a sovereign, or if I had spent two I should not have thought much of it.

4927. Or perhaps it might have got up to three or four?—No; not more than two or three.

4928. You limit yourself to three?—No; I know my position as regards what I was doing.

4929. You limit yourself to three sovereigns?—Certainly, I did not take that with me.

4930. You were going about getting up the voters?—Certainly.

4931. Did you all in your power to get them up?—Yes.

4932. You did find that they required persuasion, did you not?—Well, they did not require a great deal of persuasion.

4933. Of course not a great deal.—You wish to ask me what I did and I will tell you. I would give, for instance, to the wheelwright in the parish, a very respectable man; he says to me "I have not voted at "all before, but as you have called upon me I will "vote on your side." I take him away and walk him up to the poll. If I get a man of that sort I walk him up to the poll.

4934. You confer upon him that honor?—I escort him up to the poll; he is an independent voter, of course.

4935. And in escorting him up to the poll you do not mean, I suppose, to say that you would take him up dry?—The man was an independent voter, and I busied myself with independent voters as far as I could.

4936. But were there no others?—I did not give a shilling to a voter of any kind.

4937. But to whom did you give the *3l.*?—I might have spent a pound or so. I do not know that it might be more than a sovereign.

4938. But to whom did you give it?—When I called upon them I found sometimes that they had voted, but still I might give a shilling or sixpence to the children; it was not a gift to the men.

4939. Of course not.—The men had voted.

4940. Did you never give it before the men had voted?—No, certainly not.

4941. You always took care that they voted before you gave it?—No; I might call at the house, you understand. We know in going round to the voters some of these men might be out, might be at the "Trumpet;" and some of the women might say, "Will you treat a little," and I might give the wife a shilling or the child a sixpence, but the man had voted, and I did not know where they were.

4942. If the man was in a little difficulty about going up to the poll what would you give him?—I would decline to give him anything. I declined sending up a score of men. I declined to give them a shilling, or in any way to commit myself.

4943. Did you say, "If you will go up to the "poll I shall see your children or your wife "afterwards"?—No; I have never been about the place since the election.

4944. But you did sometimes go to a house, and find the man had polled?—Yes, but I did not know. You understand that in going to call up the arrears of voters you go to certain houses, and the men may not be there, although you are told they have not voted.

4945. At the time you gave the shilling or the sixpence or the half-crown you did not know whether the men had voted or not. You went there on the presumption that they had not voted?—No, or, of course, I should not have lost my time about it.

4946. But you gave the money to the women?—If I had seen the men I should not have talked to the women or the children. I should have made the most of the voters, and tried to get up.

4947. But not finding the voter at home, and not knowing whether he had polled, you did sometimes give the children sixpence and a shilling, and the wife half-a-crown?—When you got into a street like Crook's Place, seeing a person like me, and knowing my object standing outside, and on the day of the election I might pass some of these people, and I might give a trifle to them, but without knowing them at all, only from seeing them as neighbours.

4948. They knew you as having been engaged on former elections?—Yes.

4949. And then the wife would say, "My husband

" is out, won't you stand something?"—Oh, no, I was born in the parish, and with a fifty years' residence in the place people know you pretty well.

4950. And knowing you pretty well, they knew you to be a liberal man?—Well, I will not praise my own liberality, but I may say that I stand very well in the parish.

4951. They know you not to be illiberal?—Yes.

4952. And they said, "My husband is out, he has "not voted; will you stand half-a-crown?"—I should avoid doing anything in that way. Although you may think I did wrong I did nothing with a venal intent; it may be laughed at in this court, but I beg to assure you that if I gave a shilling or a sixpence I might give it to a person who voted on the other side, because if you are a canvassing man you must be an agreeable man; you must be pleasant, whether winning or losing.

4953. Perhaps you thought it would be as well to be liberal on both sides?—Certainly, that is very good policy.

4954. Liberality to some might cover illiberality to others. You had been engaged in many elections?—Yes.

4955. And you are a steady old hand and a discreet man?—I will not say that, but I should think I should know how to work.

4956. You would know how to do it?—Yes.

4957. And knowing how to do it you did it?—No.

4958. Why not? You an old hand, do you mean to say you did not do it?—No; I am a better hand than that.

4959. I do not think you are doing yourself justice?—Well, I do not wish to have the credit of it.

4960. You are a discreet steady old hand, liberal, and knowing how to do it; do you mean to say you could abstain from doing it?—Oh yes.

4961. Only to the amount of three sovereigns?—Well, I do not think it was three.

4962. It would not exceed three?—A sovereign or two I should put in my pocket on election morning. I do not deny it, but I should not commit myself in the disposal of those sovereigns.

4963. Were they half-sovereigns?—No.

4964. Are you sure they were not half-sovereigns?—They were not half-sovereigns; in short, it is not so. I do not want to conceal it. I go once in the course of the day, and I might take out ten shillings in my pocket in the morning, and I might go home and perhaps put ten shillings more then, but in no case did I put money in my pocket beyond that sort of way of having a few shillings in my pocket.

4965. How many times in the day did you go home and put ten shillings in your pocket?—I might go home twice or three times; not more.

4966. How much did you start with in the morning, two or three sovereigns?—Oh no.

4967. Surely a man of your substance does not walk about without money in his pocket?—Certainly not.

4968. You must have something to start with?—In the morning up to a certain time this sort of voters that you are wanting to criminate me with.

4969. Do not suppose that?—Your desire seems to be to do that, but this class of voters such a man as myself would feel it his duty to call upon to ask them to be at the poll. I am not a paid agent and never was; although I have acted in this way it has been in my own parish.

4970. You have said there was no class of voters for whom you would provide anything; but you know you would not go out in the morning without some provision in your pocket against all sorts of contingencies; I am not speaking of the day of the election, but I do not suppose you would ever walk about without 3*l.* or 4*l.* in your pocket?—Oh no, a little silver is quite enough for me at any time.

4971. What, are you afraid to trust yourself with more?—I do not want any more in my ordinary expenditure.

4972. You have said there was a certain class to whom it would be unnecessary to say anything of that sort, but there was another class, you see?—Yes.

4973. To whom a little persuasion would be necessary?—Yes.

4974. And persuasion, I suppose, of a monetary character?—Oh yes, there was a man in the "Trumpet," and I called at his house three or four times, saw his relatives, and they would say "We will send for "him, or will you go to him and see him." I declined it, but I had a little influence with the man, and I thought by calling I might get him; but when I called the next time his wife said "My husband would rather speak "to you, will you go and see him;" I said "If he is "here I will speak to him," but I would not go on.

4975. Who was that man?—A man named Craske.

4976. He is dead is he not?—Yes.

4977. You knew the "Trumpet" well?—Yes, it is a very respectable house.

4978. I do not suppose that you ever were in the "Trumpet"?—I have never been in the "Trumpet" for refreshment, but I mean to say the "Trumpet" is a very respectable house of its kind.

4979. You said you avoided going to the "Trumpet"?—Because I was invited to go and see some voters there.

4980. Did you avoid going to the "Trumpet" because you knew there were a number of voters there waiting to be bought?—They might say they wanted something for voting.

4981. When I say "bought" they wanted what they would call an honorarium?—Well, they wanted something; I was asked if I would see the men, but I declined.

4982. You knew that they did want a little persuasion?—Yes.

4983. And you avoided going to the "Trumpet" at all?—I could do no good to the men, therefore I sought other voters.

4984. You had spent all your money then?—Oh no, I had not, I had plenty more. We are not short on those days.

4985. You avoided the "Trumpet" you say, and I suppose you avoided it because its character was well known in the place?—No, the house is a respectable house in its way.

4986. It may be the most respectable house in the world, and yet it may be a house of call for particular purposes?—Well, the men, of course, on days of election, congregate in small numbers, but very few at all the houses in our street; we have 20 or 30, I believe, and I might go into half a score casually, but I saw no voters in them that I remember. I should not have hesitated to have called as I went along at every house.

4987. (*Mr. Biron.*) You would not find them at home on the morning of the polling?—But I mean at the public houses.

4988. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) There were some public houses to which you did go?—Yes, I daresay I did.

4989. But you avoided the "Trumpet," because you knew there were a number of venal voters there?—I heard there were some voters there who required some compensation for their votes, but I declined to interfere.

4990. Who told you that there was a class of venal voters at the "Trumpet"?—I called upon some of the voters, amongst others this Craske I have told you of, and their wives referred me to to the "Trumpet." They would say "My husband is at the 'Trumpet,' "sir."

4991. How did you know they were venal voters by calling at their houses and being told they were at the "Trumpet"?—I do not know that they are venal voters until they are proved so.

4992. I thought you told me that you avoided the "Trumpet" because you knew that?—You see I was more useful for the general purposes about. It would

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not have answered my purpose, wishing to win the election, to have stayed myself with these men to try and turn them, or to do anything for them I was better employed. I did not mean to give them anything, and therefore it was no good my going there.

4993. Oh yes it was, only consider, you were in search of voters?—Yes.

4994. You wanted to get them up as fast as you could?—Yes.

4995. If you could get them *en masse* it was better than getting them in detail, was it not?—Well, dealing with them *en masse* would not do, because there would always be that altercation with a lot of men that you would not get anything at all, therefore it is better to take them *seriatim*.

4996. What was the altercation that you apprehended amongst the men at the "Trumpet"?—If they did not want a direct bribe they would want some favour; they would ask me to render them some service afterwards which I did not choose to promise.

4997. You did not go to the "Trumpet" because you knew as well as possible that if you did go there you would be wanted to bribe?—Well, I thought I should be asked to do something which I was not inclined to do.

4998. That would be to bribe?—It is not always so.

4999. Either to bribe or to treat?—I do not want to prevaricate; I want to answer your questions direct.

5000. Was it because you knew you would be asked to bribe or treat?—I am wishing to answer that question not ambiguously. I heard that certain voters were there, and that they wanted something for voting, although it might be trifling, but really I was so pressed to take other places, that I did not think it worth while to go there. You must not think me egotistical, but I am personally known to almost all the voters in the place, and I was requested to go here and there wherever I could get a vote, and I did so. I did not avoid the men, because if I could have worked the 10 or 12 men who were there by talking to them or persuading them I should have gone, but it was too late, it was between 2 and 4, and my time was better occupied. I could not have given them a bribe if I had gone there.

5001. You had heard this on the morning?—No, I did not know anything of the "Trumpet" people until towards the afternoon. I was about in different parts.

5002. What was the time that you first heard about the "Trumpet"?—When the election was turning after the dinner hour, I said to myself that the number voted was so small in proportion to the whole number that it could not be considered a majority sufficient to say the election was won. I saw a procession come out from Mr. Daynes', declaring the election was won entirely, but I said, "It is perfectly "monstrous, the men have not voted, there is no "money about, and the men will not vote until "after dinner, we shall wait and see what turns up." Then they became very zealous, and I believe voluntarily and freely for the first half-hour after dinner there was a succession of voters ready to go up to the poll, and without temptation.

5003. Except very small sums?—Which could not be considered a temptation.

5004. It could hardly be called a consideration?—No, I am not talking of that. I believe that men may take a shilling of a man who canvasses on an election, as I might give a shilling to a man, and yet with no intention of bribing, and the man does not take it as a bribe.

5005. (*Mr. Biron.*) Of course not, it is a mere compliment?—I mean that an election cannot be so pure as that, it cannot, indeed. It may be pure; I do not say that the law may not make it pure.

5006. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) To take, for instance, a day's wages?—Well, you know, a man very rarely checks his men who vote on that day; you do give a day's wages.

5007. They ask for it, and it is not thought any harm to give it?—The men who labour for you who have votes naturally go up and vote. If they vote your way you are not nice about it if the man lose the day.

5008. I suppose that was the general feeling among your fellow citizens?—Well, it is my feeling as regards my own men. I do not care very much whether they work that day or not.

5009. Can you tell me whether many persons were in that position?—Do you mean a number of people who are open to direct bribery?

5010. To whom a day's wages, or something of that sort, was given?—I am not aware of any; we did not discharge the men.

5011. You say it was understood?—I say it is understood by employers. These men do not go until the afternoon; they were men willing to go in the morning, but they did not go until the afternoon. I never said a word to them about going, and never asked a man to vote, and I have seven or eight.

5012. How many men were there who had that sort of allowance of part of their day's wages, or anything of that sort?—You are asking me a general question which I cannot define exactly; are you asking me of my own knowledge? If you will put the question in a specific form, I will endeavour to answer it.

5013. Take your own men, for instance?—I do do not employ many, but still four or five perhaps might go up in the afternoon.

5014. Four or five of your own men?—Yes.

5015. What do you allow them?—Nothing at all.

5016. Did they work that day?—Of course they did, they worked part of the day, they came back again; they did not leave the premises for the day they went away to vote; it is a loose day.

5017. Had they something to drink?—Oh no.

5018. Had they nothing allowed them?—Oh no, they are men very well to do.

5019. They do not want it?—No.

5020. They were above it?—Yes.

5021. But there were a good many men who were not above it, were there not?—I do not think that drink is much temptation, not actual drink.

5022. I do not say it would be temptation, but there were a good many persons, were there not, to whom these little sums were allowed?—They are treated imperceptibly by one and the other; the men do not lay out for so much drink.

5023. But it is an actual temptation growing to the right point towards 4 o'clock in the afternoon.—Well, I was asked to go into this very "Trumpet," because the men were not sitting in a closed room; these men sat on a common settle where anyone might go, the men were drinking; some were on one side and some on the other. It does not follow that because a body of men club together that the room is a club room. They sat on the common settle of this house, and as one man goes in and speaks to these men something is thrown down probably; but I do not indulge myself in that way at all.

5024. If that was the case who did go to the "Trumpet"?—I could not say who, but any individual might go in.

5025. That being so, you went into some houses besides the "Trumpet"?—I did not spend 1*s.* in a public house that day, though I called.

5026. To whom was it that you gave those shillings and sixpences, amounting in the whole to about 3*l.*?—You are quite willing to put the limit as high as you can. I should think if I spent 2*l.* in the day it was the outside. If you wish to know what I spent my cash book would show even that. I do not take money out of my business without putting it down.

5027. Will your cash book show what you spent on that day?—I should think it would.

5028. Who were the persons to whom you gave

that money?—I speak now honestly. You are asking a very vague question. I put myself down as a gentleman or a person walking about on the day of the election interesting myself very much about it, and it is possible that a person might meet me in the street, and I might voluntarily give a child sixpence or a wife a shilling, or they might ask for it.

5029. They might ask for it or might not ask for it?—If they were a happy lot I should perhaps give it.

5030. Can you not tell me any of the persons to whom you gave that?—No; I assure you I walked in that way when I went with Mr. Fisher in my indiscriminate haste. It is not easy work. It is very hard work, I assure you, for any man to go round in that way and bring up slack voters who have not polled; it is a great deal of ground to cover. I called at places where the voters were out or they had voted. I know these people by seeing them constantly, and therefore I might in a friendly way give them a shilling, but nothing else.

5031. Can you tell me any of the persons to whom in a friendly way you gave a shilling or half-a-crown?—No, I could not tell you without I went into the streets perhaps; but really it is so promiscuous a thing that it is hardly worth calling for detail upon it.

5032. I am afraid it is not for you to judge. It is our duty to get it in detail, and it is your duty to give it in detail.—You put the question what did I spend. I told you 2*l.*

5033. (*Mr. Biron.*) Can you not give us the name of any person with whom you spent it?—Well, I could if I went into the street and asked them, but I should not notice the gift of a shilling.

5034. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I must ask you to give us the names of the persons to whom you distributed these shillings and half-crowns?—Well, it was not done on a system.

5035. I must trouble you to give us that?—I will try and find out; all I know about it is that I spent that money in the course of the day. I merely set off, and after that I spent a sovereign or two; but that is the way I spent it, not in public houses or in treating voters.

5036. You distribute your money unsystematically?—Yes, I did not do it with any intention of bribery. I do not want you to assume a hypothetical answer or a mere random answer. I merely gave it you as you requested, off hand, and I told you I might spend a sovereign in the course of the day, and I said I spent it promiscuously, but I could not give it to you in detail.

5037–8. What sums were spent systematically, can you tell me?—The inquiry leads me to say what was spent from public report; but I know nothing of those sums except what I read in the papers. Of my own knowledge I don't know anything.

5039. Don't you know that there were sums spent systematically, even in your own ward?—Systematically? Well, if you want to know whether I am aware of so much money being given to certain voters I do not.

5040. I want to know whether you are not aware that money was systematically given to certain voters?—I understood there was venality at the "Trumpet," but I know of nothing else.

5041. Do you know of nothing else in your ward?—No; as I said before, as far as I can judge of that ward, and I ought to know it, I do not know of any case in it. I look upon the "Trumpet" affair as a loose, careless, and trivial matter, done perhaps in an indiscreet way.

5042. You do not know to whom the money was given, but you know who systematically did it?—No, I do not indeed.

5043. Have you not heard?—I know it was reported that a man named Hunt gave the money.

5044. Anybody else?—I do not think anybody else.

5045–6. Do you know Stockings?—Stockings did not give a penny; he hardly left the room at all.

5047. Stockings, the chemist, is perhaps too cautious a man. I am speaking of Stockings, the grocer.—He is a much more cautious man than the druggist.

5048. He knows how to do it better?—No; he would not do anything of the kind in my opinion. I think he is not a man to put himself out in the election at all, or to interest himself.

5049. Did he not take an active part?—He did nothing comparatively.

5050. But he did take an active part, did he not?—I daresay where Stockings called upon one voter I called upon 20. It did not matter to me who I called upon. I should go to the poorest man possible, even if I knew the man would not vote. I should not avoid him on that account.

5051. Stockings perhaps went systematically to work while you went unsystematically?—Oh, no. Are you speaking of the chairman or the grocer?

5052. The grocer.—I did not see the grocer out the whole of the day, I think, though I was out the whole of the day myself. He might be asked by his brother perhaps whether he would go and call upon some one, but he is not a man of that kind.

5053. When were you served with your summons to come here?—At 1 o'clock, and I came at once. I have never seen a person, nor yet been to any meeting, and I belong to no club.

5054. Have you seen Mr. Fisher since that?—No, I have not spoken a word to him nor yet seen him.

5055. With whom have you talked over this matter since you were served?—Not a soul.

5056. You have spoken to nobody?—The message came at 1; I went and did some business at the bank, and came on here at a quarter to 2.

5057. To whom have you been talking; because it is quite clear that you know what has passed here before you came?—I have been standing outside the door a little while.

5058. To whom have you been talking during or since the examination of Mr. Fisher?—I have not seen anyone.

5059. (*Mr. Biron.*) Have other people told you that Fisher had been examined?—When I came here, when I was summoned.

5060. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did anybody tell you what Fisher had said?—No. I had not heard anything about Fisher. I heard some one say "Fisher has been up, "and he has been talking about this affair of Crook's "Place, and so on." I said, "How silly; Mr. Fisher "knows very well there was nothing done as far as I "know except walking round Crook's Place under "pressure, making a rapid run round the place. We "were so hurried that though Sir Henry Stracey "came round in a barouche at the time I did not "speak to him."

5061. Who have you been speaking to outside?—There is a Mr. Edwards outside, I believe; I asked him his name. I walked down the hill with him, but he is a perfect stranger to me.

5062. He is a perfect stranger to you?—Yes, he is indeed. It seems to me that you have got the notion that I am wishing to cover this with a sort of darkness, but I have nothing at all to cover about it; I will tell you all; there has been no collusion with me of any sort or kind.

5063. Perfectly accidentally you have talked over this matter with Mr. Edwards?—No.

5064. Edwards talked it over with you?—No, I don't believe I should know him if I saw him again.

5065. Whoever it was, you talked over what had taken place in this court?—Well, to tell you the truth, I met Mr. Thompson, the surgeon, and Mr.

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Thompson, of Bury, who is the Mayor of Bury, at this very time. I said, "I am summoned here," and Mr. Thompson told me that Fisher had been examined, and that he had been in court during the time.

5066. Did he tell you what Fisher had said ?—No.

5067. Do you mean to say nobody told you what Fisher had said in this court ?—Nothing has been told me of what Fisher said, not in detail.

5068. Not in detail, but I put it in general.—Well, in general, nothing at all ; they thought he prevaricated.

5069. What did he tell you that Fisher had been talking about ?—Well, you sift and you sift, but you cannot get a plainer answer.

5070. Yes I can, and will.—I walked into the court. I did not get here until 10 minutes to 2.

5071. That will not put me off my question.—No, I know it will not, you will stick to it. The point you wish to know is, who has heen in communication with me for me to know of Mr. Fisher's examination.

5072. I want to know what you have been told that Fisher said in this court ?—Nothing, but that Fisher had prevaricated a little in his evidence, and that he had mentioned my name in connexion with calling upon two people in the garden.

5073. And about sending men down to the "Trumpet" ?—Yes ; I was told that, and I said I did not think he did it.

5074. And that you think now ?—Certainly.

5075. Do you recollect seeing the men in the garden ?—I beg you to understand that I do not think Mr. Fisher would do it ; he had no reason to do it.

5076. You know a man who is interested in an election has got no object except winning the election ?—Fisher was accompanying me more particularly. He kindly said, "I will accompany you, and show you "where the people live." These men, if I remember right, hailed us. I did not know them. We were passing the garden gate, and these men, I think, hailed us to go in.

5077. To go into the garden ?—Yes, it was an open garden.

5078. Did Fisher go in first ?—We went in together, of course.

5079. Do you know Smith, the fowl dealer ?—Very well.

5080. Have you ever had any conversation with him since the election day ?—Oh yes. I saw Smith outside. I know Mr. Smith very well.

5081–2. And did you happen to talk to him outside ?—Yes ; but I did not talk to him about Fisher at all.

5083. If you did not talk about Fisher, what did you talk about ?—We talked about how it was going on.

5084. If you talked about how it was going on, and Fisher was the man who had just gone out of the witness box, did you not talk about Fisher ?—No, we did not name Fisher. Mr. Smith was in company with other people.

5085. I want to know whether you talked about what had been going on in this court, and whether, Fisher having just left the witness box, you and Smith did not talk about what Fisher had said ?—Certainly not, and for this reason——

5086. I do not want the reason, I want the fact.—You may think it is very strange that I did not, but I tell you I did not. Mr. Smith is a very respectable man, and a man of property, and I talked with Mr. Smith, because I knew him to be a respectable man. I chatted with him as I would with any other person. I did not seek Mr. Smith, nor Mr. Smith me.

5087. Because Mr. Smith is a respectable man, a man who you could talk to with perfect ease, is that the reason you said nothing about what had just taken place here about Fisher ?—I do not think Fisher's name was mentioned in Smith's presence.

5088–9. You say you went into the garden ?—Yes.

5090. Did they beckon to you or did they beckon to Fisher ?—They beckoned to me, I daresay, finding I was the party canvassing.

5091. What did they say to you ?—We go into the garden, there is nothing secret ; the men tell us that they have votes, and they have not yet voted ; and one man might say to me, which many did at that place,——

5092. They might say anything, but did they say to you that they wanted money for their votes ?—I would not charge a man without knowing the fact. I did not negotiate with the men or ask them to vote.

5093. I do not suppose that, but we know the two men beckoned you into the garden. You recollect that circumstance ?—Yes.

5094. And you went into the garden not knowing them ?—Yes.

5095. They told you, you say, that they had not voted ; did they not tell you that they wanted money for their votes ?—No, the way these men would say it would be like others.

5096. Answer the question simply. Did they not speak to you respecting money for their votes ?—I could not say.

5097. May you have forgotten it ?—Of course, I have forgotten it, or else I could say it.

5098. Have you any doubt that they did speak to you about money for their votes ?—I should say, if Mr. Fisher has alluded to these men——

5099. Never mind Mr. Fisher. Did not the men speak to you about money for their votes? Do not prevaricate.—There is no prevarication in it at all, sir. You put your questions, and you want me to answer them as they fall, and I am willing to do it. You put a strong question to me, "Did you do a "specific thing on a specific occasion ?"

5100. Yes.—Now I was about the whole of the day, and you ask me, who called upon, perhaps, 200 men in the course of the day, what was the interchange between me and these two men.

5101. Do you mean to say you cannot recollect what they said at all ?—I cannot recollect the particular conversation.

5102. Then do I understand that your memory on the subject is a mere blank ?—No, I tell you I saw the men.

5103. If it is not a blank upon it, what is it ?—I recollect that I saw the men and I could not get the men to vote. I asked them to vote and then passed on to others ; whether Fisher stopped behind a little while, or whether he followed me immediately, I cannot say at the moment.

5104. Where did you go to from the garden ?—To the next voter.

5105. Do you know Walker ?—No.

5106. Did you go into the house to which the garden belonged ?—No.

5107. What was the house to which you went from the garden ?—I think I called upon a baker very near there. I said, "Have you voted ;" he said "Yes, I "have ; if you had come before——

5108. I do not want to know the conversation.—You want to know what I did to follow.

5109. I want to know where you went immediately after you had seen the men ?—I went to the next voter, and the next voter is a baker, and the baker said if you had been before I should have voted.

5110. What I want to know is this, where did you leave Fisher when you went to the baker ?—Fisher was with me at the baker's.

5111. He came to you at the baker's, but did you not leave the men with Fisher and go to the baker ? You have told me you did not know what Fisher may

have said to the men?—Fisher would follow me instantaneously.

5112. Whether he remained behind with the men or not you do not recollect?—No, certainly not, he did not remain behind.

5113. Do you recollect his following you immediately afterwards, when you say that you cannot recollect what occurred with the two men?—I could not proceed without Mr. Fisher's company, he was my guide. I might pass on and Mr. Fisher might talk to the men for a moment or two, but of course Mr. Fisher would follow me directly to tell me where next to go.

5114. But you had gone to the garden without Fisher and the two men?—Yes, I suppose we did.

5115. Now, having gone into the garden from the beckoning as you say of the two men and talked to them, and they having said something to you which you do not at all recollect, do you mean to say you recollect precisely what occurred when you left them?—All I know is this, if the men declined voting I should pass on to the next man, and Fisher would follow me immediately.

5116. Have you any doubt that these men wanted money for their votes?—Well, I should not charge the men with it. If they did say to me they wanted money I should pass on and say I cannot give it to you.

5117. But did they say they wanted money, and did you then pass on?—If they said they wanted money I did pass on, for I thought they did not want money; but if a little talking would get them to vote, I should have waited, and therefore the inference is that they did want money.

5118. In consequence of your turning away sharp you think they wanted money?—I could not negotiate in that way.

5119. When they spoke to you about money you would turn away sharp?—No, I should wish the men to think better of it. I should not turn sharp away from them.

5120. Did you say anything to the men to induce them to think better of it?—I should advise the men not to think of such a thing.

5121. Did Mr. Fisher say anything to them to induce them to change their mind?—I should endeavour to persuade them to vote without any consideration.

5122. I do not ask you what you would do, but what Fisher did?—Fisher would not——

5123. As to what Fisher would do, you cannot tell.—I know Mr. Fisher very well.

5124. (*Mr. Biron.*) He has answered for himself?—If he has answered he did not commit himself in my presence, that is all I know about it, and he is not the kind of man to do so.

5125. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What he did behind your back you do not know?—I can speak to this, that Mr. Fisher is not a man to do it; he might talk of doing it, but he would not do it.

5126. Then do I understand that you have got no memory at all of what passed between these two men and yourself?—Yes; if Mr. Fisher had wanted something for these men he would have asked me, and I should have told him to do nothing of the kind, we did not do it.

5127. Did he happen to consult you?—I daresay he did. Mr. Fisher might say to me these men will take this or take that, I should say "Fisher, we have "nothing to do with that."

5128. Then Fisher may have consulted with you?—Yes, he did consult me as we went along.

5129. Did Fisher consult you as to men wanting money that day?—Fisher would tell me where he knew voters that did.

5130. You say he would tell you, but did he?—Fisher is a man who knows the parish, and he may say to me there is a man who will vote if he has money, but I would not have anything to do with it.

5131. And he did nothing?—He did nothing, he did not even do as I did, spend 10*s.* or 20*s.* about the streets. Mr. Fisher did not do that.

5132. (*Mr. Biron.*) He is a more careful man than that?—Oh yes.

5133. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) He would not spend even 10*s.*—Oh no, he is a very careful man.

5134. (*Mr. Biron.*) But you would see him through the 10*s.* if he did?—No, I should not. He is very well off.

5135. But perhaps he does not like parting?—Fisher is a careful man.

5136. But supposing he did spend it?—If he did spend it he would not ask for it again.

5137. But suppose he did?—I should say if he did he would not get paid.

5138. But a man of your liberality surely would not refuse such a thing as that?—He is well off himself, and he would not do it.

5139. But I am supposing that Fisher, who does not like parting with half-sovereigns, were to do so?—Your question tended to this—

5140. Will you oblige me by answering it; supposing Mr. Fisher came to you and told you he had spent half-a-sovereign what would you do?—Then I should think Fisher would lose it.

5141. Supposing he asked you for it?—I should not give it to him.

5142. You think he ought to stand it himself?—Certainly, he is very able to do it.

5143. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You say you have been active at other elections?—Yes.

5144. Did you ever hear of an election being carried at so low a price as 7*s.* 6*d.* per vote?—It is a very small sum.

5145. You know that sum has been given?—The court says so, and of course I cannot deny it.

5146. Did you happen to see Mr. Stracey on the day of the poll?—No, I saw Sir Henry, but not Mr. Stracey I think.

5147. Do you know Mr. Stracey?—Oh yes, very well indeed.

5148. When did you see him last?—Well, I have not seen him for some little time now.

5149. Have you seen him since the election?—Oh yes.

5150. And talked to him about the election?—No.

5151. Not at all?—No.

5152. You never mentioned the subject?—Not to him; although I know Mr. Edward Stracey I am more likely to talk with Mr. Henry than Mr. Edward.

5153. Are you aware whether he took any part in the election?—I do not know. Not in my part.

5154. Have you heard of him as being at the "Trumpet"?—No, I have not.

5155. Did not your friend Mr. Samuel Smith tell you something about that?—No, certainly not.

5156. You did not hear of his taking any part in the election on the day of the poll?—Smith never named that to me.

5157. Did anybody name it to you?—I know it as far as this, that Mr. Edward Stracey might be about the town, but he went with me nowhere.

5158. Did you know of his going anywhere with anybody?—No, I did not. You quite mistake it, sir.

5159. Did you not hear of it?—I do not know that I heard of it. I knew they were every night at a meeting, and Mr. Edward Stracey of course was about, but personally I have no knowledge of Mr. Edward Stracey calling upon a person. If I saw Sir Henry Stracey in the street and I said to him will you be kind enough to call upon such and such a voter, I have gone with Sir Henry Stracey to see the voter on a county election.

5160. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told me, I think, that you did not canvass until the day of the polling?—Very little.

5161. Did you make speeches?—No.

5162. Then they did not know how to utilize you.—Oh, yes, they did; I have made speeches before to-day, sir.

FIFTH DAY.

G. Gowing.

24 Aug. 1869.

GEORGE GOWING sworn and examined.

5163. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you a farmer?—I am.

5164. In the neighbourhood of this city?—Yes.

5165. Are you a tenant of Sir Henry Stracey's?—Not now.

5166. You were?—I was.

5167. Were you at the date of the last election?—No.

5168. How long before had you been?—Five, six, or seven years; I do not know exactly how long.

5169. You have held under him for a considerable time?—A very long while indeed.

5170. And he was a very good landlord?—He was very good.

5171. When he was standing for this city at the last election did you interest yourself on his behalf?—I did on the day of the election.

5172. Did you come into the city?—Oh, yes, I was all about the city.

5173. Did you help to bring voters up to the poll?—I did.

5174. Did you come across men who wanted money for their votes?—Only one.

5175. Who was he?—I do not know, some Methodist-parson-looking old fellow.

5176. What was the price of a Methodist parson?—He wanted me to send him back to Wymondham; to pay his carriage to Wymondham and back again.

5177. Did you get him?—No, I would not have him.

5178. You would not have him at that price?—No; I would not have him at all at any price.

5179. Did he vote?—I do not know. He came into London Street, and asked me to pay his carriage backwards and forwards to Wymondham.

5180. Is that the only man?—That is the only man.

5181. Did you go into St. Stephen's at all?—I did.

5182. And Ber Street?—Yes.

5183. Did you see any voters there?—Lots of them.

5184. Did you suggest that they should vote for Stracey?—Yes; I asked everyone I saw.

5185. What did they say?—A good many voted for him.

5186. And the others?—They went their own way.

5187. They went the wrong way?—Well, that was the wrong way.

5188. Did not any of these men that you spoke to suggest that they wanted money?—No; but some of them wanted to be treated with beer.

5189. How many wanted to be treated?—I do not know, I never took no stock of them, they were such a lot of roughs.

5190. Voters?—Yes.

5191. But I suppose you treated them?—No, I did not.

5192. Why not?—Because I had something else to do.

5193. You were there to get the men up to the poll?—Yes, of my own will I was.

5194. Do you mean to say that you stood for a gallon or two of beer?—Yes, so I would for a gallon of water.

5195. You are for purity of election?—I am not particular to that.

5196. Why is it that you have such an objection to beer?—Because I thought we could win without.

5197. At 12 o'clock did you think that?—It was not at 12 o'clock.

5198. When was it?—Between 1 and 2 when I came in.

5199. You knew then that you would win?—I did.

5200. How did you know it?—Because the polling was all for Sir Henry, or the greater portion of it.

5201. But he was behind at 2 o'clock?—I do not think that was right; that was put out, but we found that out.

5202. And said so, I suppose?—It was circulated about the city, but it was a false statement on Mr. Tillett's part.

5203. But you have seen the returns since, have you not?—No; I never interested myself any further.

5204. Have you not since discovered that the returns were perfectly correct, and that Sir Henry was behind at 2 o'clock?—I never looked at them. All I know is that we won at last.

5205. We know that much, but at 2 o'clock you had not won?—No.

5206. Were you at the "Trumpet" during that day?—I was.

5207. Did you go into the market room?—Whether you call it the market room or not I do not know; it was a big room on the ground floor.

5208. Were many men there?—Yes, lots standing all round.

5209. Was Hunt there?—Yes.

5210. Was Smith, the fowl dealer, there?—Yes.

5211. In the "Trumpet" did you not hear anything about money for votes?—Not a syllable, for I was not there three minutes.

5212. Why did you go there?—Some one told me in Ber Street that there were some voters there; then I went and said that I would drive them up to the poll, and when I went there they said they were all for Stracey, and I went away.

5213. Did Smith say "It is all right"?—Oh, no, he did not speak at all; he was intoxicated.

5214. How late was it when Smith was intoxicated?—It might be 3 or 4 o'clock; but I cannot tell the time.

5215. If they were ready to vote for Stracey why did you not drive them up to the poll?—Because I had some others to drive up, and they said they would walk up.

5216. But where did you go?—Into Ber Street.

5217. Who did you bring up?—I cannot tell you.

5218. But you were sent there?—No, I went of my own free will.

5219. But you had orders from some one?—Not from a human being.

5220. But how came you to go to Ber Street of your own free will?—Because I knew a lot of voters there.

5221. If you knew a lot of voters in Ber Street you knew who you carried up?—No; there were a lot of people there, and I drove up to the "Richmond Hill" tavern; there was a lot of people standing there, and they asked me to drive them to the polling place, and I drove them.

5222. Did they not say anything about money?—Not a word.

5223. What hour was this?—It might be between 2 and 3, but I cannot tell you the hour.

5224. You were at the "Trumpet" between 2 and 3?—No, I think not until later than that.

5225. How many did you drive up?—A lot of them.

5226. What sort of a trap had you?—I had a phaeton.

5227. How many journies did you make backwards and forwards?—I cannot say how many.

5228. Who loaded you each time?—I sat in the trap, and they jumped in.

5229. Just tell me the name of the house where you stood, will you?—At Young's, the "Richmond Hill" tavern.

5230. Young is a brewer, is he not?—Yes; Peter Young.

5231. Do you know George Bunn?—No, I do not know George Bunn.

5232. Do you know any "Bunn"?—There are several Bunns about.

5233. Do you know any of them?—Well, I know several Bunns.

5234. I mean up by St. Peter's Hall?—I never saw a Bunn up there.

5235. At the "Richmond Hill" tavern?—I never saw a Bunn up there.

5236. At Peter Young's?—No, I did not see him at Peter Young's.

5237. Did you see a Bunn that day?—Which one do you mean?

5238. Before you started in Ber Street did you see a "Bunn"?—I cannot recollect whether I did or not.

5239. Who told you to go to Ber Street?—I came up that way from home.

5240. Did you go to any of the committee rooms that day?—No, I did not know where they were.

5241. You worked entirely upon your own hands?—Entirely upon my own hands.

5242. Did you go to the "White Hart" at all?—Where is that, sir? There are two or three "White "Harts."

5243. In Ber Street.—I put my horse up there.

5244. Did you see Bunn there?—Do you mean the Bunn that lives there?

5245. I am speaking of the Ber Street one?—Of course, I saw him there, because he lives there.

5246. Did he say anything to you about voters?—Not a word.

5247. Did he not suggest to you to go up to the "Richmond Hill"?—Not a word. I do not know that I saw him, I tell you. I came up to the "Richmond Hill."

5248. But you told me that you saw him, because that was the place that you put up your horse?—Will you please to listen as well as talk, sir. As I put up my horse I came up the Richmond Hill.

5249. I ask you about "Bunn." You have told me already that you saw him at the place where he lives?—Yes, I did see him.

5250. That being so, did Bunn say anything to you about bringing up voters?—Not a word.

5251. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of any men being paid for their votes that day?—I do not.

5252. Suppose a man had said to you, "I am going "to vote for Stracey, won't you stand half-a-crown "or a shilling," you would not have hesitated about it, would you?—I do not know, I was not tried.

5253. Did no man suggest that to you?—No, I was not tried.

5254. Not for half-a-crown?—No, not for half-a-crown, nor yet for 2*d.*

5255. The electors of Norwich are so pure that they would not suggest such a thing to you?—I do not know that they are more pure or more impure than other people; there are a great many pure and a great many impure.

5256. Did not any of the impure ones say, "Will "you stand a shilling or half-a-crown?"—No, none of them asked me that.

5257. Although they did not ask you for it did you do it?—I did not do it.

5258. Will you swear that?—I have sworn here to speak the truth, and I am doing it.

5259. Do you know Randall Holmes?—Where does he live?

5260. Do you know the name of Randall Holmes?—No, I do not know the name of Randall Holmes.

5261. Do you know the name of Randall?—I have got a man working on my farm of that name that I know.

5262. Do you know a man of the name of Holmes?—I know a man of the name of Holmes, but I do not know whether it is "Randall" Holmes. There is a Holmes in the market, who keeps a public house, and there is a Holmes at Sir Samuel's office.

5263. Did you see Holmes that day?—Which one? the one that is at Sir Samuel's or the other?

5264. Did you see the man at Sir Samuel Bignold's office that day?—Really I cannot say.

5265. Will you undertake to say you did not?—I cannot say. Very likely I might see him.

5266. Did you not see him at the "Richmond "Hill"?—Very likely he was there, but I was driving backwards and forwards, and did not take any notice. I did not see whether he was or not.

5267. You cannot recollect whether he was there or not?—I am telling you the truth. I do not know whether he was there or not; very likely he was, and most likely I might speak to him, but I do not recollect.

5268. Do you know Alfred Brighty?—No.

5269. Although you may not know him by name, do you know Mr. Reed's servant?—I have seen him; he worked for me.

5270. Did he bring some of the men away from the "Richmond Hill"?—I do not know. I saw him driving about in a pony cart.

5271. With people in it besides himself?—Oh yes, people in it, but whether they were voters or not I do not know.

5272. He drove them up to the poll, I suppose?—Yes, I suppose so.

5273. Did you not see him at the "Richmond Hill"?—Most likely I did, but there was such a crowd there I did not think about any of them.

5274. Did you see Mr. Stracey at the "Richmond Hill" about 3 o'clock?—No.

5275. You did not see Mr. Stracey there at all?—I saw Sir Henry Stracey on Norwich Walk.

5276. I am speaking about Mr. Stracey?—Which one, there are several of them?

5277. Either of the young Mr. Straceys?—I should think most likely I saw them.

5278. Did you see them up at the "Richmond Hill"?—No.

5279. Why are you sure of that?—Because I think I should have recollected if I had seen them there.

5280. If you can only say you cannot recollect whether you saw them or not, why do you say you did not see them at the "Richmond Hill"?—I think I should have spoken to them if I had.

5281. Did you speak to them that day?—I cannot tell whether I did not. If I saw them on Richmond Hill, I know I pulled my horse up once or twice, and I should have spoken to them.

5282. Were you standing by your horse?—No, I was sitting behind him.

5283. Your servant was driving, was he?—No, I was driving.

5284. You were driving your conveyance, and you were sitting on the box?—Of course I was.

5285. Did you get off?—Sometimes; I got off at the "Richmond Hill."

5286. Did you go into the house?—I think I went in once.

5287. How many times did you go to the "Richmond Hill"?—I do not know, but it was a good many.

5288. Now just tell me some of the people who were at the "Richmond Hill"?—Well, there was some people out of the pea field there. I cannot recollect the names, but I know where the fellows lived.

5289. Do you know a man of the name of Charles Trumbetta?—No.

5290. Where did you take the people to from the "Richmond Hill"?—I think I took the whole of them into Ber Street, on the left-hand side.

5291. Did you leave anything at the "Richmond Hill"?—Not that I am aware of. I never left it with my own free will if I did.

5292. You never left a parcel that you are aware of there of your own free will?—No.

5293. May you by accident have left a parcel not

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of your own free will?—I do not think I had a parcel to leave.

5294. Are you sure you did not leave a parcel there?—I am sure I did not, for I had no parcel in the phaeton.

5295. I thought you said you only think you did not?—I have now said, "I am sure," because I can recollect that I had no parcel.

5296. Did you not take anything to the "Richmond Hill" tavern?—Not that I am aware of; nothing.

5297. Then you may have taken something and not have been aware of it?—No, I did not take anything there.

5298. Then why did you say, "Not that I am "aware of"?—Because I wanted to recollect myself. You ask questions so quick, that I want to recollect.

5299. Then your recollection is so weak that you want to refresh it upon such a point as that?—It is a long while ago.

5300. You did not take any parcel there that you are aware of, that is the answer you give?—I can swear I did not take a parcel there.

5301. Or anything of any sort or kind?—Nothing of any sort or kind.

5302. Did you happen to leave some money there?—No; I had no reason to leave any there.

5303. Well, but did you?—I did not.

5304. Are you quite certain about that?—I have sworn, and I am speaking the truth. I did not.

5305. Supposing other people have said you did?—Then they have told lies, that is all about it.

5306. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you ever taken part in any other elections at Norwich?—No.

5307. What made you take part in this?—Because I liked Sir Henry Stracey.

5308. Did anybody ask you?—No.

5309. Then, without anybody asking you, did you start with your phaeton?—I started about noon-time, and did all I could for him, because he is a good man.

5310. You cannot recollect the names of those persons that you took up to the poll?—I cannot recollect the names of them.

5311. You have never seen them before?—Oh, yes, I should know them if I saw them, but I do not know their names.

5312. Were none of them voters you knew that you went to look after?—I never looked after them. They jumped up into the phaeton, and they had hardly time to speak before they were at their destination.

5313. You do not know any of the men that you carried?—I forget them now.

5314. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know Morgan, the brewer?—I will be dashed if I recollect whether I do or not. There was a crowd there, and he might be there.

5315. Who was managing the crowd?—I do not think anyone in particular.

5316. Was there anybody in general then managing it?—No, I think not. There were a large number of people assembled there apparently of their own free will. They kept going to the first place, and I carried them to the second.

5317. Was there anybody there that you knew?—Where?

5318. At the "Richmond Hill."—No, I only saw Tillett drive up. I did not see anyone else.

5319. Did you not see anybody there that you knew?—Of course, there were a great many people there.

5320. Remember you are upon your oath?—I do not want you to tell me that. I know I am on my oath.

5321. Do you mean to say that you did not know anybody that you saw there?—There might be a lot of people, I never took no notice. I can recollect one person that I saw there, Mr. Kitton.

5322. Besides Mr. Kitton who did you see?—I saw the landlord. If I were to stand here for half an hour, I do not think I could recollect them now.

5323. Morgan, the brewer?—I do not know whether I saw him.

5324. Did you not see Morgan, the brewer, go through into the back yard?—No, I do not think I did; in fact I am sure I did not. Not to go through, because I should have been sure to have observed him as I sat in the phaeton.

5325. Did you see him come out of the house?—He might come out and I never see him.

5326. Oh yes, he might of course, but did you not see him go through that house into the back yard, and shortly afterwards return?—I did not.

5327. What money did you spend that day?—Oh, I do not know. I did not spend any money about elcctioneering.

5328. What money did you spend?—I spent it about myself, what I did spend.

5329. How much was it?—I cannot tell.

5330. Was it so much that you cannot tell?—Well, it was not much, because I cannot afford to spend much.

5331. How much?—I do not think any man could answer such a question as that.

5332. A sovereign or two sovereigns?—I do not know, I never took stock.

5333. Might it have been five sovereigns?—No, it was not so much as that I know, I cannot afford it.

5334. Will you swear that you did not spend two or three sovereigns?—I am on my oath, and I say I did not.

5335. How much did you spend?—A few shillings. I stood my share of some champagne.

5336. Do you swear that you did not spend more than a few shillings?—I do swear it.

5337. Did you spend any money at the "Richmond Hill" tavern?—Yes, I think I had some soda and brandy when I got off the phaeton.

5338. Did you pay for that?—Yes.

5339. Did you pay for anything else?—No.

5340. Did you give the landlord anything?—No, I did not even give the landlord anything.

5341. Nor anybody else?—No, nor anybody else.

A. Clayton.

ALEXANDER CLAYTON sworn and examined.

5342. (*Mr. Biron.*) Were you at the "Trumpet" on the morning of the polling day?—I was there about dinner time.

5343. Do you remember Hunt offering *5l.* for the lot?—No.

5344. Do you remember him offering *5l.*?—No.

5345. Do you remember Hunt offering anything?—Hunt offered me three half-crowns, but I did not accept them.

5346. You would not accept that?—No.

5347. What did you say?—I told him I wanted a sovereign.

5348. Did any of the others say the same?—I am sure I cannot say what they said.

5349. You were there, and do you not recollect what any of the other men said?—I do not know what any of the others said whatever.

5350. You said you wanted a sovereign?—Yes.

5351. What did he say to that?—He said he should not give it.

5352. What did you do?—I immediately went and voted for Mr. Stracey without money at all.

5353. What hour did you vote for Stracey?—As near as I can guess it would be 3 o'clock, or a little after.

5354. You wanted money to vote that day?—Yes; and I should have taken it if it had been sufficient. If it had been a pound I should have taken it.

5355. But as they would not give you a sovereign

you voted for nothing?—They offered me three half-crowns, and I would not accept it.

5356. But 7*s.* 6*d.* was better than nothing?—Well, I had been hawking fish, and I would not take it at all.

5357. It was a matter of honour with you not to take less than a sovereign?—I would not take 7*s.* 6*d.*

5358. Have you had anything since?—No.

5359. How long were you at the "Trumpet" that day?—About an hour and a half.

5360. Did you drink any beer?—Yes.

5361. Did you pay for it?—Yes.

5362. How much did you drink there?—Two or three pints.

5363. How much did that come to in money?—It was 2*d.* a pint, and I suppose I spent 6*d.* or 8*d.* I had been in the morning hawking fish.

5364. Who went with you to vote?—Mr. Shields, the tallow chandler, went up to the polling place with me.

5365. You voted along with him?—He had voted, I suppose, but I walked up to the polling place with Mr. Shields.

5366. Did he give you anything?—No, he never offered me anything.

5367. Are you a new voter?—Yes.

5068. You never voted before this last election?—Never in my life.

5369. Did you see any of the men paid?—I did not see anybody take any money whatever.

5370. Did you see any other men who were paid for voting at this election?—I do not know nobody that had any money at all. I know I was offered it, but I did not receive it. What other people got I do not know anything about.

William Andrews sworn and examined.

W. Andrews.

5371. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you by business?—A horse trainer.

5372. Where do you live?—Westlegate Street, close by All Saints Green.

5373. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

5374. Had you been a voter before?—No.

5375. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Russell and Stracey.

5376. What time did you vote?—I think it was about the dinner hour; about 1 or 2 o'clock. I cannot say exactly the time.

5377. Did anybody offer you money to vote?—No.

5378. Do you know of anybody receiving money to vote?—I don't remember anybody; I have heard things talked about in the city that there was money going about, but I never experienced it myself.

5379. You yourself never received any money for voting?—I never in my life received a shilling or a sixpence, and I have never voted for 36 years, although I have had a vote before this time.

5380. Were you canvassed?—Yes, by both parties at different times; so I have been at every other election.

5381. Did you promise your vote?—I did not; I promised the gentlemen I should not vote. I never did vote. I did not like to vote on account of the election interfering in different matters in my trade. What would please one person would displease another.

5382. You would not promise at all?—I would not promise at all.

5383. But on the day you went and voted?—On the day I went and voted. Sir Henry Stracey called on me with Mr. Patteson and asked me to vote for him; I said I would rather not vote as I had employers on both sides.

5384. Then how came you to vote?—I said I liked one as well as the other, and I would vote for Russell as well as Sir Henry, and if I did vote at all I should vote so.

John Greengrass sworn and examined.

J. Greengrass.

5385. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A coach wheeler.

5386. You are a voter, are you not?—Yes.

5387. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

5388. What time of the day?—At half-past 2, as near as I can tell, after I went back from dinner.

5389. Had you been canvassed?—No.

5390. Were you on the day of the election at the "Trumpet"?—I called in after I had had my dinner to get a glass of ale, amd the landlady waited upon me, and I gave her three-halfpence for it.

5391. What time was that?—About 2.

5392. Was Smith, the fowl dealer, there?—Smith was in the house.

5393. Was Hunt there?—He might be, but I did not see him.

5394. Did you talk to Smith?—I do not remember speaking to Smith at all.

5395. In what part of the house were you?—I was in the bar.

5396. Were you in the bar the whole time?—No.

5397. Where else did you go?—I walked into another room to look for a match to light my pipe with.

5398. Who did you find in the other room?—I did not stop two minutes.

5399. Did you see Cracknell?—I do not remember seeing him.

5400. Were there not a great number of people on the settle round the market room?—There were a great many people in the house.

5401. What were they talking about?—I do not remember hearing anything of what they were talking about.

5402. You heard something said about voting, I suppose?—I do not remember hearing anything about voting.

5403. You heard something said about 5*s.* per vote, did you not?—I never heard it.

5404. Or about 7*s.* 6*d.*?—I never heard anything about money at all.

5405. Who did you go to the poll with?—I went by myself.

5406. You left the "Trumpet" by yourself?—Yes.

5407. Did you come back to the "Trumpet" after voting?—No; I never returned to the house no more that day. I went to work.

5408. What made you vote so late?—That was on my way home.

5409. Had you been at work during the day?—Yes, I worked up to dinner time, 1 o'clock.

5410. Had you been to any other public house besides the "Trumpet"?—I went into the house opposite my shop to get a glass of ale, as I mostly do.

5411. How long were you in the "Trumpet"?—As near as I can tell a quarter of an hour.

5412. Did you see Callow there?—I don't remember seeing him; he is a man I do not know.

5413. Gilbert?—I did not see Gilbert.

5414. Or Bygrave?—I do not know him.

5415. Do you know Robert Fuller?—I know Robert Fuller, but I do not remember seeing him there.

5416. Who began to talk to you about money stirring?—I never heard anything about money.

5417. We have proof that all sorts of things were said about money at that particular time?—I never heard a word about money nor yet about beer.

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5418. Did you go upstairs?—No.

5419. Did you have any conservation with Smith, the fowl dealer, before you went to the poll?—No, I never saw him previous, and I never spoke to him.

5420. Who did you speak to while you were at this place?—I was not in the house a quarter of an hour.

5421. You did not remain silent that quarter of an hour; who did you talk to?—I cannot remember. I might have talked to different people, but I cannot remember who was in the house.

5422. Who were those people that you were talking with?—All I had to talk with was the landlady.

5423. What were you talking about?—Nothing about the election.

5424. Do you say you heard nobody talking about the election?—They might be talking about the election, but I was not interested in it at all.

5425. What were they saying about the election?—I cannot say.

5426. Did you hear anything about the poll?—I don't remember hearing anything about it.

5427. Did your hear that Stracey was polling up a bit?—I never heard Stracey's name mentioned.

5428. You knew at that time that Stracey was behind?—I did not know that he was behind. I never made any inquiries about it.

5429. Who had you promised your vote to?—I do not remember promising anyone.

5430. Who had asked you to vote?—I was asked whether I had voted.

5431. But before the day of the poll, had you not been asked to vote?—I do not remember anyone asking me to vote.

5432. What made you go and vote for Stracey if you say you were not asked to vote and did not know how the polling was going on?—I thought in my own mind as we had not had a Conservative for Norwich for many years we would just try one, so I thought I would vote for Stracey.

5433. Had you ever voted at an election before?—No.

J. Daynes.

JOSEPH DAYNES sworn and examined.

5434. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A cooper.

5435. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

5436. For whom?—Stracey.

5437. Had you been canvassed before the day of polling?—Well, that I do not know exactly, I did not understand much about electioneering.

5438. Had anybody asked you for your vote?—Not any one.

5439. Did anybody ask you to go and vote that morning?—One gentleman did.

5440. Who was it?—He is a chemist in our street.

5441. Mr. Stockings?—No, it is close by the watchmaker's below the bottom of St. Stephen's.

5442. Mr. Thompson?—That is the man.

5443. What time did he come to you?—It might be 9 o'clock as near as I can guess, but I have nothing to do with him. I voted according to my own principle.

5444. What did he say to you?—He said "Are "you going to vote?" I said "Yes;" he said "Who "do you think about voting for?" I said "I think "proper to vote for Sir Henry Stracey;" and nothing was given and nothing sought.

5445. You went and voted?—I went and voted.

5446. After you had voted did you go round the city at all?—I went to work at my employer's.

5447. Do you know any men who have had money for voting?—No.

5448. None of your mates?—No; not so much as a glass of beer did I receive that day.

5449. I am not talking about yourself, but did you hear that any other man had had anything for voting?—No, not any.

5450. Did you hear afterwards that any had had anything for voting?—No, not any.

H. Hubbard.

HENRY HUBBARD sworn and examined.

5451. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

5452. Have you had a vote before the last election?—No.

5453. Did you vote?—I did not.

5454. How came you not to vote?—I was at work.

5455. The polling place was close to you?—Yes, close by.

5456. Were you at work all day?—Yes.

5457. How was it that you did not go up and vote?—I did not know anything about voting.

5458. Was it because you did not get a day's pay?—I don't know sir, I did not vote; that is all I know.

5459. Was it because you did not get paid?—No, that was not the reason.

5460. You took no interest in the matter at all?—No, not at all.

5461. Did anybody come and ask you to poll?—Yes.

5462. Who?—There were several gentlemen. I do not know who they were.

5463. Don't you know any one of them?—Mr. Thompson, the chemist, was one.

5464. Who else?—I think Stevens, the ironmonger.

5465. Who else?—I do not know.

5466. When those people came and asked you to vote what reason did you give for not voting?—I told them I worked for both parties and I might by obliging some disoblige others.

5467. Was that the reason why you abstained from voting?—Yes, that is the reason.

5468. Did you hear of anybody taking money for voting?—No.

5469. Have you heard anybody say they had taken money?—No, I have not heard anything about it.

5470. Or that anybody paid money?—No, I have not heard anything about the election.

W. Hudson.

WILLIAM HUDSON sworn and examined.

5471. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for?—Tillett and Russell.

5472. Who asked you for your vote?—No one.

5473. Was any money offered to you?—None at all.

5474. Did you hear of money being offered to anybody else?—None at all.

5475. Were you at any of the public houses during that day?—No, none at all.

J. Manning.

JOSEPH MANNING sworn and examined.

5476. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

5477. For whom?—Stracey.

5478. Had you voted at other elections?—Never.

5479. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—I believe there was one or two gentlemen called, but I was not at home.

5480. You did not see them?—No; one evening

when I went home Mr. Thompson, the chemist, was there, and I said, "It is all right, Mr. Thompson; I "am sure to vote for Mr. Stracey, because my father's "principle, and my grandfather's before him, was "the same as mine, and I shall vote for Mr. "Stracey."

5481. Nobody gave you any money for voting?—Not a farthing.

JOHN MASON sworn and examined.

5482. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

5483. For whom did you vote?—Sir William Russell.

5484. At what time of the day did you vote?—About 3 in the afternoon.

5485. How came you to vote so late?—I thought that was quite time enough for me to leave my seat to lose time, and I thought I had better work up as long as I could to 3, and then go and vote, and then I took a walk round the city to look about; that was my only reason.

5486. Were you canvassed?—Yes.

5487. Who canvassed you?—A man by the name of Calver, a saddle maker, and Mr. Thompson, the chemist.

5488. Did you promise your vote?—I told him I should promise no one. I had made up my mind to vote for Russell.

5489. Then you did tell them for whom you would vote?—I did not tell them who I would vote for.

5490. Then why, having made up your mind that you would vote for Sir William Russell, and being asked for your vote, did you hesitate to say you were going to vote for Sir William Russell?—I was asked to vote for the Tories, and I made up my mind to vote for Sir William Russell.

5491. Then why did not you say so?—I did not intend to let them know which way I should vote.

5492. Why did you not do so?—Because I did not think proper to do so.

5493. Why did you not think proper?—I have no reason for it farther than that I would not let people know my business.

5494. Did you want something for your day's wages?—No, I intended to vote independently.

5495. Did anybody come to you for your vote that morning?—No, not that morning at all.

5496. Did anybody come to you that day?—No.

5497. But did anybody come to you about voting that day?—No, not anyone.

5498. Nobody came and pressed you to go to the poll?—No one did, and I had no one at my house that day, only my own family.

5499. You voted of your own accord; are you sure of that?—I did so.

5500. Nobody offered you any money?—Nobody.

5501. And you asked no one for any money?—I did not.

HENRY WARD sworn and examined.

5502. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for at this election?—Russell and Tillett.

5403. Have you ever heard of there being any corrupt practices at this election?—Only through the papers.

5504. Was any offer made to you by any person?—None.

Adjourned to to-morrow at half-past 10.

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BENJAMIN SAMUEL sworn and examined.

5505. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

5506. What are you by business?—A wholesale boot and shoe manufacturer.

5507. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

5508. For whom did you vote?—For Russell and Tillett.

5509. Had you been canvassed?—I hardly think I had.

5510. Had you not been asked for your vote before?—No; I should hardly call it a regular canvass.

5511. Did you volunteer, then?—Yes; in fact I was not asked for my vote. I hardly required to be asked.

5512. I suppose you received no money, or promise of money, for your vote?—No. I am inclined to think they would hardly do that with me. I am inclined to think they would not offer me any cash.

5513. And you did not receive any, I suppose?—No.

5514. Do you know of anybody having received, paid, or promised to pay money?—Well, I think that there was a good deal of money afloat, but particularly I do not know of any bribes having been given.

5515. You heard that as a general report?—Yes.

5516. Can you mention anybody specifically?—No, I had rather not do so; at least I could not do it. I had a general idea that there was a good deal of cash afloat, but I did not see anything of the kind.

5517. Did you hear where it was afloat?—From the general observance I took of the matter during the time of the election I should imagine that there was cash floating about, but with regard to where it went I am sure I could not say.

5518. But at what particular places?—That I could not say, nor could I mention any particular men.

5519. You can give me no names?—I can give you no names.

JAMES HARDY recalled and further examined.

5520. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Give me your cash book of that day?—(*Producing a book, and handing it to the Commissioners.*) I do not keep the cash; my clerk enters it.

5521. But is the cash you have in your pocket entered in your book?—Yes.

5522. When cash is put into your pocket how is it entered?—The cash must balance. "J. H." is put

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down 2*l.*, or whatever the sum is, that I might draw in the week; that is the whole week; the cash must balance. I do not keep the cash myself; it is kept by my clerk, and I could not take money without its being entered. He could not balance his book if I did.

5523. This book shows the balance of the week, does it?—The balance that is shown at the bottom must be accounted for; it is accounted for in small figures at the side. The clerk debits me, you will see, with 2*l.*; that is the money drawn during the week. I had no other money. I spent money for cabs. I wish to be quite clear upon it. You observe that there is a cash balance of 56*l.*; that must be shown on the other side, and you will see how it is accounted for. You will see it in small writing at the bottom.

5524. I see here "J. H., 37*l.* 19*s.*"?—Yes, that is what I hold in my cash book; it is the true way of keeping a cash book. I can only explain it in that way; that is how he accounts for the 56*l.*; that I have in hand at the close of the week 36*l.* odd. The money received in the trade of course goes through the trade ledger, and, therefore, if any money came into my hands privately I should have to account for it. I must account for the 37*l.*, and the other clerks must account for theirs. I might draw a pound or two during the week; it was during the week that I spent it.

5525. Have you no private memorandum, showing how you disposed of the 37*l.*?—No; that is the cash in hand on the Saturday night. The thing is quite plain to an accountant.

5526. How is the money entered that goes into your pocket?—It is entered "J. H., 2*l.*," you will find, and you will find the same kind of entry in previous weeks. If I take a sovereign I put it down; the account could not be kept by a third party without doing it in that way.

5527. The 19th was the following day, was it not?—Yes. I should give a clerk a ticket perhaps for 10*s.* in silver. I might say to the clerk give me 5*s.* or 10*s.*, and then, of course, he would take a ticket from me, and put me down at the end of the week 2*l.*, or whatever the amount was.

5528. You might have the money in your pocket, might you not, of which your clerk might make no entry?—I could not have money that I did not draw.

5529. But the money might go into your pocket, and you might give a ticket for it before it was entered in this book?—No, I should not do that.

5530. Would you give a ticket for it before you got the money?—No.

5531. What would you do with regard to a ticket?—I should give the clerk the ticket to put into his box.

5532. That would be when you took the money?—Yes, but the clerk would not put it down till the end of the week.

5533. (*Mr. Biron.*) You seem determined not to understand what you are asked; you give him a ticket when he gives you the money?—Yes.

5534. And he makes the books up afterwards?—On the Saturday night; the tickets are kept in the cash book till the Saturday night, when he charges me with what money I have had; he did that at the end of the week.

5535. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I see here "P.B.C.;" what does that mean?—That means the Provincial Banking Corporation.

5536. They are the bankers, are they?—Yes, they are the bankers.

5537. But if you drew the cheque on your bankers it would not appear here?—Yes; it appears there to whom it was paid on the other side.

5538. I see, for instance, here is "Ready money, "21*l.* 9*s.*"?—Yes, that is kept by the young man distinct from me.

5539. Have you got your banker's book here?—No, I have not got it here now.

5540. Did you not draw any cheques during this week?—All those are cheques that are marked "B. C." You can have the banking book if you wish it.

5541. Here is "B. C." 100*l.*, what is that?—That is the National Bank of England, I think.

5542. You drew a cheque for that 100*l.*?—No, I discounted it.

5543. What did you do with it?—You see it is received into the bulk of the cash.

5544. That went into this cash book?—Yes.

5545. And it is accounted for, leaving a balance of 56*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*?—Yes.

5546. But all the money that went into your pocket would not appear in this cash book?—It must indeed. I could only draw pocket money from the cashier.

5547. Would there not be any other source from which you would get money besides the cashier?—Certainly not; I never drew any.

5548. Then do you mean to say that 2*l.* is the whole sum you received during that week?—Yes, during that week.

5549. Do you know the Blanchflowers?—No.

5550. Do you know the Browes'?—No, I do not.

5551. Did you see the Browes' on that day?—I do not know them.

5552. Did you speak to them and ask them whether they had voted?—I do not know them; I really do not know the men, and I had not heard the name before.

5553. The father and son living near the "Trumpet"?—No, I do not know them.

5554. You have been active in former elections, have you not?—Yes.

5555. Did you know a person of the name of Wilde?—Yes.

5556. He is dead now?—Yes; the elder gentleman is dead.

5557. Wilde was the person entrusted with money to spend, was he not?—It was reported so.

5558. And you believe he was, do you not?—I believe so. I do not know. I could not speak to the fact.

5559. But you believe he was entrusted with money to spend?—Well, it is so currently reported, that I believe Mr. Wilde has been the agent for elections, not on my side of the question.

5560. I am quite aware of that, he was trusted with money on the other side?—Well, I could not speak to it. I believe it is so reported.

5561. He was an extremely active man in the conduct of elections?—He conducted them professionally, as far as business went; he made it a professional business entirely to conduct elections.

5562. Did you take any measures to get him passive on the election day?—At Sir Samuel Bignold's election I did.

5563. I am speaking of the former election, did you take measures to keep him quiet on the election day?—I did, at least Mr. Wilde did this. Mr. Wilde was not retained for the other side, and Mr. Wilde said that he thought, unless a compromise was made, the probability would be that there would be venality, and that he thought it would be better if one and one could be elected. So I called on Mr. Wilde to ask him if he could act with Sir Samuel Bignold, and he said he could not, but that he should not act on the other side.

5564. Did you not (to use a common expression) square Mr. Wilde?—Well.

5565. I must give you credit for it, it was very well done; you thought he wanted a gag?—No, it was not that. The same thing was to have been done at the last election fought by the Duke of Wellington, who was at that time Marquis of Douro. Mr. Wilde was very fair about it, he thought the Marquis ought to remain as a member. I suggested to Mr. Wilde at that very time that it would be good policy that he should act so that there should be a compromise at that election. Mr. Wilde said he thought he could manage it, and the thing was virtually managed, but

unforeseen circumstances occurred which prevented it from being carried out. At the following election Sir Samuel Bignold became a candidate, and I then made overtures to Mr. Wilde, and said "Now is the "time Mr. Wilde for you to do what was wished "should be done before, to return one and one, and "to neutralise the venality in the place," and Mr. Wilde did not act for Mr. Hammond, and his not acting for him prevented venality, and I say now, knowing the fact, that not one shilling was spent at that election by Sir Samuel Bignold.

5566. Then Mr. Wilde was kept quiet?—Mr. Wilde was kept quiet.

5567. Did you pay Mr. Wilde anything for that?—Mr. Wilde had nothing at the time; he had his retainer, and that is all that Mr. Wilde had. He had his usual retainer, like other gentlemen engaged professionally, of 100 guineas; that was paid, but Mr. Wilde took nothing more.

5568. One hundred guineas for doing nothing?—For doing nothing? Of course, you say I squared him.

5569. Did you happen to pay in addition to that 100*l.*, 300*l.* to Mr. Wilde?—I did not

5570. Do you know that it was paid?—Only myself would pay it. I paid him, and I could have verified that yesterday, but I have not got the paper in my pocket just now.

5571. Did you not pay him any further sum besides the 100*l.*?—No, not to Mr. Wilde; he was not satisfied, of course.

5572. Did you pay him that 100*l.* for Sir Samuel Bignold?—Yes; Sir Samuel Bignold gave me a cheque.

5573. Are you sure it was not more than 100*l.*?—No; I have a duplicate cheque at home by which I could verify it.

5574. I may have to ask you something about the Blanchflowers when they are here. Perhaps you know a man who keeps the oyster shop at the top of the hill?—No, I do not. I had not interfered or done anything in electioneering for some time past, and therefore I did not know these men. I did formerly know all the men in the place, I daresay. I know the oyster stall.

5575. It was not there, perhaps; you may have seen him near the "Trumpet"?—No; my beat was not at the "Trumpet," nor near it, all the day; I was further afield. I spent money in cabs and calling on voters. I knew the people pretty well, and I was thought a useful person for the day; prior to that I had not interfered.

JOHN CHURCHYARD sworn and examined. *J. Churchyard.*

5576. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A baker.

5577. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

5578. What time in the day?—Between 8 and 9 in the morning.

5579. And what became of you after that?—After I had voted I waited about to see the first state of the poll.

5580. And what did you do after that?—After that I walked up St. Stephen's, and going home I was called into the "Trumpet."

5581. What was going on in the "Trumpet"?—They were clubbing for drink when I went in.

5582. Did you drink with them?—Yes.

5583–4. What did you find going on there?—I heard some of them say they should not vote unless they got money.

5585. Who was there?—Smith, Warren, and Taylor, and several others.

5586. Which Smith was that?—George Smith and William Smith; they were all there.

5587. Was the fowl dealer there?—I did not see him.

5588. Was Hunt there?—I saw him.

5589. The two Fullers?—I saw one Fuller.

5590. Which of them?—Robert.

5591. Were either of the Browes there?—I did not see them.

5592. Was anything said about money?—No, not a word.

5593. Who did you talk to at the "Trumpet"?—I talked with Hunt, and so I did with Fuller, the landlord, and others who were there. When I went in they were drinking together. He said, "Come, "we are customers of yours," and they asked me to be half a gallon, as they were clubbing round a penny apiece. I consented to it.

5594. What did you say after that?—I do not remember saying anything after that till I went down the city again, and got another state of the poll, and then I came back to the "Trumpet," and there were all the same parties there, but I saw Mr. Stracey and Mr. Patteson in the committee room.

5595. Which Mr. Stracey?—The old gentleman.

5596. Anybody else?—There were several in the room; Mr. Stevens was there.

5597. Did you see young Mr. Stracey?—No.

5598. Do you know him?—Yes.

5599. Are you sure he was not there?—He was not there during my stay.

5600. After Sir Henry Stracey had left what happened?—Some more beer came in.

5601. Nobody paid for that?—I did not see any paid for after that.

5602. Did you see anybody go upstairs after that?—No; I was at home at 2 o'clock.

5603. That was the time when you heard something about money going, was it not?—No, I was not there.

5604. How long did you stop there?—I was at home and in bed by 2 o'clock, as I had been up pretty nearly all the night before.

5605. Did you go to bed in the middle of the day then?—Yes; I generally do when I have to get up early. I generally lie down, perhaps, for two or three hours in the afternoon. Cracknell went up the street with me when I went home to lie down. He went out of the "Trumpet" with me home.

5606. Did Cracknell tell you anything about th election?—No.

5607. You know what he had been doing?—I do now.

5608. And you knew then, did you not?—No, I did not.

5609. Do you really mean to say that you did not know what was going on in that house?—I knew there was beer drinking, but I did not know that any money was given till the next day morning, and then I was told of it.

5610. That you swear, do you?—Yes.

5611. Did you hear of any money going at this election?—No, not anywhere.

5612. Did anybody offer you any money?—No. I was a member of the Conservative Society. There was to be a meeting at half-past 7, I believe, and I was asked to go, and I went, but I heard nothing about any money.

5613. Was any money promised?—No.

5614. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who asked you to go there?—The Society.

5615–6. Do you recollect Sir Henry Stracey leaving the "Trumpet"?—I do, the first of his coming up.

5617. Do you recollect Smith, the fowl dealer, coming in and saying something about 5*l.*?—No; I was not there.

5618. Do you mean to say that Smith, the fowl dealer, did not say in your presence something about 5*l.*?—Not a word.

5619. Was it not said in your presence that Smith

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had made an offer of 5*l.*, or an offer of some money?—No, I did not see Smith in the house.

5620. Had Hunt?—I saw Hunt.

5621. And did Hunt, in your presence, make an offer of 5*l.*?—No.

5622. Did Hunt say nothing about money in your presence?—No.

5623. Or in your hearing?—I was in the market room. I was in no other room.

5624. Did not the people object to take the money that was offered to them?—I did not hear it.

5625. Did you say, "If you will wait I can get "you more"?—No, I did not.

5626. Are you sure you did not say anything of the sort?—I was not asked about money.

5627. I do not say you were, but did you not say, "If you will wait I think I can get you more"?—No.

5628. Do you know the "Two Necked Swan"?—Yes, in St. Stephen's.

5629. Did you go there that afternoon?—No.

5630. Not at all?—Not at all. I went there the first thing in the morning and saw Mr. Stockings there, and he said, "Have you voted." I said, "Yes."

5631. Are you speaking now of Mr. Stockings, the chemist, or Mr. Stockings, the grocer?—The chemist. He asked me first the state of the poll; that was before I went into the "Trumpet."

5632. After you had been in the "Trumpet" did you go and see Mr. Stockings?—No, I went down to the fourth ward committee room.

5633. Did you go back to the "Trumpet" after that?—Yes, as I came home, and told them the state of the poll.

5634. Who did you see in the fourth ward committee room?—Mr. Stracey, Mr. Patteson, and several other gentlemen, and Mr. Stevens was there; they were all there.

5635. And then you went back to the "Trumpet"?—Yes.

5636. How long did you stay in the fourth ward committee room?—Not five minutes.

5637. During those five minutes what passed between you and any of those gentlemen?—I spoke to Mr. Patteson.

5638. What did you say to him?—I said there were several voters at the "Trumpet," and I thought that if he would go and speak to them, as they were willing men, all Conservatives, I was sure they would go.

5639. Did you not tell him they wanted money?—No.

5640. Are you sure you did not tell him that they wanted money?—I am certain of it.

5641. You knew that they did want money?—I knew that was what they were lingering about for.

5642. Did you only speak to Mr. Patteson?—Yes. I did speak to Mr. Stevens. I asked him the state of the poll.

5643. Did you ask him nothing more?—Nothing more than that.

5644. Then you went back to the "Trumpet"?—Yes; and before I got there Mr. Patteson was there and Mr. Stracey.

5645. When you got back did you say that you had made it all right?—No.

5646. Do be careful?—I am. I said Mr. Patteson and Mr. Stracey was now coming in when I went into the room.

5647. You say you had told Mr. Patteson that they were wanting money?—I told him I believed they were wanting money.

5648. When you went into the "Trumpet" who did you see?—They were all there drinking.

5649. What did you say to them?—I said, "Why "do not you go and vote as I have done?"

5650. But did you tell them you had made it all right?—No; I never said no such a word as that.

5651. Did you tell them to keep quiet?—I told them not to kick up too much row.

5652. Did you say they were coming?—I said Mr. Stracey and Mr. Patteson were just at the door.

5653. What time in the day was this?—It was near dinner time.

5654. Did you see Mr. Patteson and Sir Henry Stracey at the door?—I saw them come up; the carriage stopped at St. George's, and they got out and walked from there to the "Trumpet."

5655. Were you there when Sir Henry Stracey came?—Yes, he came into the room, and they asked him for some beer, and he said he dare not give any, but he hoped they would all go and vote like men, and then he left the room.

5656. How long did you remain after he left?—A very short time indeed.

5657. How came you to say that they were coming; did they tell you they were coming down?—They rode before me; they said they would come up to the "Trumpet."

5658. Who said that?—Mr. Patteson and Mr. Stracey both.

5659. You did not speak to Sir Henry Stracey, I suppose?—No, I did not.

5660. Mr. Patteson communicated with Sir Henry Stracey after you had spoken to him?—Yes, and then after I got into the street the carriage drove past me.

G. Barnes.

GEORGE BARNES sworn and examined.

5661. (*Mr. Biron.*) Were you at the "Trumpet" on the morning of the polling day?—Yes.

5662. About what time?—I was there all day; I lodge there.

5663. About what time did you get down to the market room?—About 10 or 11.

5664. There were then a good many men there, were there not?—Yes, several.

5665. Voters?—Yes.

5666. And did you stay there drinking?—Yes.

5667. Until the afternoon?—Yes.

5668. Were you in the room when Sir Henry Stracey came in?—Well, I believe I saw him come in; I do not know that I was in the room, I might be on the steps.

5669. You were about the place at all events?—Yes.

5670. After he had left, did you go back into the market room?—Yes.

5671. Do you remember Hunt saying anything?—No.

5672. Do you not remember his saying anything about money?—No.

5673. Do you remember his offering 5*l.*?—No; I was not in the room at the time; I think he did say so.

5674. Did you go back afterwards?—Yes.

5675. Did you hear Smith say he would make it up 7*s.* 6*d.* apiece?—No, I did not.

5676. Did you hear either of them say so?—No.

5677. Did anybody say there was 7*s.* 6*d.* apiece?—I did not hear anybody say anything about it at all.

5678. Did not you object to 7*s.* 6*d.*?—I did object to it at the time, but of course I did not hear them say anything about making it up.

5679. To whom did you object?—Hunt.

5680. You did object to Hunt to 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes; but still I took it after all.

5681. Where did you take it?—In the market room.

5682. What time in the day was it?—That was late in the afternoon.

5683. Towards 2 or 3?—No; I had voted beforehand; I had voted before I took it.

5684. At what time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4.

5685. Had you heard before you voted that there

was 7*s.* 6*d.* going?—I heard some of them talk of it, but I did not hear Hunt say much about it; the men were talking about it.

5686. Then I understand you went and voted, and came back?—Yes.

5687. And got your 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

5688. Who paid you?—Hunt.

5689. Did anybody else go and vote with you?—I saw Smith; he did not go out with me, but I saw him in the street, and he went with me to the poll,—Henry Smith.

5690. Did he go back to the "Trumpet" afterwards?—I cannot say. I was rather full in drink, and cannot say.

5691. Did anybody go back with you?—Yes; I believe Cracknell went back with me.

5692. Did you see anybody else paid?—No.

5693. Not in the market room?—No.

5694. Who was in the market room?—I believe Cracknell was there, and I think Wright was there. I do not know whether Callow was there. I could not swear who was there.

5695. Had they voted, do you know?—Cracknell had voted; I do not know whether the others had or not.

5696. When you got back and were paid did you ask Hunt for the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—No; he throwed it down on the table and I took it up.

5697. How came he to give it to you?—I do not know; he served me the same as the others, I suppose. He threw it on the table and I took it up and was very thankful for it.

5698. Did he say "Have you voted?"—No.

5699. Did you say you had voted?—I might say so but he did not ask me.

5700. You said you had voted for Stracey?—Yes.

5701. And then he threw you down three half-crowns?—Yes; I believe anybody might have had money; he seemed full of drink and was throwing his money about.

WILLIAM FLAT sworn and examined. *W. Flat.*

5702. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Where do you live?—At the corner of Coburgh Street, St. Stephen's.

5703. Close to the "Trumpet"?—Yes.

5704. You are not a voter?—No.

5705. Were you about there during the day of the poll?—Yes, I live close by.

5706. Did you go into the "Trumpet"?—No.

5707. Not once during the day?—No.

5708. But you were about there all day, were you not?—I was close by because I live there.

5709. Were you much in the streets?—No.

5710. But you were sometimes?—Yes.

5711. Did you see Sir Henry Stracey there?—Yes.

5712. At what time was that?—I should think near 2 o'clock.

5713. That is as near as you can recollect, is it?—I think it is.

5714. Did you see Hunt, the fowl dealer, speak to Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

5715. Did you hear all that passed?—Yes, I know exactly what passed.

5716. What was it?—I stood by my shop door and heard a lot of hallooing; that was what took me to the "Trumpet" corner, and in a few minutes Sir Henry Stracey came out of the "Trumpet" and got into his carriage, and he began to address the people and said "Westminster has won and so has Norwich." Hunt went to his carriage and said "We have 40 "to vote for you," and he said "Bravo my fine fel- "low do you head them to the poll."

5717. Did you see anything more of Hunt?—No; as soon as Mr. Stracey drove away I left.

5718. Did you see anything of Smith, the fowl dealer?—No; I saw Hunt of course speak to Mr. Stracey, but I did not see him afterwards.

5719. Did you see young Mr. Strcey that day?—I do not know him.

5720. Or Mr. Patteson?—I do not know; I saw a gentleman with Sir Henry Stracey, but who that gentleman was I cannot say.

5721. Did you hear anything about money being offered that day?—No.

5722. Not a word?—No.

5723. Not at the "Trumpet"?—I heard nothing about it, only street talk after the election was over, and I took no notice of it particular.

5724. You did not know that anything was up at that moment?—No, I did not hear that anything was going on inside the "Trumpet."

5725. I suppose you knew that the men who were there were likely sort of men for a thing of the sort?—I do not know that. I am saying too much now for my benefit, I assure you. Of course everybody who is subpœnaed up here are my neighbours, and they are the people who were at the "Trumpet" that day, and so of course they have not dealt with me since.

5726. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you not hear it talked about in your neighbourhood that money was going on at the "Trumpet"?—After the election was over.

5727. How soon after the election was over?—I think the same evening.

5728. Who were talking about it?—Lots of people, neighbours.

5729. Can you recollect anyone in particular?—No.

5730. Did you hear the names mentioned of any people who had been doing it?—No.

5731. Did they not say who had been there spending money?—I never heard that.

5732. Did you not hear who had got the money?—No more than by report.

5733. But that evening did you hear who had got the money?—No.

5734. Was there a pretty considerable crowd round the "Trumpet" when you were there?—Yes, a great many.

HENRY SMITH sworn and examined. *H. Smith.*

5735. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—Well, I took my freedom up as a bricklayer, but I do not follow that now.

5736. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

5737. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Stracey.

5738. At what hour?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock.

5739. Were you at the "Trumpet" in the early part of the polling day?—I went to the "Trumpet" between 11 and 12.

5740. How long did you stay there?—Well, I stayed there till dinner time, and then went home, and got a piece of victuals, and went back again.

5741. When you got back again did you see Sir Henry Stracey there?—I saw him come in.

5742. After he had left do you remember Hunt offering anything to the men who were there?—I do not.

5743. Did you hear Hunt offer the 5*l.*?—No.

5744. Did you hear Smith say he would be a pound out of his own pocket and make it 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Nothing of the kind.

5745. How long did you stay there?—Till between 3 and 4, and then I went and voted, and went home.

5746. Had anybody said anything to you about money for voting?—Nobody.

5747. Was nothing said by Hunt or by Smith in your hearing about money?—No, not to anybody.

5748. Did Callow say anything about money for voting?—No.

5749. You saw him there?—I saw him there.

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5750. After dinner what room in the "Trumpet" were you in?—In the room joining the Trumpet Lane.

5751. Is that the market room?—I suppose they call it so.

5752. And did you stay in that room from the time Sir Henry Stracey left it until you went out to vote?—Yes.

5753. Do you mean to say that you heard nothing during that time about the money being given for votes?—I did not.

5754. Did you hear anybody count the number of men?—I heard them making a count of how many there were, but I do not know how many there were.

5755. You heard them count 16, did you not?—I cannot say the number.

5756. Who counted them?—I do not know who it was.

5757. Hearing them count, did you not hear something follow upon that?—No.

5758. Did you not hear Smith say "Well, I will "be one pound out of my own pocket, and that will "be 7*s.* 6*d.* apiece for you"?—No, I did not.

5759. Was Clayton there?—I do not know him.

5760. Do you remember a man being there, and saying that that was not enough, and that he would not vote for 7*s.* 6*d.*?—I never heard it.

5761. Did you hear the sum of 7*s.* 6*d.* mentioned?—No.

5762. Did you hear any sum of money mentioned?—No.

5763. What were you doing?—Drinking.

5764. Were you drunk?—Rather.

5765. After you had voted, did you go back to the "Trumpet"?—I did not.

5766. Did you see Hunt again that day?—No.

5767. Did you see Smith, the fowl dealer?—No.

5768. Do you really mean to tell me that you heard nothing in the "Trumpet" about money for voting?—No.

5769. You heard the men counted?—Yes, I heard the counting how many there were there.

5770. What did they do that for?—That I do not know.

5771. You really do not carry in your mind anything that happened that afternoon?—No, I do not.

5772. Do you know whether you voted?—Yes, I did.

5773. Who went to the poll with you?—I started off and voted, and I believe that a man named Barnes and John Cracknell overtook me.

5774. Did you all go and vote together?—They followed me to vote, and I suppose they voted. I voted, and then returned home.

5775. Did not they come back with you?—Not all the way.

5776. Did you go back with them?—No.

5777. How far did they accompany you back?—Through the Market.

5778. Where did you leave them?—Somewhere against Rampant Horse Street; some of them live near there.

5779. Did Barnes say that he was going back to get his money?—I do not know. I left him, bid him good evening, and went home.

5780. Did you not hear anything about money going at the "Trumpet"?—No, I did not. I never saw the colour of money.

5781. You were rather sorry?—Yes, that I was, that is a fact.

5782. You let the three half-crowns slip?—I never heard of them.

J. Browes.

JOHN BROWES recalled and further examined.

5783. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are sworn, you know, and the oath which you have already taken is obligatory upon you now. Do you mean to persist in saying that you did not say anything to your father respecting having half a sovereign?—I never did. I declare before God and man that I never did. Why should I say so, because my father had no vote.

5784. Yes, your father had a vote?—Had he? then it is unbeknown to me.

5785. You adhere to that statement, do you?—Yes.

5786. You saw Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hardy that day?—Yes.

5787. Where?—Right opposite the "Rose," in St. Stephen's.

5788. What did either of them say to you?—Mr. Hardy says to me, "Have you voted?" I says, "No." Then he says, "Are you going to vote?" "Yes," says I, "when I think I will." Then I says, "Are you going to stand a glass of ale?" And he said, "I dare not." That is the words the man had with me.

5789. Is that all the conversation?—Yes, that is all the conversation that I and Mr. Hardy had.

5790. Did you go and vote?—I voted about half an hour after that; that was about 3 o'clock.

5791. After that you went to the "Trumpet," did you not?—No, that was before; it was about 20 minutes after 2 when I went into the "Trumpet."

5792. Did Mr. Fisher speak to you?—Well, they were both together.

5793. But did Mr. Fisher speak to you?—No, not otherwise than saying, "Are you going to vote?" I said, "No, I am not for a minute or two." Mr. Fisher said no more to me than Mr. Hardy did.

5794. Did he say the same thing as was said by Mr. Hardy?—Yes.

5795. Precisely the same?—He asked me if I was going to vote, and I said I should go and vote when I thought right.

5796. Did you propose to Mr. Fisher that he should give you some beer?—No, they were both together. I asked Mr. Hardy if he would stand a glass of beer, and he said, "No, I dare not."

5797. You say you went out of the "Trumpet" with your son into the street?—That was at 20 minutes past 2.

5798. And then you saw your father?—No, I saw my father when I went home to dinner.

5799. You have said that you saw your father near to the pastrycook's?—No, my father did; I said no.

5800. Do you mean to say that you did not see your father near the pastrycook's?—No, I did not.

5801. Did your son go home with you?—No, my son never went home along with me. My son and I went to the "Bee Hive" before I went and voted.

5802. Now listen to this: "You say you saw your "father after you left the 'Trumpet'"?—No, I told you that I saw my father at home at dinner.

5803. I am going to read your answer. "Oh, yes, "he lives next door to me." "Did you say anything "to him about voting?"—"I never did. I did not "know that he had a vote, and do not now. I went "and voted according to my own opinion." Now listen, if you please, to what I am reading to you. "Have you got a brother?"—"I have a son." "Was "your son with you and your father?"—"My son "and I were together." "Did your son say to your "father you can have half a sovereign for voting?"—"No, I should say not." "You should say not, but "did he?"—"I cannot say whether he did or not." "You and your father and your son were drinking "together?"—"We were not together, not in the "street. When I went home, I found my father at "home. My father I knew had no vote, so how "could he have half a sovereign?" "Never mind "that, did your son say to him that he could have "half a sovereign?"—"That I do not know." When did you see your father that afternoon?—I saw my father a little before 2 o'clock, when I went home to dinner.

5804. After your dinner, did you go to the "Trumpet"?—About 20 minutes after 2, and had a pint of ale along with my son.

5805. Where did you go after you left the "Trumpet"?—I came across and went into Salter's for a glass of ale, because I like that beer best; it is better.

5806. Then you went direct across with your son?—Yes.

5807. Did you pass the pastrycook's in going to Salter's?—No.

5808. Not at all?—No.

5809. Then did you ask your son to go to Salter's?—When we came out of the "Trumpet"?

5810. Immediately?—Yes.

5811. Who paid for the beer in the "Trumpet"?—I did, because my son had no money.

5812. How came you to go into the "Trumpet" when you say you liked Salter's beer the best?—I thought I might hear some news there, but I heard none.

5813. How came you to go in there?—I go in there very often in the course of a week.

5814. How came you, liking Salter's beer the best, to go into the other house?—I had been in different houses that day.

5815. You thought you would hear some news there?—Yes.

5816. News about what?—About the election, but I never heard none, for I was not in above ten minutes.

5817. Did you hear some news about the election?—No, I never saw neither Smith nor yet Fuller. Mrs. Fuller drawed me a pint of ale.

5818. You went in there for the purpose of getting news; you did not go anywhere to hear it, but you sat there to drink a pint of beer?—That is all I did. I sat in front of the bar.

5819. Going in there for news, you never heard a single word of news, and never made any inquiry?—No, I did not.

5820. Where did you go when you left Salter's?—I went down the street.

5821. Where to?—I stopped right opposite the "Rose," and Mr. Hardy came up to me and said, "Have you voted?" I said, "No, I will vote when "I think I will."

5822. How long did you remain in Salter's?—I might remain there half an hour.

5823. Were you not as likely to hear news at Salter's as you would be in the "Trumpet"?—No, I do not think I was, according to what people have talked of since.

5824. You thought that the "Trumpet" was a better place for getting information than Salter's?—Yes, I should think so.

2825. And yet when you went into the "Trumpet" you spoke to nobody, and heard no news at all?—No, that I did not; I never heard a word.

5826. Going in there for news, you got no news, and then went away. You knew, I suppose, that there was a market room, did you not?—I never went into it. I know there is a bagatelle room, but I never went into that.

5827. But you could see all the people who were there?—No, I could not, not when I was there.

5828. Did you not see people passing in and out?—No, there were none passing in and out when I was there.

5829. Was nobody there when you were there?—No; I cannot say that there might not be one in front of the bar.

5830. Do you mean that there was not a considerable number of people there when you were there?—No; I never went no further than the bar.

5831. You sitting where you did at the bar would see the people coming in, would you not?—There was no people passing at the time I was there, I can assure you.

5832. When did you see your father again?—I do not know that I saw him that night any more after I had seen him at dinner time.

5833. Did not you and your son see him together?—No, my son never saw him that day.

5834. Is it true that you or your son again saw the old man that day?—I say I do not believe that my son saw him that day at all.

5835. What became of your son?—My son went into Crook's Place, I believe, after the election was over.

5836. Is that the place where you live?—No. I do not know where he went to after he had left me; he went up that way to go to Crook's Place.

5837. Do you not recollect seeing your father again after you left the "Trumpet" that afternoon?—No.

5838. Will you undertake to say that you did not?—I did not.

5839. Will you swear that you never saw him?—I will swear that I never saw that man in St. Stephen's all that day after I saw him at home at dinner.

5840. (*Mr. Biron.*) When you saw Mr. Hardy, what time in the afternoon was it?—About 3.

5841. When he asked you to vote you asked him if he would stand a glass?—Yes; and he said he dare not.

5842. If he had stood it you would have gone and voted at once, would you not?—I should have drunk it.

5843. You said you went to the "Trumpet" thinking you might hear some news there?—Yes.

5844. That is, news as to the way in which the election was going?—Yes; there was the state of the poll there more than there was at Salter's.

5845. Did you not mean that there was likely to be more news there as to whether money was going or not?—No.

5846. Supposing you had been offered 7*s.* 6*d.*, would you have taken it?—No, I should not; my mind was made up the first thing in the morning as to which way I should vote.

5847. Then why did you wander about the city all day before you voted?—To please my own fancy.

5848. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) This is a matter which stands upon oath between your father and yourself?—My father must be childish.

5849. I can only express my opinion, that confirmed as that old man is by the evidence of Mr. Marston, I have no doubt that his statement is true?—I have no doubt Mr. Marston has been leading him to this.

5850. I have no doubt you have not told the truth?—I have told the truth, and nothing but the truth.

5851. (*Mr. Biron.*) We do not think so?—I know I have.

MATHEW BANE STOCKINGS sworn and examined.

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5852. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a grocer?—Yes.

5853. Are you a voter in this city?—Yes.

5854. Is this the first election at which you had a vote?—This is the first.

5855. You took a very active part in this election we hear?—On the election day.

5856. And before?—No.

5857. No part?—I think I met with Mr. Fisher at one or two places on the afternoon before. I am not sure whether it was that afternoon or the election morning.

5858. Had you done nothing in the way of canvassing?—No; I merely went up into the committee room that afternoon, and Mr. Fisher was going out; they said, "Here is Mr. Stockings, he will go with "you perhaps," and I went with Mr. Fisher I believe that afternoon, and then went home to my shop directly after I came back.

5859. Had you taken no part in the election on the

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afternoon of the day before the election?—No, none at all.

5860. Who were the people you saw at the committee room?—Well, there were some people there that I did not know.

5861. Tell us the names of those you do know?—There was a clerk of Mr. Stockings, the ward manager, and Mr. Fisher I believe was there; I believe they were the only men in the room. That was the reason I went with Mr. Fisher I think, because I was the only man in the room that could go.

5862. How often did you go out that afternoon?—I was simply up in the committee room, and Mr. Stockings asked me if I would go with Mr. Fisher up the back street I think, and I went to the back street, and returned to the committee room when I came back. I might have gone up to the committee room once or twice in the day.

5863. You say you might, but did you?—I have no doubt I went up several times, but I took no part in it.

5864. Had you not been up to the committee room several times before you went on the afternoon of that day?—I did not go to the committee room and take any part whatever; I merely went up into the room, and the clerk and Mr. Stockings were writing there.

5865. If you were taking no part whatever in the election, why did you go up in the committee room at all?—I really do not know.

5866. You say you may have gone into the committee room on the morning of that day?—Yes.

5867. How many times in the course of that day may you have gone into the committee room?—I might have gone once or twice or I might go more.

5868. Did you not go once or twice or more in the course of that day?—I might.

5869. But that is no answer to the question?—I took no active part in it.

5870. I do not care about that. Did you go into the committee room that day?—I went in that day.

5871. Before the evening?—I am not sure that I did.

5872. But are you sure that you did not?—No.

5873. Do you mean to say you know so little about your own movements on that day that you cannot tell whether you were in the committee room or not?—I cannot swear whether I might go up, but I can swear I did not go up and take any part in the election.

5874. Do you mean to say that you do not believe that you went up into that committee room earlier in the day than you went upon the occasion you referred to?—Yes, I think I might go up once or twice.

5875. Did you not do so?—I cannot say that I did. I was attending to my business, but I might possibly go up. I cannot say whether I did or not, but I did not go up to take any part in the election whatever.

5876. Do you not recollect going up there and seeing some persons in the committee room on the morning of that day or in the course of that day besides Mr. Fisher and Mr. Stockings?—I do not remember it.

5877. Is your memory a blank upon that question?—I took no particular notice of it.

5878. But did you not take any particular notice on going in of anybody that you knew?—Only the time I now state, when Mr. Stockings asked me to go with Mr. Fisher.

5879. If you may have gone into the committee room on that day, can you have gone into the committee room almost every day for a week before?—No.

5880. Will you undertake to say you did not go into the committee room several days before?—I believe I went in, but not every day.

5881. When did the committee first begin?—I do not know at all.

5882. When did you go first to the committee room?—I cannot say.

5883. Do you not recollect that you went to the committee room several days and upon several occasions before the election?—I have no doubt I went up several times; I have no doubt of it at all.

5884. Now who did you see in the committee room upon those days?—Well, Mr. Stockings and the clerk were there.

5885. Anybody else?—I may have seen some other men out of the parish there, but I cannot say whom.

5886. Now having been in the committee room upon the evening of the election day, and having been asked by Mr. Fisher to go with him, where did you go to?—We were in the back street, I believe—St. Stephen's back street.

5887. And did you canvass people there?—We went to only about three persons I think.

5888. Did you find that your name had been put upon the committee as a member of the committee?—Oh no, it was not on at all.

5889. Now having canvassed these people on the day before, did you on the morning of the election proceed to get up voters?—I went up to get voters, but did not go to these persons.

5890. What time in the morning did you begin?—Well, I was in the polling place in St. Stephen's at first in the polling booth in the early part of the morning.

5891. What were you doing there?—Merely standing in the polling booth. Mr. Stockings asked me, I believe, to go and see whether the check clerk, or whatever you might call him, could get on, and to come back and tell him.

5892. Then you had been to the committee room before you went to the polling booth?—Yes, I believe I went up.

5893. Who did you see in the committee room before you went to the polling booth?—I think Mr. Dunnett and Mr. Stockings were there, and the clerk might be there—I mean Mr. Stockings' clerk.

5894. Did you seen anybody else there?—Not that I remember.

5895. Then you went up to get voters?—I did not go directly.

5896. What time did you begin to get up voters?—It might be 9 or 10 o'clock.

5897. Of course it might be, but was it about that time?—Yes, I daresay it would be between 9 and 10.

5898. With whom did you go?—Well, there was Mr. Hardy there; Mr. Norgate, junior, was the man I went about with principally that day.

5899. Where did you go to?—We went up into Crook's Place.

5900. How many voters did you get up?—I did not bring any voters up in the morning; not from Crook's Place the first time we went.

5901. That implies that you did in the afternoon?—Yes, we got several voters in the afternoon.

5902. Is Crook's Place a low locality?—No, I should not call it a low locality.

5903. When I say low—is it inhabited by a poor class of people?—Well, I should say they are a respectable labouring class that live in Crook's Place.

5904. They are labourers, are they?—Mostly.

5905. How was it that you could not get these people to vote in the early part of the day?—I do not know that we went to a house at all. When we first went into Crook's Place there were others there taking a more active part. I did not know any of the names. I had not had a canvass book in my hand, and I went with the rest to see what I could do.

5906. Young Mr. Norgate had taken a very active part in the canvassing of your ward, had he not?—Not that I know of, he might do.

5907. However, he was then taking a very active part?—On that day, yes.

5908. Did you get up any voters there?—Not then, I believe. I think coming back we went to an old gentleman of the name of Gibson, and I believe

I went into his stable. I knew the man and tried to persuade him to vote, but he would not.

5909. I will not trouble you further about that old man; where did you go after that?—We went to the committee room.

5910. I am not speaking of the committee room, but where did you go to get up voters?—Well, I have no doubt we went up into Crook's Place again, or the back of St. Stephen's.

5911. Did you try to get up voters?—Yes; the time I was there I did.

5912. Had you not a difficulty in getting them up?—Yes; in the morning they were rather reluctant.

5913. Did they want to be persuaded to come up and vote?—Well, we did persuade them to come on, or we tried to persuade them at any rate.

5914. Did many of them tell you that they wanted their day's wages, or that they wanted some money, or something of that kind?—No.

5915. What none?—There were not any that I remembered. I should say not one, and I think I could swear that not one asked.

5916. Why were they reluctant to come up then and vote?—That I cannot say. I could not force the men to come. I asked them and tried to persuade them, but they refused to come.

5917. They must have assigned some reason for it?—Not that I know of; they did not.

5918. Did you not press them for a reason why they did not go up and vote?—No.

5919. But you did find that they were likely to vote?—Yes.

5920. Did you find that reluctance continued until a little after 2 o'clock?—No; I do not know that I went up in particular after that. I think I remained in the committee room, and went about to several places where Mr. Stockings asked me to go, but not after voters in particular.

5921. You went after voters in general?—This took up some part of my time in the morning; one cabman had lost his card belonging to another ward.

5922. You know well enough that is not what I am inquiring of you, and it is a mere waste of words?—I was showing you where my time was mostly spent.

5923. I am speaking to you about persuading voters to vote. You did find that they were reluctant to come up, did you not?—Yes; in the morning.

5924. If you put the morning upon me, I suppose you did not find them so reluctant in the afternoon?—Well, some men that I went to in the afternoon came up. I went to this man Gibson again, and he said he should not vote, but I found afterwards he had voted, and an hour or two back, although he said he should not vote, I heard afterwards.

5925. Did not that man assign as a reason for not voting, that he wanted to be paid something for his vote?—No, he did not; I am sure of that.

5926. Do people tell such falsehoods in Norwich if they have got no object in it?—I cannot say, I did not ask the man his object.

5927. But when you asked him to come and vote, did he not assign some reason for not coming up?—No.

5928. And you did not press him for any reason?—I did try to persuade him to come by fair and honourable means.

5929. Did you report in the committee room that you found people reluctant to come up and vote?—No, I do not know that I did.

5930. Will you undertake to say that you did not?—I think I might swear that I did not say they were reluctant to come up.

5931. When you found people reluctant to vote and you went to the committee room, did you make any report upon it?—No; I did not go myself but very little, and I was not the chief man among them.

5932. Whether you were the chief man or not, every man would tell you upon the election day who takes an interest in the election what he is doing?—Yes.

5933. And inform his colleagues who are acting with him what he thinks about the matter in which he is concerned?—Yes.

5934. You were trying to get up voters, now do you mean to say that you did not tell your colleagues in the room that you found them reluctant to vote?—No, I believe I did not.

5935. Is your mind a blank upon it?—I could not swear that I did not say those words; it is just possible I might, but as far as my memory serves me I believe I did not say so.

5936. I do not put the words to you; I am putting to you the substance?—I do not think I named anything about their being reluctant to come up at all.

5937. Did you not say you could not get them up?—No, I do not know that I said so.

5938. But do you know that you did not?—No; if I knew that I did not I should say so.

5939. What do you think you did?—I do not think I took any particular notice of it at all, not when I went to the committee room; other men went out with me, they were leading men.

5940. That is part of the morning; now towards the afternoon you say you found you could persuade people to come up, when did you find that, about what o'clock?—Well, I did not take any particular notice; I did not take many voters to the poll, not above three, four, or five, I cannot say exactly.

5941. But you did persuade some people to come up in the afternoon?—Yes, I did. I took one man to the poll.

5942. Did you persuade a single man to come up before 1 o'clock?—No, but some of the men I had been to I found had voted; they had voted afterwards.

5943. Did you go into the committee room about 1 o'clock?—No, I believe I was home to dinner then.

5944-5. Were you there shortly before 1?—I have no doubt that I was there.

5946. Was it said in the room that your party were in difficulties with the election?—No. I believe the chief talk before I went to dinner was about the false statement the other side had put out.

5947. Yes, but in addition to the false statement which the other side had put out, it being the fact that you were really in a minority, was it not the talk how the minority could be met?—No.

5948. Was there no talk about you being in difficulties?—Well, I knew that we were behind.

5949. Did you consult with your colleagues as to what should be done in that emergency?—Not at all.

5950. Did you talk to nobody about it?—No.

5951. You went home to your dinner at 2 o'clock?—1 o'clock, I believe, was about the time, but I cannot say to half an hour.

5952. What time did you return?—I should think it would be getting on for 3 o'clock. My young man had to go to dinner as well as myself.

5953. When was it that you went down to the "Trumpet"?—I did not go at all. I believe I went into the "Trumpet" the afternoon before, but I am not sure, with Mr. Fisher, to ask where a party lived; but I merely stepped into the bar, I did not go a yard into the bar, and that I believe is the only time in my life that I was in the "Trumpet."

5954. Very probably I should think, but it did so happen that you stepped into the "Trumpet" on this occasion?—To ask where some one lived.

5955. Who did you see in the "Trumpet"?—I believe it was Mrs. Fuller. I do not know Mrs. Fuller, but there was some lady serving in the bar.

5956. What time of the day was it that you found yourself in the "Trumpet"?—I believe that was when I went out with Mr. Fisher in the afternoon when I went up to the committee room when we were going round to the back street.

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5957. Would that be about half-past 2 or 3?—This was the day before the election that we went to the "Trumpet."

5958. I am speaking now of the day of the election?—I did not go to the "Trumpet" at all that day.

5959. How many men did you take up to the poll altogether in the afternoon of that day?—Well, I do not know that I took up above one or two to the poll. I went up with one man to the poll that came up to the committee room believing that was the place to vote; and Mr. Stockings, the ward manager, asked me to go and show these men where the poll was.

5960. After you returned from your dinner how many men did you persuade to go and vote?—Well, I do not think I took up above one man besides that.

5961. You may not have taken them up, and yet you may have persuaded them?—Well, I don't think I took up above four or five altogether.

5962. You only took up one man besides the one who went from the committee room?—I believe I only took one more to the poll.

5963. Did you happen to take that man from the "Trumpet," or from a place close to the "Trumpet?"—I did not go into the "Trumpet;" I do not know where it was that I took him from, whether he was near the committee room, or where, I do not know. I believe the other man I took was near the committee room outside in the street; there were several people standing about outside the committee room.

5964. Loitering about?—Yes, several people; I should think there were four, five, or six of them.

5965. Then, finding people loitering about, how came you to take them up to the poll?—I took one man up to the poll, I believe, or persuaded him to go from St. Stephen's Street.

5966. Had you ever known the man before?—No, and I should not know him again.

5967. You picked him up casually in the street?—There were several outside talking in the street, and, I believe, I went up to them and spoke to them, and one man I took to vote.

5968. Did he ask you for anything to drink?—No.

5969. Now what passed between you and that man before you took him up to the poll?—I was merely trying to persuade him to vote for Stracey.

5970. How did you know he was a voter, never having seen him before?—He had his card.

5971. But how did you know that he had not voted?—That I could not say, I don't know; I took the man's word for it.

5972. You saw a man with a card and you immediately go up and ask him to go to the poll. I suppose you said something to him, or he said something to you?—I persuaded him to go and vote.

5973. How did the conversation about the persuasion begin?—That I cannot say; I cannot remember the words I used.

5974. Cannot you recollect what occurred in the way of persuasion?—No, but I have no doubt it was no more than I said to other voters.

5975. There were a good many persons loitering about withholding their votes altogether?—I do not know of any great quantity.

5976. There were several?—I have heard since there were, but I did not know it on that day.

5977. You saw men with cards about?—I saw that man with a card.

5978. You said there were several others?—Several others.

5979. Did they not say that they wanted something to drink, or some money?—They did not, and if they did I should not have taken notice of it, but I do not think they could; I could almost swear they did not.

5980. That they wanted something to drink, or that they wanted some wages, or something of the kind?—No.

5981. What did they say?—I do not know; I did not stop very long.

5982. You talked to this man, and persuaded him to vote; you do not persuade a man who is loitering in the street, whose name you do not know, simply by looking at him?—No.

5983. You say they might have said they wanted something to drink, or some money, and that being your idea that they might have said that, what did occur between you and this man?—I cannot say exactly what occurred.

5984. Have you entirely forgotten what occurred?—No, I have not forgotten, so far as I know, but there was nothing dishonourable occurred in any way.

5985. I do not impute it to you that you did that which you believed to be dishonourable, but what did pass between you and that man?—I believe myself the man was then going up to vote, and I had very little talk with him. I believe I walked up to the polling place with him, and left him.

5986. If the man was then going up to the poll there would be no necessity for you to go with him whatever?—I went up with him to see that he did vote.

5987. I want to know what passed between you and that man, which induced you to go up with him to the poll?—I asked him whether he was going to vote, and I know that I did not stop scarcely a second with the man; he walked away, and I went with him to the poll.

5988. You say that he might have asked you for something to drink?—It is just possible, but I should not take the slightest notice of it, therefore it would not be impressed on my memory. I should not have taken the slightest notice of it, for I should not have given a farthing to any one voter to vote for one side or the other. If a man would have gone and voted for Stracey for a glass of ale I should not have given it to him, and he might go and vote for the other side.

5989. Do you mean to say that you did not give, or promise to give, anything to any man to vote that day?—No, sir, I swear it.

5990. Did you provide any money, or hand over any money for that purpose to anybody else?—No, I should be very sorry to.

5991. Are you aware of money having been provided?—I have heard since, and that is all I know about it, but I did not know that day.

5992. From whom have you heard it since?—Well, it has been common talk, and I have heard it, may be, from 20 or it may be 50 people.

5993. But I mean at that very time did you not hear it from anyone in particular?—I did not know it on that day. I believed that Sir Henry Stracey had got in, and that it was a pure election so far as his side was concerned. That was my belief. I was not in all the wards, and it was the case, I believe, in our ward. If there was anything else I did not hear of it.

5994. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a Norwich man, are you not?—No; Blofield is my native place.

5995. You have been living here all your life?—No, I have been out of the city four years. I was apprenticed in the city, in St. Stephen's Street, and I went out of the city about four years, and I have been in it now six years, I suppose.

5996. You know pretty well how elections have been carried here before, I suppose?—No, I know nothing about them.

5997. You never heard anything about it?—I never took any interest in it at all.

5998. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told my friend that some of the men you went to early in the morning asked you for money?—Not in the early or latter part.

5999. Not at all?—Not at all.

6000. But a man may give you a very good idea of what he wants without asking?—No one gave me any idea.

6001. Did you not see that there were men there that only wanted a little money to go and vote at once?—No.

6002. Now really, Mr. Stockings, do you mean to

say that?—I believe as I was passing through Crook's Place once in the afternoon some man stood at a public house,—I don't know the sign of the house, but a man of the name of Gibson keeps it,—and I heard someone say that they wanted 5*s.* a vote there, but I passed them and took no notice of them.

6003. Do not misapprehend me. I am not imputing that you went to bribe anyone, or that you would condescend to do it, but you might meet men during the course of the day, and might ask them for their votes?—Yes.

6004. You heard that you say?—Yes; I believe I heard someone talking about it as I was passing, but I took no notice of it.

6005. I am quite taking it that you would not bribe them, and that you had no idea of bribing?—I certainly should not.

6006. I am taking it so, but in the instance you have referred to, and other instances, was it not perfectly clear to you, as a man of the world, that if these men had half-a-sovereign apiece they would have gone and voted?—I should not have tried them.

6007. I do not say you would. You went there to get the election won by honourable means?—By honourable means.

6008. But as a man of the world going about the city did you not have the impression that you could have brought a lot of them to the poll that morning?—No; only that I heard this outside a public house that we passed, and I believe young Mr. Norgate was with me, a man offered to vote for 2*s.*, and we told him he was no use to us.

6009. Was that the only instance throughout your walks that morning where people were ready to take money for that purpose?—No, except the one I have mentioned. The man would go and vote for 2*s.*, he stood in a gateway, I think, and he beckoned to us; we asked what he wanted, and he held up his two fingers, Mr. Norgate said, "What did he mean?" and I said, I suppose it means that he wants 2*s.* I asked him whether it was true, and he nodded his head, and Mr. Norgate, or one of us, said, "You are of no use to "us."

6010. You have given me two instances, can you not give me any others?—No, I cannot, I would if I could remember.

6011. I ask you again about these men earlier in the morning. You asked them to vote?—Yes.

6012. What did they say then?—I cannot remember what they said. I had scarcely two moments with them. I believe this man standing outside the committee room was going to vote.

6013. But you can give me some notion of their manner; did they say "I am not going to vote yet," or "I am a half-past 3 o'clock man." You know what that means?—No, I do not recellect that; I do not think they said anything about money.

6014. They never do, you know; but did they say anything about rates? Did they say "We have rates "to pay"?—No.

6015. They did nothing to convey to your mind that they were ready to vote for money?—Not in the slightest, that I am aware of.

THOMAS BONE sworn and examined. *T. Bone.*

6016. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A greengrocer.

6017. Where were you during the day of the election?—In the market-place.

6018. What did you see going on there with regard to the election?—Well, I saw a lot of people about the market, and such like, but I never interfered with regard to the voting business.

6019. Were you canvassed for your vote?—No. Mr. Allen asked me one day in the street, and I told him that I had not a vote.

6020. Do you know either of the Hunts?—Yes.

6021. Do you recollect having some talk with one of the Hunts about this election?—Yes; one Saturday night.

6022. Which Hunt was that?—William Hunt.

6023. Is he a brother of Hunt, the fowl dealer?—I believe he is.

6024. Did he tell you anything about this matter?—He brought up about the "Trumpet" case.

6025. Was anyone else present?—Yes, Ellis.

6026. Let me hear what Hunt said.—I will as well as I can; he mostly came against my stall on Saturday night, and I says, "This is a rum case about the "'Trumpet;'" and he said, "Yes; my brother is "either a damned fool, or a damned villain, I don't "know which of the two;" and he told me something about 10*l.* and 6*l.* being given away.

6027. What did he say about the 10*l.*?—Well, he said his brother had 10*l.*; I am almost sure it was 10*l.* given him, and he paid about 6*l.* of it away.

6028. Did he say that his brother got anything for himself?—Well, he said as much as if he kept the other for himself.

6029. Did you hear where the money came from?—No, I did not.

6030. Was anything said about that?—Nothing was said. I blamed Hunt, because I made a bet on the election day, and William Hunt saw me there, and he said, "Pop it on," and I bet on the Liberals. I said, "You are a nice fellow to persuade me to lay "a bet, and then vote the other way;" he said, "No, "I voted for the Liberals."

6031. Did you hear anything more about this matter?—No, I did not.

6032. You had no more conversation with Hunt?—No.

6033. You did not hear from anybody else where he got it from?—No, I did not.

6034. What is this brother of Hunt's by trade?—Well, he is a bit of a dealer; he buys old houses.

6035–6. Is he a partner with his brother?—Sometimes he is, because I have bought goods of both of them.

6037. This brother of Hunt's had not got anything out of it himself, had he?—Not that I know of.

6038. He did not tell you that he had?—He never told me that he had.

6039. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did they not mention any name as giving him the 10*l.*?—No; I never heard him mention a name.

6040. Did he say anything about Smith, the fowl dealer?—Yes, he mentioned Smith's name.

6041. What did he say about Smith?—As much as if Smith had got the money first, and gave Arthur Hunt a portion of it.

6042. Did he say that Smith stuck to anything?—Well, I don't know that he did; I cannot exactly say that.

6043. He said that Hunt had paid him 6*l.*?—And kept 2*l.* himself.

6044. Did he not say that Hunt and Smith between them had kept the 4*l.*?—That I cannot say; it was on Saturday night about 11 o'clock, when I am very busy in the market.

6045. Did he say anything about Mr. Patteson?—No, I never heard the name; it was a very short argument, because I was so busy serving fruit.

6046. Or Mr. Arthur Bignold?—No, I do not think he did.

6047. Or Mr. John Bignold?—No; I do not think he did. I went on serving the customers; it is a very busy time on Saturday night.

6048. Did he not say anything about Mr. Stracey giving him 10*l.*?—No; I am not sure of that, Stracey's name or Patteson's name might be mentioned, one of the names might be mentioned.

6049. Which was it that was mentioned?—I can-

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not say; in fact I thought nothing at all about it until last Saturday, when it was mentioned to me.

6050. Can you not recollect which of the names it was—Stracey or Patteson?—No, I cannot recollect.

6051. Were they both mentioned?—He told me the tale about it, but I am sure I cannot say now which it was.

6052. You quite understand what I am putting to you?—Yes, quite.

6053. I can well imagine that you cannot perfectly recollect it unless it was brought to your mind, but now I have mentioned these names to you, did he not tell you anything about them?—There might be one of the names mentioned, but which one I am sure I cannot say.

6054. There was one or the other?—There might be one of the names of the three that you name.

6055. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Stracey, Patteson, or Bignold?—Yes, there might be one of the names of the three.

6056. (*Mr. Biron.*) According to his story it was given to Smith first?—It was given to Smith first; it was either 10*l.* or 20*l.* given to Smith first.

6057. Now just try and recollect again which of the names I have called to your mind was mentioned?—I cannot say.

6058. He did mention one of the three?—Yes, that I am satisfied of.

6059. And you think it was either Stracey or Patteson that he mentioned?—That I cannot say whether it was Bignold, Stracey, or Patteson.

W. Hunt.

WILLIAM HUNT sworn and examined.

6060. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—Well sir, I get my living by dealing sometimes, but I sometimes work.

6061. Are you a voter for Norwich?—No, I have not a vote.

6062. Where do you live?—Coburg Street.

6063. Were you about Norwich on the day of the election?—Yes, I was at work that day.

6064. You have got a brother named Arthur, have you not?—Yes.

6065. A fowl dealer?—Yes.

6066. Did you see him at all on the day of the election?—I saw him on the morning.

6067. What time in the morning?—Well, I suppose about 8 o'clock.

6068. Did you see him at all later on that day?—I saw him in the evening.

6069. In what state was he in the evening?—Well, he was tipsy in the evening.

6070. Did he tell you what he had been doing?—No, he did not.

6071. Did he tell you after the election what he had been doing?—No, he did not, not for some time, not for several months.

6072. At some time or other he told you what he had been doing?—Yes.

6073. Just tell us in your own way what it was he told you?—Of course I had heard a great deal of talk about election affairs that had taken place that day at the "Trumpet" and rows in the streets, and that like about it, some of them being dissatisfied with the money that he had given; that is how I came to know. On the election evening I went into the "Trumpet," and I saw a great many tipsy; I goes home, and goes to bed, and did not go into the "Trumpet" for three or four months, because my mind is on the Liberal side though I had not a vote, so I did not approve of their conduct; but I heard a great many fallings out about the election affairs in the street.

6074. Talking about the "Trumpet" affair?—Yes.

6075. Did that make you speak to your brother about it?—Yes. I spoke to him about it, and I cheeked him several times about his buying votes, and asked him where he got the money from. Different times I had heard people say he got this, that, and the other, and I thought I would try and get out of him where he did get it, and he told me he had not a farthing from anyone to buy the votes, that all he gave away was his own money. No longer ago than last Wednesday (my brother and I had not been very good friends, but the last week or two I have had a few dealings with him) he said "I had not a farthing of any-"body's money but my own, and if I had not been "tipsy I should not have given away my own money." That is all I have to say about it.

6076. Do you know Bone who has been just called?—Yes.

6077. Did you ever say anything to him about your brother?—Well, yes, I frequently go to his stall of a Saturday night; I make it a practice to go to his stall of a Saturday night and have a little chat, because I and Bone have been friendly for years.

6078. Do you know a man named Ellis?—Yes.

6079. Was he with Bone?—I cannot tell whether he was or not.

6080. Just tell me, as you have what your brother said, what you said to Bone about your brother?—Well, I daresay I spoke rather lavish on that affair, because I knew Bone laid some money about the election, and I think I spoke rather lavish to set him off, because I know he had laid a wager about the election, not thinking I should be brought here, or anything of the sort.

6081. Of course not, I just want your own account of it; Bone was rather grumbling at you for having put him on to the Liberals?—Yes, he felt sore.

6082. He thought you had put him on to the Liberals, and you were a Tory?—Yes, I believe he did think so.

6083. He was an old friend, and you did not want him to think that?—No, I did not.

6084. What was it you told him?—I believe I said to him about the "Trumpet" affair, "My brother "bought several votes there, but I do not think he "got anything out of it." I said that before I got intimate with my brother again. I had heard several noises in the street about it, and I heard my brother had been mobbed about his keeping 12*s.* 6*d.* out of every pound he had to pay the voters, and that he got about 10*s.* for every voter. I believe I did speak about that.

6085. You say that you repeated to Bone what you had heard said about your brother; do I understand that?—Yes, I believe I did.

6086. You might have said to Bone, I suppose that your brother paid away 6*l.* out of the 10*l.* and kept 4*l.*?—I will not contradict it; I might say so, but I forget about it. I paid so little attention to it; I might say so.

6087. Did you tell him where your brother had got this money from?—No, I did not.

6088. Did you tell him who you had heard he had got the money from?—No, I do not think I did.

6089. Do you know where he got the money from?—No, I do not.

6090. Might you have said to Bone that he got it from Patteson?—No.

6091. Might you have said that he got it from Smith?—No, I did not say so.

6092. Might you have said that 10*l.* was given to Smith, in the first instance, and that Smith handed it on to your brother?—I might say so, because I have heard that mentioned different times.

6093. Might you have said that 10*l.* was given to Smith by Patteson to buy voters?—No, I do not think I said so.

6094. Or by Stracey?—No; but I understood that Mr. Stracey was in the "Trumpet" that day.

6095. Might you have said that it was Stracey who gave 10*l.* to Smith?—No, I should not think so; I am sure I did not say so.

6096. You say you might have said that the 10*l.* was given to Smith?—Yes, I might say so.

6097. Now might you not have said who the man was that gave 10*l.* to Smith?—I will tell you the straightforward thing that I heard about that, that was talked of. I heard that some gentleman goes upstairs and leaves this money on the bagatelle table, and Smith and my brother goes up and takes it, and that Taylor should see him take it; that is all I said.

6098. Who saw him take it?—A man of the name of Taylor; that is all talk I heard, mine is only hearsay, because I was not there to prove it.

6099. Who was it talked about that?—I heard Taylor and several others mention it in the street.

6100. Which Taylor is it, do you know?—I know him if I was to see him.

6101. Was Henry Taylor the man you mean?—Henry Taylor, of Coburg Street.

6102. Did he tell you this?—No, he did not tell me, but I have heard him tell other people.

6103. You have heard him say it?—Oh yes, in the streets.

6104. That he saw Hunt take the money up from the bagatelle table?—That is the report I have heard.

6105. Hunt and Smith?—Yes.

6106. Did you never hear the name of the gentleman that they said left the money on the bagatelle table?—No, I did not.

6107. Did you not hear from anybody who it was?—No.

6108. Did you not hear Taylor say who it was?—No, I never did.

6109. Did Taylor say it was some gentleman who had been into the "Trumpet" that had left it there?—Well, I did not hear him say anything to that effect.

6110. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How came you to tell that man that your brother had got 10*l.*?—Only as I heard a lot of talk in the street; I could not tell you so for the truth, because I was not there at the time.

6111. I suppose you believed it to be true?—Well yes, I had a notion to that effect.

6112. How came you to have a notion to that effect?—Well, I cannot say; I do not understand much about electioneering.

6113. Had not your brother told you that?—No.

6114. Who had told you it, that you had an opinion to that effect?—Well, I do not know that anyone told me, only I have heard rows in the street about it.

6115. Had you formed your opinion simply from what you had heard in the street?—Yes.

6116. Why did you think it was true that your brother had got 10*l.* for the election, and had paid 6*l.* of it away?—I thought it was hardly reasonable of him to pay his own money away; that is the opinion I had.

6117. You concluded that he had got money elsewhere?—I thought so in my own mind.

6118. Had you not heard the name of Smith, the fowl dealer?—Yes.

6119. Did you say that he got it from Smith?—No, I never said he got any from Smith.

6120. Do you mean to tell me that you did not say that he got 10*l.* from Smith?—He might do so, but I cannot say that he did, because I did not see it.

6121. But did you believe at that time that he got 10*l.* from Smith?—I believe at that time he got some money from somewhere, that is what I said.

6122. Did you not say to Bone that you believed that he got it from Smith?—Well, I have not any reason to think so.

6123. You might have said so?—I might have said so.

6124. Upon what ground was it that you could have said that he got the money from Smith?—I had the opinion that my brother would not pay his own money away.

6125. But that would not fix Smith. How came you to think or believe that he got the money from Smith?—I heard that Smith was with him all that day, and I know Smith is a monied man.

6126. Were not any names mentioned from whom Smith had got it?—No.

6127. Did you not talk about that?—No.

6128. Not a word about it?—I do not think I did.

6129. Well, I do not suppose you thought that Smith had done it himself, did you?—No.

6130. You believed that if Smith had given it, he had got it from somewhere?—Yes, I should think so.

6131. You believed he got it from somewhere?—Yes.

6132. Where did you believe he got it from?—Well, I cannot say.

6133. But you could form an opinion, could you not?—Yes.

6134. What was the opinion you formed?—I cannot say who he might get it from.

6135. Had you not formed an opinion and a belief at that time?—I might form forty opinions, and then be mistaken.

6136. Did you not express an opinion to Bone?—No, I did not.

6137. Will you undertake to say that, having formed an opinion as to where he got it from, you did not express your opinion to Bone?—No, I could not say so.

6138. But did you not, having formed an opinion as to where he got it from, express that opinion in dealing frankly with Bone?—No, I do not think I did.

6139. You had formed an opinion of where he got it from; what was the opinion that you had formed as to where he got it?—I should have thought when a candidate goes into a house, and a lot of voters go and vote, that he must leave the money for those voters; that is the opinion I should have.

6140. You did think then, under these circumstances, that it came from someone connected with the candidates?—Well, I should have thought so, but I could not prove that.

6141. Take these three names, Patteson, Stracey, and Bignold; had any of those names occurred to your mind at that time?—No, I do not know that they had.

6142. None of them at all?—Well, I cannot say; it is a long time ago, and I cannot recollect, but they might.

6143. But you say you formed an opinion that when people go into a house, and there are voters there to be sold, they go there for a purpose, which is an opinion one does naturally form, but had it not crossed your mind that one of those three was the man?—Well, I do not know, sir, I am sure I had not that opinion, because I was not there to see them.

6144. But had not your brother said anything to you about one of those three?—Never, he never did.

6145. Have you ever talked the matter over with Smith?—No, I never spoke to Smith since the day.

6106. You were on perfectly good terms with your brother, were you not?—Well, I have not been so this last 12 months.

6147. How long have you been friends?—Not above a fortnight or three weeks.

6148. How long ago was it that you had this conversation with Bone?—I should think that must be four months or more ago.

6149. But had you talked the matter over with your brother during the time you were unfriendly with him?—I have tried to learn it out of him where this money did come from, and he always told me he did not receive a farthing from anybody, it was out of his own pocket.

6150. Is that what he has told you within the last fortnight?—Yes.

6151. Had he told that to you before you saw Bone?—No.

6152. Had you not talked to him before you saw Bone?—Not since the election evening.

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6153. Had you not seen your brother and talked to him between the election day and when you talked to Bone?—No.

6154. Had you no conversation with him at all?—No.

6155. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is your brother in a large way of business?—He is dealing, and is getting a comfortable living, I daresay.

6156. Does he do much business?—Oh yes, he does a good deal of business.

R. Fuller.

ROBERT FULLER sworn and examined.

6157. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—I am a traveller, a licensed hawker.

6158. Where do you live?—No. 3, Coburg Street, St. Stephen's.

6159. Are you the brother of George Fuller who keeps the "Trumpet"?—Yes.

6160. Were you at the "Trumpet" upon the day of the election?—Yes.

6161. What time did you go to the "Trumpet"?—About 11 o'clock.

6162. Are you a voter in this city?—Yes.

6163. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes, I was.

6164. And at any previous election?—Only one.

6165. Which election was that?—I cannot exactly say, I think it was Sir Samuel Bignold's.

6166. Were you in the market room?—Yes.

6167. Do you recollect Sir Henry Stracey coming in?—I do, well.

6168. And after he had left some time, do you recollect Hunt, the fowl dealer, coming into the room again?—Yes, I do.

6169. Now we hear that Hunt made a proposition to the people there about 5*s.*?—That I cannot say, for I was very ill that day, I broke a blood vessel, and I sat against the door and slept a good deal.

6170. Do you recollect when they adjourned to go upstairs?—Yes, I do.

6171. A number of people followed you upstairs, did they not?—I did not go up for a long while, I sat on the chair.

6172. Did you not go upstairs into the room with Smith and Hunt?—No, I went on the top of the landing.

6173. Do you recollect Hunt and Smith going into the bagatelle room?—Well, I cannot say, sir, I went on the landing.

6174. But did you not go into the room where Hunt and Smith were?—Yes, on the landing.

6175. Did you change some money for Hunt?—Not one farthing, neither had I any money only 1*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

6176. Were you sober?—I was quite sober, but I was very ill.

6177. How many people went upstairs with you?—There might be four or five when I got up.

6178. Did you not go into the room where they went?—I went in the passage, that is, what they call a room.

6179. Well then, were Hunt and Smith in this room or passage?—Hunt was there, but not Smith.

6180. Did you see Hunt paying some money to the men?—Not a farthing.

6181. Did you hear anything said about money?—They were asking one another if they would take 5*s.* each, but I never saw any money paid. I turned round and came back again; at a quarter before 3 I went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey, and I did not go back any more until about half-past 3.

6182. What did you get for voting?—7*s.* 6*d.*, but I had voted previously to getting the 7*s.* 6*d.*

6183. Who paid you?—Hunt; he was very tipsy.

6184. When did he pay you?—He paid me when I came back from voting.

6185. How many people had left the house and voted before you?—There might be three or four, but who they were I do not know.

6186. You know the people who frequent your brother's house, I suppose?—I know several of them to see, but I do not know them all.

6187. Did you see the two Browes there?—No, I did not see one of them.

6188. Do you know Blanchflower or Browes?—I never knew them until the other day.

6189. You went up and voted at the time you say; who went with you?—No one, I went by myself; I never told anyone that I was going to vote.

6190. Where did Hunt pay you this 7*s.* 6*d.*?—On the low step on the landing.

6191. Where did he get the 7*s.* 6*d.* from?—I cannot say; I believe from what he said it was his own money, but I must leave that.

6192. Did he pay anyone else in your presence?—I did not see a farthing paid to anyone when I came back from voting; I saw no one there but a man of the name of Taylor, and I did not see Hunt pay him.

6193. But there were other people there besides Taylor when you came back?—Not when I came back; they were gone to vote, I believe.

6194. Do you mean to say you did not see other people in the house besides those two?—Not after I had voted, not after I came back.

6195. Was the house shut up?—No; but I mean in the room where we had been sitting.

6196. You had been sitting in the market room?—That is the market room.

6197. Do you mean to say there was not a number of people in there?—In the forenoon there was, before I voted.

6198. Were there no people in your brother's house in the afternoon of that day?—Not in the afternoon, there was only Taylor.

6199. Where did they go to?—They went and voted, I think.

6200. When the people came to your brother's house to drink, if they did not go into the market room where did they go?—They were in the front bar.

6201. How many will the front bar hold?—Thirty.

6202. Did you go into the front bar during that afternoon?—No, I do not think I did; I went up Trumpet Lane, into the side bar.

6203. How long did you remain there?—I daresay I was there an hour and a half. I saw no one there but Taylor.

6204. Where did you go to after that?—I went home and went to bed; I was very ill, I had broke a blood vessel.

6205. Had you no change?—I had not any, only 1*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, and that was money that I had sold some old clothes for; I had no money of anyone's.

6206. Was that in a purse?—That was in a purse.

6207. What sort of a purse?—A little leather purse.

6208. Was it not in a bag?—No, I had not such a thing.

6209. Did you get any money from the bar?—No, I did not, not a farthing.

6210. I suppose that having broken a blood vessel you did not drink?—Well, I dared not drink that day, but I have drunk a great deal in my time.

6211. Now do you mean to swear that you did not change any money for Hunt that day?—Not one farthing for Hunt, nor yet for anyone else.

6212. Who told you that you should get 7*s.* 6*d.* for your vote?—No one.

6213. How came you, then, to get it?—Hunt was drunk and fell down against the corn bin; I picked him up and he gave me 7*s.* 6*d.*

6214. For picking him up?—Yes.

6215. Do you really mean to tell me that he gave you 7*s.* 6*d.* for picking him up?—He did.

6216. Did you return it to him when he was sober?—I did not.

6217. Did you think that was what you ought to have for picking up a man when he was drunk?—I did; if I had not kept it someone else would have got it.

6218. Therefore you virtuously kept it, to prevent it getting into bad hands?—I kept it myself; he said, "You may have it."

JOHN BROWES, junior, recalled. *J. Browes, jun.*

6219. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We have carefully considered the matters relating to yourself and your father, and it is impossible to believe the statement which you have made that you voted purely at that election. Your conduct is utterly inconsistent with one's own experience of human action, and with ideas which one derives from the fact that you were at the "Trumpet," that money was going there, that you had abstained from voting until half-past 3, and then went up and voted, having just left the "Trumpet."

BENJAMIN QUINTON sworn and examined. *B. Quinton.*

6220. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A tailor.

6221. Who did you vote for at this last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

6222. At what hour of the day?—Within 10 minutes past 8.

6223. What were you doing the rest of the day?—At my business.

6224. Were you not about the town at all?—I was not.

6225. Or at any public house?—No.

6226. Who canvassed you for your vote?—No one.

6227. Had you been asked?—No.

6228. Have you heard of anybody having asked for money on this occasion for voting?—I have not.

6229. Have you been long in the town?—No, sir, I am a small master for myself.

6230. Have you voted at the previous elections here?—Yes, for about 36 years.

6231. And always for the Tory candidates?—Always.

6232. Did you hear of any improper practices at this election?—I have not.

6233. Not during the election?—I was not in the election, and I never saw anything of the kind at all. I never interfered with the election after I voted.

WILLIAM TURNER sworn and examined. *W. Turner.*

6234. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A tailor and shopkeeper.

6235. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6236. For whom?—Stracey.

6237. Were you canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

6238. By whom?—I cannot tell who it was now, I am sure I forget.

6239. Were you offered anything for your vote?—No.

6240. And I suppose you took nothing for it?—No.

6241. Were you at any public houses during the day?—No; that is a thing I do not accustom myself to.

6242. You worked in the morning?—Yes.

6243. You voted, then went home and had your dinner?—Yes.

6244. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of any person receiving or being paid money at this election?—None.

6245. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Or being offered money?—No, none.

6246. (*Mr. Biron.*) You did not take much interest in it, I presume?—No.

JOHN FREEMAN sworn and examined. *J. Freeman.*

6247. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where do you live?—Curtis' Buildings, Thorn Lane.

6248. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

6249. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

6250. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

6251. What time of the day?—Between 3 and 4.

6252. Where had you been all the day?—Well, sir, I had a job of work which I was forced to do, and could not get away.

6253. Where?—At my own home.

6254. Had you not been asked to vote?—Yes.

6255. By whom?—Mr. Green and one of the Mr. Morgans.

6256. Had you promised your vote?—No.

6257. Why did you not promise?—Well, I found I should be engaged that day, so I did not think I should be able to get away.

6258. Why did you think that?—Because I knew my job would last longer.

6259. But the job was at your own house?—Yes, but I could not get away while the job was pending.

6260. How far is your house from the polling booth?—I suppose about 200 or 300 yards.

6261. Do you mean to say that you could not afford time to go 200 yards to the polling place, and you thought that days before? Do let us have the truth from one man at least in the city.—That is the truth.

6262. Why did you think that you could not vote three or four days before?—I was not asked until the day before the election.

6263. Who had been to your house in the course of the day?—No one.

6264. Had you seen anybody that day?—No, not that day at all. Not on the election day.

6265. Nobody came and fetched you to the poll?—No.

6266. Did you receive no money for your vote?—No.

6267. Or no promise of money?—No.

6268. From nobody?—No.

6269. Did nobody offer you any money?—No.

JOHN GALLARD sworn and examined. *J. Gallard.*

6270. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A cooper.

6271. Did you vote?—I did not vote at all, sir.

6272. Were you asked to vote?—Yes.

6273. By whom?—Mr. Betts and Mr. Maitland for the Whig party, and Mr. Stevens and Mr. Parker for the Tory party.

6274. Why did it not suit you to vote?—A few days before they got up a petition for Mr. Harvey to come forward; I signed my name to that, and as

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Mr. Harvey did not come forward I did not feel inclined to vote.

6275. Is Mr. Harvey a friend of yours?—No; but he is a citizen.

6276. (*Mr. Biron.*) He is a banker, is he not?—Yes.

6277. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) He was the man you wanted to support?—That is the man I should have supported if he had come forward.

6278. Have you heard anything about improper practices at this election?—I have heard people talk, but I saw nothing of them. I did not go from home the whole day. I was asked by these people and I told them distinctly I should not vote for anyone, and as to a farthing of money being given or taken I never heard anything of it, only in the common way, that there was money given.

6279. Were you a voter at previous elections?—Yes; I voted for Mr. Waters at the previous election, and the reason I voted for him was because I thought the party who had brought him forward treated him very unhandsomely. He was speechifying about the street late at night, and I voted for him on the following day, and previously to that I voted with the Whig party.

6280. You were going backwards and forwards?—I never voted but once on the Tory side, but previous to that I voted Whig, but I made up my mind to vote for nobody no more, because I thought there was six of one and half a dozen of the other.

6281. Who did you vote for at the election of 1865?—Was that the Bury and Schneider election, pray sir? I did not always vote at every general election. I am not in any way an electioneering man at all. I do not study anything about politics myself.

6282. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you recollect Sir Samuel Bignold standing?—Yes, and Bury and Schneider were in opposition. I voted for Bury and Schneider, I think.

6283. Do you recollect the election when Lewis and Forlonge, and Warner and Russell were the candidates?—Well, I voted on the Whig side then. I thought that was Bury and Schneider, but I did not keep any account.

6284. That was the previous election?—Then I did not vote at that election.

6285. Do you know of any corrupt practices at either of these elections?—No.

G. A. Quinton.

George Alfred Quinton sworn and examined.

6286. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A little master tailor.

6287. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6288. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

6289. Had you been canvassed before?—No.

6290. Had you voted at former elections?—At all elections since I have had a vote.

6291. Did you always vote Conservative?—Always.

6292. Did you take any active part in this last election?—No.

6293. Did you canvass other people?—No.

6294. Were you offered anything for your vote?—No.

6295. Did you get anything?—No.

6296. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of your own knowledge of any corrupt practices at the last election?—No.

6297. Did you vote at the elections of 1860 and 1865?—Yes.

6298. Do you know of anything wrong then?—No.

6299. You never did anything wrong yourself, I suppose?—No; in fact when I voted I went home directly I had voted. I was not away three-quarters of an hour, and when I go I generally go back to work directly.

6300. You did not trouble yourself about other people?—No; I have too much to do at home.

W. Read.

William Read sworn and examined.

6301. (*Mr Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

6302. Were you canvassed by anyone?—No; there was a party came round to my house, but I was not at home myself at all.

6303. Were you about during the day of the election?—No; I only came home in the morning, and I just went up to the market and back. I came from Peterborough that same morning.

6304. Were you employed on the railway?—Yes.

6305. You had to go back to your business?—Yes.

6306. During the day of the election did you hear of any money being offered?—No.

6307. Was any offered to you?—No.

6308. Did you offer money to anybody else?—No.

6309. Did you hear of anything of the sort being done at the last two elections?—I never heard anything.

W. Taney.

William Taney sworn and examined.

6310. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a fishmonger.

6311. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6312. For whom?—Sir William Russell.

6313. What time in the day did you vote?—I think I voted between 2 and 3 o'clock.

6314. Why did you not vote earlier?—I was after my business, that is the reason I did not vote.

6315. You were about your business in the morning?—Yes.

6316. Were you canvassed?—No, I was not. I always voted a Whig.

6317. How many elections have you voted at before?—I suppose I have been a freemen for 35 years.

6318. And always voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

6319. Did you get any money?—No, I did not.

6320. Or were you offered any?—I never had any offered me at all.

6321. At the two last elections?—Yes, at the two last elections. I voted for Warner and Russell at the elections previous to the last election.

6322. But in the election before that, who did you vote for?—Just the same. I think it was Warner and Russell, but I cannot recollect now.

6323. Did you get anything on those occasions?—No. I never got anything in my life. I never asked for anything, and I never had anything offered me.

F. Widdows.

Francis Widdows sworn and examined.

6324. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—I am my own master. I am a professional singer, and likewise a dog-breaker.

6325. Being your own master what do you employ yourself about?—As a professional gentleman, to go to dinners, and sing at the "Royal."

6326. What do you sing?—I am a sentimental singer at different dinners.

6327. You are a comic singer?—No, quite sentimental.

6328. Are you a freeman?—I was born a freeman.

6329. And you vote as a freeman?—I always voted as a freeman.

6330. For whom did you vote at the last election?—My friend Stracey. I gave him a plumper.

6331. Had you promised your vote beforehand?—No. A gentleman came canvassing to me, and I found he was on the Tory principle. Of course when he came I asked him to have a piece of dinner with me, but had the other party come I should have said "No, I don't want you."

6332. Who were the persons who canvassed you for the Conservative party?—One was what they call a grocer. He lives close to the "White Hart."

6333. Did you promise your vote?—Yes, when they came I said "A plumper for Stracey."

6334. And you carried out your promise?—I did so. After I had voted I saw the gentleman, and I said "Now I have been and done what I told you I "would, I have given Mr. Stracey a plumper. If you "don't believe it come to the polling place and see," and he came and saw "So and so, Stracey."

6335. Did you get any money for your vote?—No, I had to treat him with a glass of ale. After I had voted I treated my man that came and canvassed me with a glass of ale.

6336. (*Mr. Biron.*) You reversed the order of nature?—I asked him directly I voted.

6337. You being a voter bribed the canvasser, did you?—Yes, it was after I had voted that I did this.

6338. You were a voter at the previous elections in 1860 and 1865?—Yes.

6339. Do you know of anybody receiving or giving money for votes at these elections?—I don't know anything further than Stormont and Scarlett's election. I should like to have had a vote then. There was money going on then. I should have liked to have had a vote.

6340. In 1860 Warner and Russell, and Lewis and Forlonge were the candidates, and in 1865 Warner and Russell, and Goldsmid and Waters were the candidates. Do you remember how you voted then?—I voted for Waters.

6341. When Lewis and Forlonge where the Conservative candidates, for whom did you vote?—Not at all.

6342. Did anybody give you anything not to vote at that election?—No.

6343. Did anybody give you anything to vote in 1865 when you voted for Waters?—No; I was employed then as leader of the band, as bandmaster. I led the band round the city.

6344. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Being bandmaster of course you were paid?—Of course I got paid among the band for my business.

6345. You were not bandmaster in 1860 then?—No, only when Waters was there.

6346. Were you bandmaster upon the last occasion?—No.

6347. Were there bands at the last election?—Oh yes, certainly there were.

6348. Who had bands?—The Whigs. They came out a little two early. They played their tune too early.

6349. The Whigs had a band?—Yes, they came came out too early; then the Tories followed them.

6350–1. I suppose you were not bandmaster upon the Radical side?—Not likely.

6352. How came you not to be bandmaster?—I was in a public house enjoying a glass of grog, so they engaged another party.

6353. They engaged a bandmaster beforehand?—I was too clever; you understand what I mean by being too clever, I got a glass too much. I could not go round with them because I should perhaps have made a fool of myself; that is the truth of it.

6354. Were you asked to be bandmaster?—No, not on this occasion. At Waters' election I was.

6355. You said you would have been the bandmaster if you had not made a fool of yourself?—Yes; I got a little drink extra.

6356. Had they spoken to you about being bandmaster, or going with the band?—No, nothing of the kind.

6357. You had not been queer for so long a time that they could not speak to you beforehand about it?—They did not speak to me at this election about it at all. At Waters' they did.

6358. Did you speak to them about it?—No, nothing of the kind.

6359. You did not get queer until the day of the election, did you?—I could not help it, you know. I was so pleased to think my Conservative party was getting in comfortable; it caused me to have a glass extra.

6360. They were all behind till 1 o'clock, you know?—According to some people they were, but they finished well. It came out all right. I thought it would.

6361. You had confidence that it would?—I didn't wait till 4 o'clock till I voted. I voted at the proper hour.

6362. You were sober enough then?—Yes, and told them my address. I spoke to them as sober as to you now.

6363. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did anybody pay for the drink you had?—No; I paid for my own drink, and asked others to drink as well. I can't keep an account of how many glasses I took.

FREDERICK ADAMSON sworn and examined. *F. Adamson.*

6364. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A carrier.

6365. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

6366. Had you been canvassed by anybody?—Parker, the grocer, in Ber Street; he came at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, after I had voted; so I never saw him.

6367. Did he offer you anything?—No.

6368. Did anybody offer you anything with regard to this election?—No.

6369. Or at either of the last two elections?—No; I had not a vote till this election.

6370. Have you heard of any money being taken or offered at this election by any party?—Not a halfpenny; not one.

6371. Had you promised Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

6372. When did you promise him?—A fortnight before the time.

6373. To whom did you give that promise?—To the grocer.

GEORGE ALDEN sworn and examined. *G. Alden.*

6374. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A plane maker.

6375. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6376. Had you promised your vote before?—No.

6377–8. Had you been canvassed before?—Not personally.

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6379. Have you voted on former occasions ?—No.

6380. Did you receive any money for your vote ?—No.

6381. Were you offered any money for your vote ?—No.

6382. Do you know anything about bribery at this last election ?—No, I don't.

6383. After you had polled, what did you do ?—Took a walk up Ber Street.

6384. At what time did you get home ?—Half an hour after about, and got my breakfast.

6385. Did you then stay at your work ?—No ; I walked about the chief of the day.

6386. Did you see anything of corrupt practices ?—No.

6387. You did not see any men hanging about ?—No ; there were people walking about like myself.

6388. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you any promise of any kind made to you ?—No.

C. Bland.

COLLISON BLAND sworn and examined.

6389. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you ?—Ostler at the "Bell" hotel.

6390. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

6391. Were you a voter before the last election ?—No.

6392. For whom did you vote ? — Sir Henry Stracey.

6393. At what time in the day ?—Half-past 3, I believe.

6394. How far was the polling place from the "Bell" ?—I cannot tell you at all. From the "Bell," Scole's Green, not more than 400 or 500 yards.

6395. Did not anybody come and press you to go up and vote ?—No.

6396. Did anybody come and ask you to go up when you did go up ?—My master asked me if I had voted.

6397. When ?—He came to me in the stable yard.

6398. What time in the day was that ?—That would be about that time.

6399. What did he say then ?—He said, "Are you "going to vote ?" I said, "Yes ; I think there is "time enough yet."

6400. Did you not tell him you did not think it was worth while voting unless you had something for it ?—No.

6401. Nothing of that sort ?—Nothing of that sort.

6402. Are you sure nothing of that sort ?—I am sure nothing of that sort.

6403. Did you think if you kept out that you were to have something ?—No, I did not wish for anything.

6404. There was plenty of time for you to have gone up to vote before half-past 3 o'clock ?—No, there was not. Then I had to seek a man to stop in my place while I went.

6405. Are you sure that you did not receive anything or the promise of anything for your vote ?—No, I did not.

6406. Not a promise of beer or drink, or anything of that sort ?—No, not even "Thank you."

W. Brewster.

WILLIAM BREWSTER sworn and examined.

6407. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A plumber and painter.

6408. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Russell and Tillett.

6409. Have you ever voted before in this city ?—Never before.

6410. Had you a vote before ?—No.

6411. What time in the day did you vote ?—Between 1 and 2.

6412. Why did not you vote earlier in the day ?—I went up between 8 and 9, and the polling place was too full. I could not lose time to vote at that time, and I went in the dinner hour between 1 and 2.

6413. Were you at work that day ?—Yes.

6414. Did anybody ask you to vote that day ?—No.

6415. Or the day before ?—No.

6416. Had you been canvassed at all ?—Yes.

6417. By whom ?—By Mr. Parker.

6418. Had you promised to vote ?—No, I promised no one.

6419. Why did you not promise ?—I never do promise.

6420. Why ?—Because promises are like pie-crusts, made to be broken.

6421. Did anybody offer you anything for your vote ?—No.

6422. Are you certain of that ?—Quite certain.

6423. Did you hear of any money going at this election ?—I am not aware of any.

6424. What became of you after you had voted ?—I went to my work again.

6425. Did anybody accompany you to the poll ?—No.

J. Brighty.

JOHN BRIGHTY sworn and examined.

6426. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ? — A blacksmith.

6427. Did you vote as a freeman or an occupier ?—I am only an occupier.

6428. At all events you have a vote ?—Yes, I gave a vote.

6429. For whom ?—For Russell and Tillett.

6430. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No, I did not want anything. I gave it with a free good will.

6431. Had you been canvassed before ?—Yes.

6432. By whom ?—By Mr. Parker, in Ber Street. He came and canvassed my vote for Mr. Stracey.

6433. What did you tell him ?—I never give him an answer. I said I should not vote for him.

6434–5. Were you canvassed by the Liberals at all ?—Yes, Mr. Betts and some other gentleman whom I had never knowed. Two gentlemen came twice, and I promised faithfully I would give it.

E. Dawson.

EDWARD DAWSON sworn and examined.

6436. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city ?—I am.

6437. Did you vote at the last election ?—I did.

6438. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

6439. At what time in the day did you vote ?—About 2 or half-past 2.

6440. How came you to vote so late ?—Because I told the canvassing men that I should not promise my vote to anybody, because I had connexions with both parties, therefore I should not vote at all.

6441. Having given that answer to them, what induced you at half-past 2 to go up and vote ?—Mr. Tillett's party came up about 11 or 12 to know if I had voted. I said, "No, I told you "in the first instance I should not vote at all." He said, "It's time you had." I said, "That's as I "like." "It's not," he said ; "you can't do as you "like." I said, "I shall do as I please. Now I "shall vote."

6442. (*Mr. Biron.*) They put your back up?—They did.

6443. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Then you voted for Stracey?—I said, "I have not been out, and very "likely I shall not." I had not stirred out till that time, and I did not like what they told me.

6444. Did you receive any money or any promise of money?—No.

6445. (*Mr. Biron.*) You did not want to offend either side?—Neither. I took no interest in either party, not at all.

HENRY DRAKE sworn and examined. *H. Drake.*

6446. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

6447. For whom did you vote at this last election?—Mr. Tillett.

6448. At what hour of the day did you vote?—Between 1 and 2.

6449. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Maitland, of the cook-shop, was one.

6450. Where do you work?—At Mr. Colman's.

6451–2. Why did you not vote earlier in the day?—Because I was walking about at my own pleasure.

6453. Was anything offered to you for your vote?—No, not anything.

6454. Nothing promised?—No, not anything.

6455. Had you heard of any money going at this election?—No, not anything of the sort.

6456. You were not a voter at the last elections?—No, only at this one.

6457. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you been canvassed by Mr. Womersley?—No.

6458. Do you know Mr. Womersley?—Yes.

6459. Had you made up your mind to vote for Mr. Tillett?—Yes; I had thoroughly made up my mind to vote for Mr. Tillett.

6460. You knew that Tillett and Russell were standing in the same interest?—Yes, I was well aware of that.

6461. Then how came you to vote for Tillett alone?—Because it was my principle. I didn't wish to split my vote at all.

6462. Yes, but you would not split your vote when there are two members, and you are voting for two on the same side?—Yes, but I told you before I had thoroughly intended to vote for Mr. Tillett, and him alone. I cannot say any more.

6463. How came you to vote so late in the day?—I was about with a workshop friend or two of mine, and I did not intend to vote not till 1 or 2.

RUFUS FOLKARD sworn and examined. *R. Folkard.*

6464. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A smith.

6465. A journeyman?—Yes.

6466. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6467. For whom?—Mr. Tillett.

6468. At what time did you vote?—Twenty minutes to 4.

6469. Why did you put it off till 20 minutes to 4?—I don't know. I was out with a few friends, like, enjoying myself during the day. So I polled off rather late.

6470. What is your notion of enjoying yourself? Did you go to any beershops?—I was looking round to seeing people about, and that like.

6471. Drinking and smoking, I suppose?—Sometimes having a glass and smoking.

6472. Where did you have your glass?—At the "Lord Nelson," at Timberhill. That is close to where my voting place was.

6473. Where else?—Sometimes in the market, at the "Waterloo," to have a glass.

6474. How many public houses did you go into in the course of the day?—Three or four.

6475. Give me the names of the public houses?—The "Lord Nelson" and the "Waterloo." I had a glass there. I saw nobody, except in the ordinary way, people standing in the bars taking glasses and smoking.

6476. Did you hear anything about taking money for voting?—I never heard anything of that. I thought I should like to be paid for my day's work. That's all.

6477. And you went about to look if you could get money for your day's work?—Yes, that's it.

6478. You did not come across anybody ready to give it?—No.

6479. Did you ask anybody?—No.

6480. Would you have voted for the other side if you were paid for your day's work?—No.

6481. You would have stuck to Tillett?—Yes.

6482. But you would sooner have had your day's work paid for than you would have voted without money?—Of course.

6483. Did you see Womersley during the day?—No.

6484. Do you know him?—I don't know the gentleman.

6485. Did you see anybody, any Liberal supporter?—No.

6486. What made you go to the "Lord Nelson"?—I only went in there casually, as I happened to be about.

6487. Did you look about you?—I didn't think about it there. I didn't look about there.

6488. Where did you think was the place that was likely to turn up trumps?—The place where I should go to poll.

6489. Had you gone to any polling place before, earlier in the day?—No.

6490. Did you not tell anybody what you wanted?—No. I thought that was best kept to myself.

6491. Had you voted before?—No.

6492. How did you expect to get the day's work. There is nothing in your face to tell people that you want to get a day's work?—I thought if there was anything to get I should like a little.

6493. Did not you ask any other men, "Is there "money going?"—I might say such a thing. I don't know.

6494. I should think you would. That was what was on your mind up to a quarter to 4. You might ask, "Who is going to pay me?"—I did'nt say that.

6495. Did not you hint it to anybody?—I don't know that I did.

6496. Did you say, "I shan't vote till later on"?—I made that up in my mind like that. When it got to 20 minutes to 4 I thought I would go and vote.

6497. That would be only giving them a very mild hint. Did anybody ask you whether you had voted?—No.

6498. Did not anybody say, "Come, have you not "voted?"—No, it seemed as if I hadn't a vote.

6499. You had not your Sunday clothes on?—No.

6500. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You got beer at these houses?—No, not but what I paid for.

6501. A little besides?—No, not any.

RICHARD HARDIMENT sworn and examined. *R. Hardiment*

6502. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

6503. Have you ever been a voter before?—No.

6504. Are you in the employ of the railway company?—Yes.

6505. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

SIXTH DAY.

R. Hardiment.

25 Aug. 1869.

6506. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—They came round, but I never promised my vote to anyone.

6507. Were you asked for your vote on the day ?—On that day ? No.

6508. Did you see anybody about your vote that day before you went up to vote ?—I never see anybody that came up and asked me for a vote that day at all.

6509. Had anybody done or said anything to induce you to vote that way ?—No.

6510. You voted that way entirely of your own accord and your own opinion ?—Yes.

6511. Did you receive any money or the promise of any money for your vote on that occasion ?—Not the least.

6512. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you say that you were not canvassed ? — Not on that day. They came round to my house, but it was before the day of the election.

6513. Did they only come round once ?— Each party came round to my house.

6514. And you were away ?—I was away.

W. Jeffries.

William Jeffries sworn and examined.

6515. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A wheelwright.

6516. For whom did you vote at this last election ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

6517. Were you about at any of the public houses that day ?—No.

6518. Did anybody offer you any money for your vote ?—No.

6519. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—Yes.

6520. By whom ?—Mr. Parker.

6521. Did you promise your vote ?—No.

6522. Why did you not ?—I said I didn't promise anybody, and I did not know that I should vote at all.

6523. Why did you say that ?—I said I might be at work somewhere, and if so, I should not come home to vote.

6524. Did you vote for Stracey, or Stracey and Russell, do you recollect ?—Stracey alone.

6525. Did you hear of any money going at this election ?—No.

6526. None was offered to you ?—No.

J. Mallett.

Jacob Mallett sworn and examined.

6527. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A rivetter.

6528. Did you vote at the last election ? — Yes.

6529. For whom ?—Russell and Tillett.

6530. Had you been canvassed ?—Yes ; about three weeks before the election.

6531. By whom ?—Mr. Maitland.

6532-3. Did you promise your vote ?—Yes.

6534. Did you get any money for your vote ? — No.

6535. Or a promise of money ? — Nor yet any promise.

W. Neal.

William Neal sworn and examined.

6536. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you ?—A cork cutter.

6537. Were you a voter at the last election ?—Yes.

6538. Had you ever had a vote before ? — No.

6539. For whom did you vote ? — Sir Henry Stracey.

6540. Had you been canvassed ?—Yes.

6541. When ?—About a fortnight previous to the election.

6542. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

6543. Why did you not promise your vote ?—I did not know exactly which way I should vote at that time.

6544. You did not know which way you would vote ?—No, I had not decided which way I should vote.

6545. You hardly knew which way the wind blew ?—I was not thinking about that.

6546. Why did you not know which way you wished to vote ; you have an idea of which is the right state of things ?—No, I never interested myself about it.

6547. You have no political opinions at all ?—No.

6548. Having no political principles, what decided you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—That being the dinner hour I went and voted at that time.

6549. What made you vote that way ?—I had no particular interest in voting that way, but I had an idea that Stracey was the best man of the three.

6550. Did you receive any money ?—No.

6551. Or the promise of any money for your vote on that occasion ?—None.

6552. No promise of employment or anything of the sort ?—None.

C. Osborn.

Charles Osborn sworn and examined.

6553. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—Corn merchant and publican.

6554. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

6555. By whom had you been canvassed ?—I had not been canvassed. I went voluntarily.

6556. Have you voted at several elections ?—Yes ; many years.

6557. Always on that side ?—Not always on that side.

6558-9. Which way did you vote the time before ?—It was for Warner, I think ; Warner and Russell, I think.

6560. Did you give a promise to any one ?—No.

6561. In 1860 did you promise your vote to anybody ?—No.

6562. Then you gave it to Russell ?—Yes, I went voluntarily, the same as I did this time.

6563. How came you to change your politics this time ?—I did not approve of Tillett.

6564. But that does not account for your deserting Sir William Russell ?—No ; I preferred Sir Henry Stracey to either of them.

6565. Sir William Russell appears to be an old friend ?—Probably he may ; you can change your mind if you like.

6566. You might have voted for your old friend ?—I thought proper to change it this time, and I gave it to Sir Henry Stracey.

6567. Had you any reason for changing it ?—It was my opinion.

6568. Was there any offer or promise made to you for your vote this time ?—No.

6569. Are you quite sure of that ?—Yes.

6570. Have you heard of any promise being made this time to anybody ?—No.

ROBERT POWLEY sworn and examined.

6571. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.

6572. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6573. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

6574. At what time did you vote?—I think something about 2 o'clock.

6575. What public house do you keep?—The "Jolly Farmers," on the Castle Hill.

6576. Were there any men at your house that day drinking?—No.

6577. Nobody at your house?—No.

6578. Not on the election day?—No, I never had. I never was an electioneering man, but I voted this time.

6579. I asked you whether there were not men in your house drinking?—No, not to the best of my knowledge. I never see nobody.

6580. You never drew a pint of beer on the election day?—Oh, I do not know; there might be some one come in and have some beer, but not for electioneering purposes.

6581. I asked you if there were any men drinking in your house?—I do not know; I forget about that. I think there was. I do not know exactly about that. There might be somebody come in. I were not at home only perhaps an hour in the day sometimes.

6582. Do you mean to say you were not at home, or that you were at home?—I was at home perhaps at a chance time. My business does not lay in the house, but about the hay and corn trade.

6583. I ask you a plain question, were there any men at your house drinking?—There might be, but I do not know who was or who was not.

6584. Were you at home or not?—I do not know. There might be somebody drinking there. I do not know.

6585. You need not tell me there "might" be. I ask you whether there were or were not any men drinking there?—I cannot say. Perhaps I wern't at home very little time. I wern't at home very little on the election day. Sometimes I was within doors, sometimes I was not.

6586. Were you in and out of the house?—Yes.

6587. And your business is to draw beer?—I do not interfere with that; my missus does. There were some people that came in during the course of the day.

6588. Just tell me who was in the house during that day?—It is impossible for me to do that.

6589. Were you drunk yourself?—I might be. I drink more out of the house than in, I know.

6590. Do you mean to say you were drunk at your own house?—I beg your pardon, I did not say no such thing.

6591. Were you drunk that day?—No, I wern't.

6592. Then you know perfectly well what happened at your own house.—I cannot tell. It is some time now. I cannot tell you what was drunk in the house that day.

6593. Had you been canvassed before?—No.

6594. What made you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I do not know, I am sure. That I cannot tell you.

6595. Were any men having beer at your house that day?—There might be some, I do not know who was there no more than the dead.

6596. Were any people there?—I think it is very likely there was some in. I cannot say.

6597. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You manage your own business, do you not?—I do; at least, I and my missus do it together. She manages the indoor business.

6598. Upon that day did you take any money for beer in your house?—I never take any money in the house.

6599. Did your wife take any?—I think very likely she did.

6600. Was it an unusually good day with you, or was it an ordinary day?—I do not suppose I took a shilling extra on account of the election. I hardly ever do.

6601. Were they only your regular customers that were in your house?—That is my opinion.

6602. In the ordinary course of your business?—Yes, that is all.

JOHN PRATT sworn and examined.

6603. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city?—Yes.

6604. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6605. For whom did you vote?—Tillett and Russell.

6606. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

6607. Had you promised your vote?—Well, sir, I said I was ready. I did not want no canvassing. I knew who I should vote for.

6608. Did you receive any promise or any money whatever for your vote?—No.

ROBERT REVELL sworn and examined.

6609. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a shopkeeper.

6610. Did you vote at this election?—No.

6611. Have you voted before?—No.

6612. Have you a vote?—Yes.

6613. Had you been canvassed by anybody?—I think I was by Mr. Tillett, I think.

6614. You refused to vote for anybody?—I did not vote at all.

6615. Why did you refuse to vote for anybody?—The reason I did not vote is, I was employed by the Liberal party three days before the election at the central committee room, and I was paid for that; therefore I thought it best not to vote.

6616. Have you heard of any improper practices at this last election?—Not at all.

6617. Or at the elections of 1865 or 1860?—I have never heard of any.

6618. You know nothing really of any improper practices?—No.

JOHN SMITH sworn and examined.

6619. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shopkeeper.

6620. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6621. For whom?—Russell and Tillett.

6622. Had you been canvassed?—I think I had a week or a fortnight before; a week I think.

6623. Had you promised your vote to anybody?—No, I always vote on one side.

6624. You have always voted Liberal?—Yes.

6625. Did you do so in 1865 and 1860?—Yes.

6626. Did you get anything for your vote this time?—No, I never care for it.

6627. Nor any promise?—No.

6628. Or on either of the former elections?—Nor on either of the former elections.

SIXTH DAY.

H. Stratman.

25 Aug. 1869.

HENRY STRATMAN sworn and examined.

6629. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

6630. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6631. For whom did you vote?—Tillett and Russell.

6632. What are you by business?—A cordwainer.

6633. What time did you vote?—About 12 o'clock.

6634. Had you been canvassed?—No.

6635. You promised your vote?—Yes.

6636. For Tillett and Russell?—Yes.

6637. And you carried out your promise?—Yes.

6638. Had you any money for your vote?—No.

6639. Or any promise of money for your vote?—No.

6640. Did you vote at the previous elections?—No, I never voted before.

C. Stubbs.

CHARLES STUBBS sworn and examined.

6641. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A poulterer.

6642. What time of the day did you vote?—Between 2 and 3, nearer 2 than 3.

6643. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

6644. Who canvassed you?—Not ne'er a one.

6645. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No, I am a strong Tory, so I do not think anybody would come and ask me for the Liberals.

6646. What is your reason for voting so late in the day?—Business.

6647. Strong politicians generally go early to give their men a start?—It was business that kept me away.

6648. How did you vote in 1865?—A Tory.

6649. In 1860?—I do not know whether I had a vote or not just then. If you run back I do not know.

6650. Have you always voted Tory in this city?—No.

6651. You have voted the other side sometimes?—Once I did.

6652. How do you account for your changing your views?—Little money matters.

6653. Have you transactions with Smith, the fowl dealer, for instance?—No.

6654. Nor Hunt, the fowl dealer?—No.

6655. Have you heard of any money going this election?—No, nor a glass of ale.

6656. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You said it was a money matter before?—Yes.

6657. Was that at the election of 1860 or 1865?—I do not know.

6658. I will give you the names of the candidates in 1860, Warner and Russell, and Lewis and Forlonge, were the candidates; and in 1865, Warner and Russell, and Goldsmid and Waters. Now you have said there was a little money matter that influenced you. Was it at either of those elections that the money matter affected you?—No, not either of them, it was before that, I think, and I think it was the time there was Bignold up.

6659. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Sir Samuel Bignold?—Yes.

6660. Was it Bignold and Bury?—Bignold and Lushington, I think it was.

6661. Now I must ask you was there any little money matter upon the last occasion?—No.

6662. Nothing of the sort in any way?—Nothing of the sort in any way.

6663. No promise?—No.

6664. No pressure?—No, not in any shape whatever.

6665. It was your own free will entirely that led you to vote?—My own free will.

6666. (*Mr. Biron.*) What did you get on that last occasion when you speak of the little money matter?—It was something about 5*l.*, I think.

W. Storey.

WILLIAM STOREY sworn and examined.

6667. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A plumber.

6668. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6669. For whom?—For Stracey and Russell.

6670. At what hour in the day did you vote?—I think between 12 and 1. I cannot remember exactly. Something like that, I think.

6671. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Both parties canvassed me, of course.

6672. And did you promise both parties?—No, not either.

6673. How came you to vote for Russell, who was a Liberal, and Sir Henry Stracey, who was a Tory?—I don't know for why; I did so.

6674. But you must have had a reason?—No reason at all; no intimidation at all.

6675. I am not talking about intimidation or bribery. You wanted to please both sides?—I pleased myself.

6676. Pleasing other people pleased you?—I pleased myself.

6677. Did you get any money?—No, not a farthing.

6678. Or any promise of it?—Nothing in the shape of it.

A. Sparks.

ALBION SPARKS sworn and examined.

6679. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you by trade?—A tailor.

6680. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

6681. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

6682. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

6683. Had you promised?—Well, not particular.

6684. Had you promised at all?—I promised my vote for Mr. Stracey.

6685. When you were canvassed?—When I was canvassed—yes.

6686. Did you receive any money?—Not any.

6687. Or did you receive any promise of money for voting at that election?—Not any.

6688. Were you a voter previously to the last election?—Not till this last election, I was not.

J. Stolworthy.

JOSEPH STOLWORTHY sworn and examined.

6689. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

6690. Did you vote at the last election?—I never voted at all.

6691. Have you ever voted—No.

6692. By whom were you canvassed?—I cannot tell you the names. There were two came.

6693. Did anybody offer you money?—No.

6694. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you asked to give your vote?—Yes; I told them I had not time.

6695. Were you standing out for money for your time?—No.

6696. Where do you live?—Orford Hill.

6697. The polling place was close to you?—Yes.

6698. Very well; now if you told them you had not time, that was a falsehood?—No, it was not. I was busy at my work.

6699. Surely you had time to go up to the polling place, 100 yards from you?—No, I had not. I had a certain quantity of work. I was forced to do it.

6700. You had plenty of time to go up to vote, surely?—No.

6701. Do you mean to say you had not time to go up 100 yards to give your vote?—If I did I should be too late for the shop.

6702. But you went home to dinner?—No; I work at home and live at home.

6703. Then are you your own master?—Yes, of course I am.

6704. Have you a wife?—Yes; and a family.

6705. You go out sometimes?—Very seldom, without it be of a Saturday night.

6706. When you go out who takes care of your place?—My wife.

6707. Why could not your wife take care of your place while you went out 100 yards to give your vote?—I told them I could not lose time for the vote.

6708. Was it not that you were standing out to get some money for the vote?—I did not want anybody to give me any. I told them I didn't want the vote.

6709. Was not your motive that you might get something for your vote?—No; I said I would not vote from the first.

6710. (*Mr. Biron.*) If anybody had given you your day's work, you would have voted?—I don't know that; I might have.

6711. When you said "I have not time to go," if a man said "I will give you 5*s.*," or something like that, whatever you earn a day, would you then have voted?—I might.

6712. You would have done it, of course?—I never had nothing offered me.

6713. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You would not vote unless you had?—No.

6714. (*Mr. Biron.*) But if you had had your day's work you would have gone and voted?—I said from the first that I would not vote.

6715. The plain English is—if you had got your day's work paid for you would have gone and voted?—I might have done it.

6716. Why cannot you say that? That is what you meant, and that is what everybody knows you mean; but it would be much more honest to say it; that is the English of it, is it not?—Yes.

JOHN SPENCER sworn and examined.

J. Spencer.

6717. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A gardener.

6718. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6719. For whom?—Tillett and Russell.

6720. Had you been canvassed?—No one ever asked me for my vote.

6721. Had you voted before on other elections?—Never.

6722. You are a Radical, I suppose?—I call myself a Radical. That's all I can say about it.

6723. Did you receive any money?—No.

6724. Nor yet any promise?—Nothing of the sort.

GEORGE TANEY sworn and examined.

G. Taney.

6725. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—Photographer.

6726. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

6727. For whom did you vote?—Russell.

6728. At what time did you vote?—Between 2 and 3.

6729. Had you been canvassed?—Yes, on several occasions.

6730. When were you canvassed?—Two or three days previous to the election.

6731. Who canvassed you?—There were many of them. I do not remember who.

6732. Did you promise your vote?—Yes.

6733. When you were first asked?—Yes.

6734. To whom did you promise your vote?—Russell.

6735. How came you to vote so late?—I was busy the fore part of the time.

6736. But you know that is very late in the day to poll for a man who promises his vote?—I had something better to do, perhaps.

6737. Had you promised Stracey as well?—No.

6738. Are you sure of that?—Positive.

6739. Do you mean to say that you had not promised Sir Henry Stracey a vote?—Exactly.

6740. Whom did you see on the part of Sir Henry Stracey?—I am sure I could not recollect that. There were several of them came in.

6741. Do not you know who came to you on the part of Sir Henry Stracey?—I cannot remember.

6742. Are you quite certain?—Yes, I am certain of it.

6743. Did you get anything to plump for Russell?—No.

6744. Did you get a promise of anything if you would plump?—No.

6745. Did you get anything at all to vote?—No.

6746. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

ISAAC MOWER THWAITES sworn and examined.

I. M. Thwaites.

6747. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—Decorative artist.

6748. Did you vote?—I didn't vote.

6749. Had you been asked to vote?—No; I was out of town.

6750. Had you voted at previous elections?—Yes.

6751. Had anything been offered to you to come and vote?—Not that I remember.

6752. But did anybody come and ask you to vote for either of these candidates at this last election?—No, I was out of town.

6753. How long before were you out of town?—About two months.

6754. When did you return?—About three months ago; I beg your pardon, I returned about Christmas time.

6755. You did not come home till after Christmas?—No.

6756. You were away the whole of the time?—Yes.

SIXTH DAY.

I. M. Thwaites.

25 Aug. 1869.

6757. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter before the last election ?—Yes.

6758. Were you a voter in 1860 ?—Yes.

6759. Were you a voter in 1865 ?—Yes.

6760. Did you upon either of those occasions receive any money for voting ?—No.

6761. Or the promise of any money ?—No.

JAMES UNDERWOOD sworn and examined.

J. Underwood.

6762. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you a voter ?—Yes.

6763. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

6764. When did you vote ?—Betwixt 1 and 2.

6765. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

6766. Had you been canvassed ?—No; I was not at home, if they canvassed me. I didn't see anybody.

6767. Where were you on the morning of the polling ?—At work.

6768. Were not you at any public house ?—No.

6769. Did you get any money for voting ?—No.

6770. Or the promise of money ?—None.

6771. Was anything said to you about voting ?—No.

6772. Not a word ?—No. I was at work all the day till I come home for dinner. That is the time I voted. I was not asked who I was going to vote for, nor anything.

6773. Who brought you up to the poll ?—Myself, when I got home to dinner.

4774. Was that your reason for waiting till then, your dinner hour ?—I had not an opportunity of voting before.

6775. Had you voted on former occasions ?—No.

A. J. Wilde.

AMIS JAMES WILDE sworn and examined.

6776. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you by business ?—A cordwainer.

6777. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Russell and Tillett.

6778. Had you been canvassed ?—Yes, at least I had the cards sent me.

6779. Did they ask you for your vote before the day ?—No, not personally.

6780. Did you go up of your own accord to the poll, or did somebody come and fetch you ?—I went of my own accord.

6781. Did you receive any money or the promise of any money for your vote ?—Not the slightest.

6782. Or did you receive any money after you had voted ?—No, not anything.

6783. Were you a voter before ?—That is the first vote I ever gave.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10.30.

SEVENTH DAY.

Thursday, 26th August 1869.

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T. Ellis.

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THOMAS ELLIS sworn and examined.

6784. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter ?—Yes.

6785. What are you by business ?—A fruit and potato salesman.

6786. Did you vote at the last election ?—I did.

6787. For whom did you vote ?—For Tillett and Russell.

6788. Had you promised your vote to anybody ?—No.

6789. Had you been canvassed ?—No, by nobody.

6790. You received no money or any inducement to vote ?—No ; nobody ever spoke to me about it.

6791. You went up voluntarily ?—Yes.

6792. Do you know Bone ?—I know Thomas Bone.

6793. Is he a greengrocer ?—Yes.

6794. Do you also know William Hunt ?—Yes.

6795. Do you recollect hearing a conversation between Hunt and Bone respecting the part which Hunt's brother had taken in the election ?—Yes.

6796. Can you tell me what it was that Hunt said respecting his brother ?—Yes, I will tell you to the best of my memory. Thomas Bone beckoned me from my stall to his one Saturday night when it was raining.

6797. Was it after the election ?—Yes.

6798. How long after the election ?—About a fortnight or three weeks, or it might be a month. I could not say to a day or a week. I recollect it rained that Saturday evening.

6799. You recollect the conversation ?—Yes. Thomas Bone had been speaking to him, and he called me to hear what he had to say. Bone was called away, and left, and then William Hunt told me about his brother, Arthur Hunt, being at the "Trumpet." He also told me about Sir Henry Stracey, Mr. Bignold, and Mr. Patteson going into the room where the men were. Smith, he spoke to them, also Hunt. He said they left there, and went into a room where he said there was two steps to go up.

6800. Did he say whether his brother had had any money or not ?—Yes, I will tell you the tale as he told it to me as well as I recollect.

6801. What did William Hunt say ?—He said that Mr. Stracey, and Mr. Bignold, and Mr. Patteson went into the room where the men were, and then the men said they would not vote without being paid for their day's work, and they left there and went into another room where there was two steps to go up, and then Smith he walked in and Arthur Hunt, and off the table Smith took 10*l.*, and gave it to Arthur Hunt, about 6*l.* of it, and with that he bought 16 voters at 7*s.* 6*d.* each; that is what his brother told me.

6802. Did he say where he had heard that ?—William Hunt told me more than once he had seen it all himself, and he was there, and saw Mr. Stracey, Mr. Bignold, and Mr. Patteson go into this room.

6803. Was it Sir Henry Stracey or Mr. Stracey ?—Sir Henry Stracey, the gentleman that put up for member for Norwich.

6804. You did not hear then what passed between

Hunt and Bone, but you came in consequence of Bone speaking to you, and saying that Hunt had been telling him something?—On the Saturday night before he had told it to Thomas Bone, and that night Bone beckoned me from my stall to his.

6805. Then was Hunt speaking to you and not to Bone?—He was talking to me then.

6806. Was Hunt at Bone's stall at that time?—Yes, he stood on my left.

6807. Where was Bone standing at that time?—He left then, and went away to a customer.

6808. So you did not hear what passed between Bone and Hunt, nor did Bone hear what passed between you and Hunt?—Not to the best of my knowledge; he might, but I do not like to say he did.

6809. Did William Hunt say anything more?—He said then that his brother, Arthur Hunt, had got 1*l.* for what he had done.

6810. Did he say anything about Smith, the fowl dealer?—That Samuel Smith, the fowl dealer, got 1*l.*

6811. Did he say at all where the money was got from?—No; just as he was coming to where the money was got from I had to leave. He said he could tell me that they laid the money down on the table.

6812. He did not mention then any names in connexion with the money?—He mentioned three or four names; he mentioned Fuller, the landlord of the public house; he said that he got 1*l.*

6813. Did he say how he knew it?—He said he saw it; and he said that Fuller's son-in-law or brother-in-law got 1*l.*

6814. (*Mr. Biron.*) Or brother?—It was either his son-in-law or his brother-in-law; I do not know which.

6815. You are sure the words were "in-law"?—Yes.

6816. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you know Fuller's brother-in-law?—I do not.

6817. Or his son-in-law?—No; I did not know Fuller till he was pointed out to me.

6818. Was that all the conversation that you had with him?—Yes, to the best of my knowledge. I do not recollect anything more.

6819. Were you about the city on the day of the election?—No, I never left St. Peter's, in the market.

6820. Did you see a number of men congregated together during the day?—I never saw so many people in my life before.

6821. Loitering about the streets and about the market place?—Yes, I had to take my stall out of the market that day. I never had to do it at any election before.

6822. Did any men offer you votes?—No.

6823. They might speak to you as being in the market, and they might ask you whether you were ready to stand any money or anything of that sort?—No, they never did.

6824. Were you a voter before?—No, that was my maiden vote.

James Lacon sworn and examined.

J. Lacon.

6825. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What time in the day did you vote?—At five minutes past 1.

6826. For whom did you vote?—For Russell and Tillett.

6827. Who canvassed you?—I think Maitland was one, and I do not know who the other was.

6828. What are you by trade?—Superintendent of Mr. Allen's cloth machines.

6829. Did you promise your vote to anybody?—No; I did not promise my vote to anyone.

6830. Did anybody offer you any consideration for your vote?—No.

6831. Do you know of any money going at the election?—No.

6832. You voted at dinner time?—Yes, I voted, and then went to dinner, and then I went to work again at 2 o'clock.

6833. This was your first time of voting?—Yes.

George Frederick Garnham sworn and examined.

G.F.Garnham.

6834. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A draper.

6835. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

6836. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

6837. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, certainly not.

6838. Or were you promised anything?—No.

6839. I believe you were rather an active supporter of Sir Henry Stracey's?—I did what I could for Sir Henry.

6840. You were a Conservative and took up his cause?—Yes.

6841. Was yours the fifth ward?—Yes.

6842. And did you confine yourself for the most part to your own ward?—Principally I did.

6843. I do not mean entirely; probably whenever you saw a man who you thought you could influence fairly you would endeavour to secure his vote, but in your own ward did you canvass?—I canvassed in my own ward, a portion of it.

6844. How many days were you engaged in canvassing?—Not days at all.

6845. On how many days did you canvass?—I went out in the evening twice.

6846. Only on two days?—That is all.

6847. Had you any canvassing books?—No, none at all.

6848. Did you make any memoranda on paper of the result of your canvass?—On paper I did.

6849. To whom did you give up those memoranda?—To Mr. Stockings, the managing man at our committee room.

6850. At the committee room?—Yes; after I had finished my canvass I passed them over to him.

6851. And left them with him, I suppose?—And left them with him.

6852. During your canvass did any of the men ask you for money?—Yes, they did, but I refused.

6853. Did they ask you for money when you asked them for their votes?—Several did.

6854. Can you give me the names of any of the men who did that?—No, I cannot.

6855. I mean the men in your ward?—There might have been two or three, not more certainly.

6856. You told me there were several?—Several is three.

6857. How did you conduct your canvass, did you go to men of whom you had had a previous knowledge?—I went from house to house among those I knew.

6858. What district did you canvass?—The hamlet of Eaton.

6859. That is a very small district, is it not?—It is a small parish about a mile and a half from Norwich.

6860. How many people do you suppose you canvassed there?—It might be 30 or it might be more, I cannot say.

6861. Did you see the voters themselves?—Yes, I did.

6862. You went in the evening, I suppose, in order that you might see them when they returned from their work?—I went after business was over; I did not canvass during the hours of business at all.

6863. Can you not give the names of any of the men who asked you for money?—No, I cannot, I should not know them. I should know the men, but should not know their names.

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6864. Should you know the houses where they live?—Yes, I think I should.

6865. Do you think you could get us their names?—I can give you two, two Adcocks.

6866. What did they want?—They said they should not come up and vote unless we gave them their day's pay, and I said we would not do that.

6867. I suppose that was the temper of most of them, they wanted a day's pay?—Those names that I have now mentioned did.

6868. And any of the others?—No.

6869. Did the others promise you at once, or did they hang back?—I do not think we had more than two who said they would vote against us.

6870. And what did the others say, did they say they had not made up their minds?—No, they said that possibly they might vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

6871. You told me that the two Adcocks said they would not vote unless they they had a day's pay?—No, they said it was not worth their while troubling themselves to come to Norwich to vote.

6872. I suppose you returned their names to the committee?—Yes, I returned their names with any information we got about them.

6873. How did you return the Adcocks?—They were returned doubtful.

6874. Did you not put "Want a day's pay"?—No.

6875. Did you mark the paper yourself?—I did.

6876. You did not yourself mark the register that was kept at the committee room?—No, I had nothing to do with that at all. I had nothing to do with the register; it was only my own piece of paper that I had.

6877. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) The paper you handed over to Stockings?—The paper I handed over to Stockings.

6878. (*Mr. Biron.*) You tell me that it was on two evenings you canvassed?—I canvassed on the election morning. I canvassed in our own ward.

6879. Did you start out from your own house, or from the committee room?—I was up and down in the committee room several times during the day.

6880. And then you went about your own ward?—Yes.

6881. At what hour did you commence?—I should think about 12 o'clock. I am not certain about the time.

6882. At that time you knew that Sir Henry Stracey was behind, did you not?—I knew that he wes behind then.

6883. Who did you canvass after 12 o'clock?—A party of the name of Prentice, at the "Mitre," and Bland, at the "Bell" hotel.

6884. Did Prentice promise his vote or not?—He came up with me and voted.

6885. Did he ask for anything—No.

6886. Did he say why he had not voted before?—No.

6887. What did you say to him?—I asked him to come up and vote, and he immediately put on his coat and walked with me.

6888. What is he?—An innkeeper.

6889. Now, the other man, Bland, what is he?—An ostler.

6890. What did you say to him?—He went and voted directly.

6891. Did you canvass anybody else?—I might have seen several during the morning, but on the election morning I did not go from house to house to canvass.

6892. But you took your chance of meeting voters in the city that you knew?—Yes.

6893. Can you give me the names of any of those you met and asked to vote?—No, I cannot give you the names.

6894. When you asked them to vote what was the answer you got; they were not very ready to vote, were they?—Those who voted for Stracey went up at once.

6895. But others were not very ready to go up?—I met with none of them at all.

6896. Did you not meet with any who were hanging back?—No.

6897. Did you not meet with any who said "I "shall not vote yet"?—No.

6898. Or, "I shall not vote till the afternoon"?—No.

6899. Did you meet with no men who were perfectly ready to be bribed?—No.

6900. Did you see men who gave you that impression?—There were two men I saw in the street.

6901. Where were they?—Up St. Stephen's.

6902. Whereabouts?—Near the committee room.

6903. What time was that?—About 2 or half-past 2, or something like that.

6904. What did you say to them?—I said I could not give them anything.

6905. What did you say to them first?—I asked them for their vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and they said they should not give it yet.

6906. You knew what that meant?—Well.

6907. You said they would get nothing out of you?—Yes; I said I would not give them anything, and I promised them nothing.

6908. Did they say anything after that?—No.

6909. Did you not see anybody else of the same temper that afternoon as those two men?—No, I do not remember it.

6910. Did you see men standing about with their voting cards in their hands?—No.

6911. Not anywhere?—I might see them, but I did not particularly notice them.

6912. That is a tolerable advertisement at 2 o'clock that a man has not voted, is it not?—They might have been standing with cards.

6913. But were they not?—I do not know.

6914. You told me that you thought you had seen them?—I saw those two men.

6915. But other men?—I saw lots of men standing about the streets all the afternoon.

6916. I asked you whether you did not see them standing about with cards in their hands?—I saw lots of men standing about.

6917. With cards in their hands?—I do not say I remember seeing cards in their hands.

6918. Or in their hats?—No.

6919. Did you not see men showing their cards?—No.

6920. Or holding them or carrying them so that persons could see perfectly well that they had not voted?—Not to the best of my knowledge; I do not remember it.

6921. You could hardly forget it, you know?—I do not remember it. When I saw any men belonging to our ward I asked for their votes. Lots of men I asked, whose names I do not know. I am very seldom out.

6922. Did those two men you mention, who asked you for money and said they would not vote without, belong to your ward?—They were in the fifth ward, very nearly opposite the committee room.

6923. Did you know them?—No.

6924. How was it that you came to ask them for their votes?—Some one said to me "Those are "voters," and I then asked them if they had voted, and they said they had not.

6925. On the day of the polling how many men did you pick up, do you think?—Do you mean to take to the poll?

6926. Yes.—Not one.

6927. How many did you induce or persuade to go to the poll?—On the day of the election I did not take any up.

6928. How many did you get to promise to vote?—I do not remember any promise on the election day, except Prentice, who went with me, and Bland.

6929. Were those the only two men you got to vote the whole day long ?—Those are the only two.

6930. How many did you try to get ?—Those that I saw standing about the streets.

6931. But how many, I ask you ?—None besides those two.

6932. You seem determined not to understand my question.—I quite understand your question.

6933. We have disposed of two men who you got to go up to the poll, Bland and Prentice; then, as you have already told me, anybody belonging to your ward that you knew you asked ?—Yes, so I did.

6934. How many were there ?—There might be 10 or 15.

6935. Did you canvass in that ward 15 men ?—I might have done so.

6936. Did you ?—I do not know how many, I might have asked 20.

6937. You might have asked 500 or 5000; my question is how many did you ask ?—I might have asked a dozen. I cannot tell how many.

6938. When you say you might, do you mean that you did ask a dozen ?—I do not know.

6939. Do you mean to tell me that you cannot tell within five or six how many you canvassed ?—I cannot say.

6940. Or within 20 ?—No.

6941. 30 ?—No.

6942. 40 ?—No, I cannot.

6943. Or 50 ?—No.

6944. Or 100 ?—No, I cannot.

6945. It is an astounding thing to me to hear a man of your position answer in that way; it is a most melancholy exhibition.—I asked those I saw.

6946. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Consider that you are now giving your evidence on your solemn oath.—I know I am.

6947. You are giving it to persons who possess common intelligence, and in the presence of a number of your own fellow citizens whose respect and esteem I should think you value, and when you give such an answer as that which you have just given it is almost an insult to the common sense of the gentlemen to whom it is addressed, and it is not at all calculated to impress, I should think, anyone of your fellow citizens with confidence in your statements.

6948. (*Mr. Biron.*) About how many people did you ask for their votes on that day ?—I say I might have asked 15 or 20, I do not know how many.

6949. About how many ?—I cannot tell you the number; I say I might have asked 15.

6950. Were you not very active on the polling day ?—I took an active part, no doubt.

6951. Were you not about the whole day long ?—From 12 o'clock.

6952. Were you not asking every voter you came against who you thought had not voted in your ward ?—Those that were pointed out to me I asked for their votes.

6953. Who was with you ?—Another party who canvassed with me.

6954. Who was he ?—Mr. Parker.

6955. You knew of people in your ward yourself, did you not ?—I have been six years a lodger. I know very little about the city. I do not know all the people in our ward.

6956. Was it Thomas or Frederick Parker who was with you ?—It was Frederick, in Ber Street.

6957. Being about there the whole of that day, do you mean to tell me you did not canvass more than 15 people ?—I do not think I did.

6958. You only brought two to the poll ?—No, Prentice and Bland. I do not know who the other men were.

6959. What did they say to you ?—They said they had not voted, but they did not ask me for money.

6960. I did not ask whether they asked you for money or not. I asked you what they said to you ?—They said they had not voted some of them. I do not remember at all what many of them said.

6961. Did they say whether they would vote or not ?—No, some of them did not.

6962. What did you understand by that ?—That they were doubtful. I did not know which way they were going.

6963. Do you mean to represent that you do not know what a man wants whose vote is doubtful at 2 o'clock upon the day of the polling ?—I thought that it possibly might mean something.

6964. What did you think it meant ?—I thought they wanted money.

Why did you not tell me that half-an-hour ago instead of wasting my time and everybody else's ? It is perfectly scandalous that a man in your position should act in such a way. You knew perfectly well what I meant half-an-hour ago, and have been trifling with me all this time.

6965. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) When you got those answers from the men you canvassed which you have stated, and you believed that large numbers of men were standing out for bribes, did you not go to your committee room and inform the persons there what was taking place ?—I made a remark that there were a lot of people standing about.

6966. Is that the manner in which you expressed or intended to convey that they wanted bribes ?—Yes.

6967. To whom did you make that remark; I am speaking of the committee room ?—Those who were standing about in the committee room.

6968. Who were they ? — There was Stockings there, and Mr. Parker was there.

6969. Mr. Parker had been with you ?—Mr. Parker had canvassed with me.

6970. Did he canvass with you on the preceding day ?—He canvassed with me down at Eaton.

6971. Had he canvassed with you at all on the day of the election ?—Yes, he went round with me for about half an hour, but we did not go from house to house on the morning of the election.

6972. You went to those houses where you knew there were voters who had not polled, I suppose ?—No, I did not go into any house at all. I went to Prentice, the man who voted, and up to the "Bell." Those are the only two places.

6973. Besides those two houses, did you go into no other houses that day with a view to get voters ?—No, I did not.

6974. You busied yourself with the people who were standing in the street ?—Yes.

6975. How did you know unless they had cards with them that they were voters at all ?—I only knew it from parties who told me; they said, "Here is a "party who has not voted."

6976. Who were the parties to whom you appealed for information as to whether they had voted or not ?—Mr. Parker, who was with me, and several people. I knew that they knew the men.

6977. But if you saw a person standing about, did you say to somebody, "Is that a voter ?"—Yes; I asked Mr. Matthew Stockings two or three times.

6978. Did he go with you then ?—No; I met him two or three times in the morning in the street.

6979. Was he running about getting voters ?—He was canvassing, I believe.

6980. How was it that Mr. Stockings, when you appealed to him, did not speak to these men instead of you ?—That I cannot tell you.

6981. He was more likely to be personally acquainted with the men than you were ?—He knew them, and I did not.

6982. How was it then that Mr. Stockings, who knew them, did not canvass them instead of you ?—He did sometimes; sometimes he asked them, and sometimes he said, "That party's name is so-and-so, "see if you can get him," and I went up and spoke to him, and asked him for his vote.

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6983. You were about with Mr. Parker and with Mr. Stockings?—Yes.

6984. Who else did you appeal to to ascertain whether the men were voters?—Mr. Fisher; I saw him in the street.

6985. Did you canvass the voters whom he pointed out as voters?—Sometimes Mr. Fisher spoke to them, and I spoke to them as well with him.

6986. How did it happen that you, instead of Mr. Stockings or Mr. Fisher, tried to persuade them?—I used all the influence I could with them.

6987. But what influence had you with men who were standing about, and who you had never seen before in the course of your natural life, perhaps?—Yes, I might have seen them.

6988. No doubt you might have seen a very large number of men, but your merely seeing them does not give you an influence over them, does it?—No.

6989. Mr. Stockings and Mr. Fisher did know them, and might have an influence over them; but what influence could you have with them?—I merely took part with them by trying to see if I could induce them to vote.

6990. Did not you offer any of those men money?—No.

6991. Did you tell them where money could be got?—No.

6992. Did you not suggest to them where it was possible that they might be provided with that which they required?—No.

6993–4. Did you know where they could get the money?—I had heard of the "Trumpet."

6995. Having heard of the "Trumpet," did you mention the "Trumpet" to anybody?—No.

6996. Not to a soul?—I went into the "Trumpet" during the day.

6997. What time did you happen to go to that hotel of purity, the "Trumpet"?—It might have been 12 o'clock.

6998. Or it might have been 2?—Yes.

6999. Did you go there in consequence of seeing Smith, the fowl dealer?—No.

7000. How came you to go in there?—I went in with Sir Henry Stracey.

7001. Who was with you besides?—Mr. Patteson.

7002. Anybody else?—No.

7003. Where did you go?—Into the room at the "Trumpet."

7004. How came you to go with Sir Henry Stracey and Mr. Patteson into the "Trumpet"?—I went from the fourth ward committee room with Sir Henry Stracey and Mr. Patteson.

7005. That was out of your ward?—Yes; I was in the fourth ward committee room.

7006. I want to know how you, being in the fourth ward, came to go down to that hotel of purity in the fifth ward; was it convenient that you should go there?—I went with them.

7007. Did you remain behind?—We were not in the "Trumpet" three minutes.

7008. Who asked you to go?—No one. I was standing there at the time.

7009. Do I understand you to say that seeing Sir Henry Stracey you got into his carriage?—I will tell you how it was. I went to see how they were getting on at the fourth ward committee room. Sir Henry Stracey and Mr. Patteson were going up to the fifth ward committee room.

7010. You being in the fourth ward, how came you to get into the carriage with them to go up to fifth ward committee room?—That was our committee room.

7011. Having gone up to the committee room, how came you to go up to the "Trumpet"?—I went with Sir Henry Stracey, and heard what he said.

7012. Did you walk down?—We got out of the carriage at our fifth ward committee room, and then went on to the "Trumpet," which is about 20 or 30 yards from it.

7013. How came you to go to the "Trumpet." We understand why Sir Henry Stracey might?—For curiosity's sake, nothing beyond that.

7014. Did you see Hunt there?—No.

7015. Did you see Smith there?—No; I saw Smith several times during the morning standing by the "Trumpet" door.

7016. Had Smith said anything to you about the "Trumpet"?—No.

7017. Then what was your curiosity about the "Trumpet"?—I had a mind to hear what Sir Henry Stracey said to the voters.

7018. Did you hear what Sir Henry Stracey said to the voters?—Yes, I did.

7019. Where did he go?—He went into what I think they call the market room, just at the back of the bar.

7020. Did you not see Hunt there?—No, I do not remember seeing Hunt there.

7021. Did you see Hunt come out?—No; I saw Hunt several times during the course of the day.

7022. Where did you see him?—Outside the "Trumpet."

7023. Did you see him again in the "Trumpet" that day at all?—I do not recollect.

7024. You went several times into the "Trumpet," did you not?—No, I went twice into the "Trumpet."

7025. How came you to go into the "Trumpet" the second time?—I went in in the morning long before Sir Henry Stracey did. Sir Henry Stracey went in, I should think, about 2 o'clock.

7026. What time in the morning were you there?—It might be about 11.

7027. But was it?—I cannot say the time.

7028. Did you speak to Hunt in the morning?—No.

7029. Was Smith, the fowl dealer, there then?—I saw him several times during the day.

7030. Near the committee room?—Yes.

7031. You went down and saw Hunt there early in the morning?—About 11 o'clock, outside.

7032. Did you go into the "Trumpet" in the morning?—I did.

7033. Did you not see Hunt then?—I do not remember it.

7034. What took you inside the "Trumpet" at that time in the morning?—I went in to have a glass of ale.

7035. It was not curiosity then that took you there?—No.

7036. Did you see Hunt up in the committee room?—No.

7037. Hunt is the tenant of Smith, is he not?—I do not know at all.

7038. Did not Smith tell you that Hunt was his tenant?—No.

7039. Was Smith an acquaintance of yours?—No.

7040. Had you never had any acquaintance with Smith before?—No.

7041. Having gone into the "Trumpet" from curiosity with Sir Henry Stracey, did you go to the "Trumpet" again from curiosity?—No, I do not remember going in again.

7042. But you may have done so, may you not?—No.

7043. Will you undertake to say you did not?—No. Directly after Sir Henry Stracey left I went down into the market place to hear how they were getting on.

7044. But you may have gone back and found yourself inside the "Trumpet," did you?—No.

7045. Did you see Hunt after Sir Henry Stracey had been at the "Trumpet"?—No.

7046. You saw Smith afterwards?—No, I do not remember seeing Smith afterwards.

7047. How many times had you seen Smith that day ?—I might have seen him three or four times.

7048. Was he up in the committee room constantly ?—No ; I never saw Hunt up in the committee room at all.

7049. Smith ? — Smith, I saw in the committee room.

7050. How many times in the course of the day did you see Smith in the committee room ?—I do not remember seeing Smith more than once.

7051. What time did you see Smith there ?—I do not remember the time.

7052. Had you any conversation with Smith in the committee room ?—No ; I saw Smith looking over the list as they marked them off.

7053. Was it about 2 o'clock in the day ?—I am not certain as to the time.

7054. But what do you believe ?—It might be 1 o'clock. I think most likely it was about 1.

7055. Was it before Sir Henry Stracey went down to the "Trumpet" ?—Yes, long before.

7056. It could not have been long before.—I think when Sir Henry Stracey went it was about 2 o'clock.

7057. It may have been 2 o'clock when you saw Smith ticking them off ?—Yes.

7058. To whom was Smith talking in the committee room ?—I cannot tell you. I should think there might have been a dozen or 14 people in.

7059. If so you can tell me perhaps the names of the persons or some of them who were in the committee room ?—Mr. Parker was there.

7060. Mr. Frederick Parker ?—Yes, Mr. Smith, the silversmith, Mr. Fisher.

7061. Mr. Gowing ?—Mr. George Gowing, yes, I saw him there.

7062. Did you see Mr. Gowing at the "Trumpet" ?—No.

7063. Did you see Mr. Frederick Parker at the "Trumpet" ?—No, I do not remember it.

7064. Will you undertake to say you did not ?—I do not think I did.

7065. Will you undertake to say you did not ?—I do not remember seeing him.

7066. Is that all you will say ?—Yes.

7067. You understood that people at the "Trumpet" wanted money ?—Report said so.

7068. But you were in the room when Sir Henry Stracey was there ?—Sir Henry Stracey said nothing about giving them money.

7069–70. But did they not say anything to Sir Henry Stracey about money ?—No, they did not.

7071. Did you not hear the men say they had rates to pay ?—I will swear that I did not hear them ask Sir Henry Stracey for money.

7072. Did you not hear them say, or did you not hear one of them say, to Sir Henry Stracey that they had rates to pay ?—No, I do not remember it.

7073. You went there from curiosity to hear what was going on ; do you mean to say that you did not hear any persons there say, or did you not hear one of them say, they had rates to pay ?—No, I did not.

7074. What did you hear ?—I can tell you what I heard. I heard what Sir Henry Stracey said, because I was close behind him.

7075. Did you hear Sir Henry Stracey say anything about money ?—No, not a word.

7076. What did Sir Henry Stracey say ?—He said, "Now, my friends, are you going to vote ?" "Yes.' "Now is your time if you wish to support good "Conservatives," or something to that effect.

7077. Do you mean to say that all the men there said they were ready to vote for him ?—I did not hear what they said.

7078. You said just this minute that they said yes ?—I did not say anything of the sort.

(*The three last questions and answers are read to the witness.*)

(*The Witness.*) I did not hear the men say anything. I could not swear to what the men said. I do not remember the words that the men said, neither did I hear them distinctly to understand what they said.

7079. Were you close to Sir Henry Stracey ?—I was just behind him, and I heard what he said, because he has a powerful voice, and I could hear every word.

7080. Sir Henry Stracey had his back to you, then ?—Yes.

7081. And the men who spoke had their faces to you ?—Some of them were by the side.

7082. You heard what Sir Henry Stracey said ; do you mean to say that you did not hear what the men who had their faces towards you said ?—No, I did not.

7083. Did you hear no talk that day about money ?—I heard the report.

7084. Where did you hear the report ?—In the streets.

7085. Who told you in the streets ?—That I cannot say ; it was common report.

7086. Did you not hear it in the committee room ?—No, I did not.

7087. Did you not hear it said in the committee room that the men at the "Trumpet" wanted money ?—No.

7088. Did nobody in the committee room say that there were men down in the "Trumpet" who wanted money ?—No ; Mr. Fisher was in the committeee room at the time.

7089. Did you hear Mr. Fisher say that men wanted money at the "Trumpet" ?—No.

7090. Did you hear Mr. Fisher say he had been down at the "Trumpet" ?—Mr. Fisher was in the "Trumpet" when I was in.

7091. At the time when Sir Henry Stracey was there ?—No.

7092. Was he in the "Trumpet" when you went in ?—No ; I saw him when I was passing by.

7093. Did you see him coming in or going out ?—No ; I saw him standing there.

7094. How long did you see him standing there ?—I was merely passing by.

7095. You went into the "Trumpet" ; at what time was it, with reference to your going in, that you saw Mr. Fisher ?—I did not go in when Mr. Fisher was there.

7096. When was it that you saw Mr. Fisher ?—Some time during the morning.

7097. That is very indefinite ?—I could not tell you the time.

7098. What was he doing ?—I do not know what he was doing.

7099. Where was he standing ?—Just inside the door.

7100. Were there any people there ?—Several.

7101. Was he talking to them ?—That I cannot tell you. I saw him there. I cannot tell you whether he might be talking to them or not.

7102. Was not there a talk on the part of Smith about money ?—I do not know.

7103. You saw Smith, you know ?—I saw Smith several times outside.

7104. There was a talk about your difficulties between 12 and 1 o'clock ? — Yes, of course there was.

7105. And as to how the difficulties were to be surmounted ?—No, I did not hear anything of that kind. It was commonly reported that they wanted money for their votes ; that I heard several times, but who told me I cannot say.

7106. And it was commonly reported in the committee room ?—No.

7107. Was it kept secret then in the committee room ?—I do not know.

7108. What time did you cease your exertions ?—About half-past 3, I suppose. Prentice and Bland were the last I took up. Prentice went up first and Bland second ; and that I think was about a quarter past 3.

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7109. Did you give or promise any man a day's pay or money on that day ?—No, I do not remember it.

7110. You do not remember it ?—Certainly not ; I never spent a halfpenny.

7111. But did you promise anything ?—No, I did not promise.

7112. Did you give any beer ?—No.

7113. Did you promise any ?—No.

7114. Did you pay for any ? — That I cannot say.

7115. Where did you pay for beer ?—Not in the "Trumpet," I did not.

7116. Where then ?—I did not give beer away to any voter.

7117. But did you pay for beer ? — No, I did not.

7118. Then how came you to give the answer you gave me just now ?—I did not pay for any, nor did I order any.

7119. How came you to say just now that you had paid for beer, or how came you to hesitate about it ? —I beg your pardon, I did not say that I had paid for any beer.

7120. Then what was the public house at which you left money for beer ?—I never left a farthing.

7121. What was the public house at which you paid any money on that day ?—Not one.

7122. What is the public house at which you have paid money since ?—Not one.

7123. Did you give money on that day to anybody to spend at a public house ?—No.

7124. Or to pay at a public house ?—No.

7125. Have you done so since ?—No.

7126. How came you to give me the indefinite answer you gave me just uow ?—You asked me if I had paid any money for beer, and I distinctly say that I did not.

7127. Did you have some beer yourself at the "Trumpet" ?—I had, for which I paid.

7128. You have told us that you paid nothing for beer at the "Trumpet" ?—I understood you to mean for voters.

7129. Do you mean to say that you paid for no beer for voters on that day ?—No, I did not.

7130. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You say there was a general report between 12 and 1 o'clock that there were men at the "Trumpet" ready to be bought ?—No ; I say there was a general report in the city that people wanted money.

7131. At the "Trumpet" ?—I beg your pardon, I did not say at the "Trumpet." I say it was a general report in the city that people were waiting to be bribed.

7132. And that report was known to the gentlemen in the committee room ?—No, I do not remember its being mentioned in the committee room at all.

7133. It was known, was it not ?—That I cannot tell. I did not know it.

7134. But you had heard it reported between 12 and 1 ?—Yes.

7135. And it was about 1 o'clock when Smith, the fowl dealer, reached the committee room ?—That I would not swear.

7136. You said just now that that was about 1 o'clock ?—I beg your pardon, I did not say anything of the sort. I said that Sir Henry Stracey visited the fifth ward committee room, and then we went on to the "Trumpet." I knew that Smith was in the committee room, but I would not swear what time that was ; it might be 1 o'clock I said.

7137. What was the time when this report was current ?—It was reported about that time.

7138. Did you see Smith talking to Mr. Hardy ?—Mr. Hardy was in the committee room several times that day.

7139. Had you been about with Mr. Hardy during the day ?—No, not at all.

7140. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did not Smith tell you anything about there being men at the "Trumpet" ?—No.

7141. Did he not say that to anybody ?—Not in my presence, and I heard nothing in the committee room about the "Trumpet."

7142. To whom did Smith speak in the "Trumpet" ?—I could not tell. I should think when Smith came up into the committee room there might have been a dozen or 15 people there, and we were all having a chat with each other.

7143. Who were the dozen or 15 people ? — I do not remember. I can give you I daresay the greater portion of their names.

7144. Tell us those you can recollect ?—Mr. Hardy was one, myself was two, Mr. Smith was three, Mr. Frederick Parker, Mr. Stockings, and Smith, the fowl dealer.

7145. Those are six. Mr. Fisher ?—Mr. Fisher was another.

7146. Was Hunt there ?—No ; I never saw Hunt in the committee room at all.

7147. Was Mr. Pitt there ?—Yes, I saw Pitt. If you will suggest any names to me, I will soon tell you whether they were there or not.

7148. Do you know a man of the name of Cubitt ? —Yes, very well indeed, and a very nice gentlemanly man he is ; he is an ironmonger.

7149. Is he a fifth ward man ?—Yes.

7150. And a Conservative ?—Yes, certainly.

7151. Was he there ?—No.

7152. Did he take an active part in the canvass in the fifth ward ?—No, I do not remember his even canvassing.

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FREDERICK PARKER sworn and examined.

7153. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you ? — A grocer.

7154. You took, did you not, a very active part in this election ?—Yes, I canvassed one of the parishes in the fifth ward.

7155. Did you canvass before the election ? — Yes, a little before the election ; the parish of Timberhill.

7156. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

7157. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

7158. Had you been canvassing the previous days ? —For a few days previous to the election.

7159. In your own ward ?—In my own ward ; my own parish.

7160. How many houses did you canvass ?—I could not possibly tell you that.

7161. Can you give us the names of the men you canvassed ?—Some ; but I cannot possibly give you the names of all of them. I can give you some ; Dawson and Gibbs.

7162. Did you make any note with regard to the people you canvassed ?—No, not particularly.

7163. Did you not make a return ?—I made a mark in my book against them.

7164. And how did you mark your book, did you put down the promises ?—Yes.

7165. And what else ?—If I found that they had promised for Stracey or for Russell and Tillett I made a mark.

7166. How did you mark the doubtful voters ?—Well I put the letter "D" against them.

7167. And what did you do with that document ? —It was taken to Mr. Stockings, the agent for the fifth ward.

7168. Now tell me what you were doing on the day of the election ?—I was canvassing and bringing up the voters.

7169. At what time did you go to your committee room after you had voted ?—I think I went up to the committee room about 12 o'clock.

7170. Did you do nothing before 12 o'clock ?—I was bringing up the voters.

7171. How many voters did you bring up ?—I really cannot say, perhaps I might bring up six or eight. I cannot tell you exactly how many.

7172. Do you know who they were ?—Yes, I know some of them.

7173. Give us their names, if you please ?—There was a man of the name of "Outlaw." He was the first man I took up; that was about half-past 8 o'clock in the morning.

7174. He is one of your customers, is he not ?—No, he is not.

7175. Did you not know him before ?—I had known him from his living near me, but he is not a customer.

7176. Who else did you take up ?—Well, there was one out of Grout's Court.

7177. Did you take up a man of the name of Bullen ?—I do not remember the name at all.

7178. Did you take up a man of the name of Bullen, of Scole's Green ?—I went with some one from Scole's Green, but I quite forget the name.

7179. Did you take up a man of the name of Stubbs, in Woolpack Yard ?—No.

7180. Nor Taney, in Prospect Place ?—Three or four went up at one time, but I cannot remember their names.

7181. Do you remember taking up a man named William Neal ?—He might be one of them.

7182. A man named Underwood ?—No, I do not remember that I did.

7183. Do you recollect the name of William Turner, of Westlegate Street ?—No.

7184. Do you recollect the name of Albion Sparks, did you take him up ?—No.

7185. Then you only remember the name of one man that you took up, a voter named Outlaw ?—I can remember one that I took up early in the morning out of Grout's Court.

7186. Later on in the day what were you doing ?—I was taking up voters still.

7187. In what part of your ward were you doing it ?—In the parish of Timberhill.

7188. And who did you take up then ?—I took up a man of the name of Bland, from the "Bell" hotel.

7189. And what other voters ?—I really cannot tell the names now, I cannot indeed.

7190. Can you tell me how many you took up in the course of the day ?—I could not tell you that.

7191. Fifty ?—No.

7192. Did you take up 40 ?—No.

7193. Thirty ?—No.

7194. How many will you say you did take up ?—I cannot say.

7195. When did you go to the committee room in the course of this day ?—I think I went up between 12 and 1 o'clock.

7196. There were a good many people there, I suppose ?—No, very few.

7197. Who were there ?—I cannot say who; I saw Mr. Stockings, but I am sure I cannot say who was there now.

7198. How long did you remain there ?—I might remain there ten minutes perhaps. I was waiting for the dinner hour for the voters to come home to dinner.

7199. Mr. Fisher was there, was he not ?—I am sure I forget. I cannot exactly say who was there.

7200. Was Mr. Hardy there ?—No, I did not see him there. I do not remember seeing him there at all.

7201. Was Frederick Garnham there ?—I do not remember seeing him there.

7202. At present you recollect no names of persons who were there during the day, but perhaps your memory will improve. What were they talking about in the committee room. You knew that you were behindhand on the poll, did you not ?—I did hear that we were a little behindhand, but I thought very little about it. I did not stop there more than 5 or 10 minutes.

7203. Do you mean to represent that you and other gentleman meeting to conduct the election did not know what was going on ?—I did not take sufficient interest about it.

7204. Do you say that you, an active canvasser, took no interest in the election ?—I did not take notice of what was going on, that is, not particular notice.

7205. Had you heard of there being any voters who were ready to be bought in the town ?—No.

7206. In no part of the town ?—I had heard of it of course, but I do not know how at all.

7207. Had you heard of there being voters at any place in the town who might be bought ?—I heard they were at the "Trumpet."

7208. At what time of the day did you hear that ?—I should say between 1 and 2, I think.

7209. Did you pass by the "Trumpet" in the course of the day ?—I did not go up as high as that all day. I did not go near it at all.

7210. Did you see Smith, the fowl dealer, in the course of the day ?—I do not think I saw him the whole day. I know him very well.

7211. He is the owner of house property, is he not ?—He has house property I know.

7212. Whereabouts is his property ?—He has some on Scole's Green.

7213. Is any of it about the "Trumpet" ?—That I do not know. I do not know enough of St. Stephen's to be able to tell.

7214. Did you go to your committee room later in the day, after 12 o'clock ?—I went up, I think, between 1 and 2 o'clock, or it might be a little after.

7215. There were a good many people there then, were there not ?—There were several men there. I could not say I am sure who were there.

7216. Did you not see Sir Henry Stracey there ?—I did not see Sir Henry Stracey the whole day.

7217. Did you see Garnham there ?—I do not know.

7218. Did you see Smith, the fowl dealer, come in ?—No.

7219. Who did you see ?—I think I saw Mr. Stevens, the ironmonger, come in.

7220. Did you see Pitt there ?—I saw him come in.

7221. Did you see Dr. Allen there ?—No, I do not remember it.

7222. Did you see Mr. Woodrow there ?—I do not know him at all.

7223. How long did you remain in this committee room ?—I should say not more than five minutes.

7224. Things began then to look rather awkward for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I do not remember that.

7225. Had you not got the state of the poll before then, and did you not know that your candidate was far behind ?—I knew that he was a little behind; I heard so at the committee room.

7226. And the committee men were becoming more active to bring up voters ?—I found they were getting more active.

7227. And many of them went out to get voters to go to the poll ?—Yes.

7228. Did you go out ?—Yes.

7229. Where to ?—I think that the last man I took up to vote was Bland, from the "Bell."

7230. Who went with you ?—Mr. Garnham. He came down St. Stephen's Street, and went to the "Bell" with me for this man. I had been after him several times before.

7231. You and Mr. Garnham were together ?—Yes.

7232. How long did you remain together ?—Perhaps a quarter of an hour, not more than that I should say.

7233. How many voters did you talk to ?—I do not remember that we spoke to more than this man Bland from the "Bell" hotel. I know I had some considerable trouble to get him up.

7234. Did you not talk to anybody else ?—We took him from the "Bell," and stopped against Mr. Durrant's door on Timberhill.

7235. Did you go the "Bakers' Arms" yard ?—I do not remember going into the "Bakers' Arms" yard

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that day at all. I do not remember that I did. I know I canvassed the yard.

7236. Do you remember a man named George Cannell?—He is a shoemaker, or something of that kind.

7237. Did you see him?—I solicited him for his vote.

7238. On the election day did you see him?—I am sure I forget. I think I spoke to him the fore part of the morning.

7239. And he promised to vote for you?—He did not exactly promise, but I thought from his appearance that he would vote for us.

7240. Did he say he would vote for you?—He did not exactly promise that he would vote for us, but I thought he would.

7241. He led you to know what he wanted, did he not?—No, he did not.

7242. You knew what he wanted well enough, I suppose?—No, that I did not. I do not believe that the man would have done anything of the sort; not the man I allude to.

7243. Why did he not vote at once, or give you a direct answer?—I cannot tell at all, I am sure.

7244. You know that between 2 and 3 o'clock the polling on Sir Henry Stracey's side improved a good deal?—I do not think I knew that at the time, in fact I know I did not. I knew he was behind at 12 o'clock time, and I knew that the other party had put wrong numbers out.

7245. Did you not know that more men were going up and voting for Sir Henry Stracey than had been in the earlier part of the day?—No, I did not.

7246. Did you go into one public house yourself during the day?—Yes.

7247. Which was that?—At the bottom of All Saints Green.

7248. Did you drink there?—I had a glass of ale.

7249. With whom?—With a man called Francis Widdows; he felt disposed to treat me with a glass.

7250. Did you go into any other house?—Yes, I went into the "White Hart."

7251. Did you see anybody there?—I saw Amis and a man named Jeffries.

7252. Did you take up any voters?—They went with me the fore part of the morning, and voted between 8 and 9 o'clock.

7253. Were you looking for voters?—Yes.

7254. You say that on the polling day you did not take up more than 8 or 10 voters?—I should say that that is the outside that I went up with, 8 or 10.

7255. You said you knew Smith, the fowl dealer?—I know Smith, a retired fowl dealer, as they call him.

7256. Did you see him during this day at all?—I do not think I saw him during the whole day. I do not remember seeing him.

7257. Had you seen him the day before?—I do not remember that I did. I saw him one evening, it perhaps might, have been three or four days previous to the election, when I went round with him on Scole's Green canvassing.

7258. To what houses did you go?—To some on Scole's Green.

7259. Those were his own tenants, I suppose, that he was canvassing?—Some of them I believe were.

7260. Do you recollect any of the names?—I cannot call to mind the names.

7261. Did you go anywhere else with him?—No.

7262. Do you recollect what he said to these men upon that occasion?—He scarcely spoke to them himself; it was me that spoke to them.

7263. It was you that canvassed them?—Yes.

7264. Did they promise their votes?—Some of them.

7265. Some of them would give no promise?—Some of them would not give a promise at all.

7266. Who were those?—I have not an account of the names, and I really cannot call to mind the names now; it is impossible for me now to do it. I have not been in the parish long enough to know them all.

7267. How long have you been in the parish?—Not three years yet.

7268. You undertook to canvass this ward, but you cannot remember any of the names?—I cannot in the parish.

7269. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You have spoken of a man of the name of Outlaw?—Yes, I spoke to him the day before the election.

7270. Has he dealt at your shop?—He may perhaps have laid out a few shillings, but very little indeed. He is a customer of Mr. Abel's, nearly opposite me.

7271. Had you any account against him at the time of the election?—No.

7272. Had you no claim of any sort or kind against him at that time?—No, what the man bought of me he always paid for. He never owed me a halfpenny in his life.

7273. Has he ever bought anything of you since?—He has bought things of me since, but has always paid for them at the time.

7274. He did not pay for any of them by his vote did he?—No, sir, I assure you.

7275. How came you to tell Mr. Mansfield that he was not a customer of yours?—Well, he was not a regular customer; perhaps he did not spend 5*s.* a week.

7276. You know we have got information about these things.—Not 5*s.* a week he did not spend with me. The only thing he bought of me was butter.

7277. For how many weeks had he been spending 5*s.* a week in your shop?—Well, perhaps for the last 12 months he has been now and then in, but I do not say he spent 5*s.* exactly. Sometimes it would be that and sometimes a little more.

7278. Do you not call that a regular customer?—No, not at all. He is not a regular customer, because he keeps a shop.

7279. When you tell me a man has been spending 5*s.* a week for the last 12 months in your shop do you not call that a regular customer?—He is a little shopkeeper, and therefore I do not call him a regular customer of mine.

7280. That would make him a more regular customer, I should think. Now, this man having spent 5*s.* in your shop every week during the past year, do you mean to say that that man was not a regular customer?—I mean to say he has not done that.

7281. But you have just told me so.—Sometimes he will come and spend 5*s.*, but he never buys anything of me but a little piece of butter from time to time.

7282. From time to time during the last 12 months?—I should say during the last 12 months.

7283. If a man keeps a shop he buys, I suppose, goods to supply the shop?—Yes, no doubt.

7284. That would make him a better buyer than an ordinary person who did not keep a shop; do you mean to say that he was not a regular customer of yours?—He was a customer so far.

7285. Then why did you tell Mr. Mansfield that that man was not a customer?—Of course, he is a customer so far.

7286. I must put it again to you; did you not promise before the election if that man would go up and vote for you that you would either not press him for an account, or that you would accommodate him with credit?—I never said a word of the kind to the man. Nothing ever passed between us of that kind.

7287. Do you know George Cannell?—Yes, I know him.

7288. How many times in the course of the day did you see George Cannell?—I should say not more than once. I saw him, I think, in the fore part of the morning.

7289. When did you next go to Cannell?—I am

sure I forget whether I called upon him again at all in the course of the day. I might see him again and speak to him and ask him for his vote.

7290. That is the answer which every witness who wishes to evade a question gives, that he might do so?—It was in the course of the morning.

7291. Do you mean to say that you do not recollect full well seeing Cannell more than twice that day?—I might see him once or twice, but I cannot say.

7292. Of course you might, but I want to know whether you did or did not?—I might speak to him perhaps twice in the day.

7293. Did you go to his house two or three times on that day?—I believe not. I might go two or three times in the course of the day to ask him for his vote.

7294. Do you mean to say you did not see him three or four times that day?—I mean to say I did not go in more than two or three times.

7295. We are getting on by degrees. You say you did not go in to him more than three times?—Yes.

7296. Now, upon the first occasion what answer did that man give you?—He would not promise his vote.

7297. Did you not understand perfectly well what that man meant by that answer?—Well, I could not say exactly.

7298. What did you believe it meant?—I could not tell what he meant by it.

7299. Did you not guess what he meant by it?—No.

7300. You had no idea?—I am sure I had not.

7301. Not the remotest notion?—No.

7302. It never crossed your mind what he meant by his answer?—I do not know what he meant, I am sure. He said he would not promise his vote, and that was all I could get from him.

7303. Did he say he would not promise his vote until later in the day?—I do not remember hearing him say that.

7304. Then when the man said he would not promise his vote you went again, did you?—Of course I did.

7305. What time in the day did you go the second time?—It was some time, I believe, in the course of the morning, but I cannot exactly say what time.

7306. Having got that answer, that he would not promise you his vote early in the morning, and going again the second time in the middle of the day, what answer did you get then?—I do not remember that he promised me then to vote, and I might go a third time.

7307. You do not remember that he promised you his vote. If he had promised you his vote you would have taken him up at once, I should imagine. Do you know that he did not promise his vote?—I do not believe he would promise his vote.

7308. Did he give you an evasive answer?—No.

7309. What answer did he give you then?—He said he should not promise, and that is all I could get from him.

7310. I want to know whether you, having gone to him, and having asked him early in the morning if he would give his vote, and he having said he would not promise it, and then going again, and the man saying he would not promise his vote later in the day when the poll was getting on, do you mean to say that you are the only person in the city of Norwich who did not understand what the man meant by that answer?—I did not understand by his answer what he meant, I am sure.

7311. Did you not guess what he meant?—No.

7312. Had you not the remotest notion of what he meant?—No.

7313. You had not the slightest idea?—If you are alluding to bribery, I am sure that not one penny was spent by me the whole day.

7314. We will come to that presently. You go to a man, and he will not promise you his vote. Then you go again, and he will not promise you. Did you not guess then or suspect what the man wanted?—No, I could not tell that he wanted money.

7315. You did not suspect anything?—No, I did not.

7316. Did you know?—No, I did not.

7317. After you had been to George Cannell's the second time, do you recollect going on to the "Bakers' "Arms" yard?—I am sure I forget; I might go, and I believe I did go, but I forget.

7318. Who was with you when you went up to the "Bakers' Arms" yard?—I was alone to the best of my knowledge. I do not think anyone was with me at all.

7319. Do you know a man of the name of Cubitt?—I do not remember the name now at all.

7320. Do you know Dr. Pitt?—Yes.

7321. Was Dr. Pitt with you?—He was with me some part of the day.

7322. Was he in the "Bakers' Arms" yard with you?—I really forget, he was with me some part of the day, but I cannot remember when.

7323. Hunting up voters?—Yes, he went with me on to Scole's Green.

7324. There were only two voters up "Bakers' "Arms" yard were there?—I really cannot say whether there are two or three. I know there are not more than two or three.

7325. Are not the only voters there Thomas Larter and Joseph Casurett?—There were those two, but Joseph Larter is since dead.

7326. Did you find that Casurett had voted for Tillett and Russell?—He was not at home when I went at all. I did not see that man on that day at all.

7327–8. Did you see Thomas Larter?—I do not remember seeing him.

7329. Do you recollect who you saw in "Bakers' "Arms" yard?—I saw his wife. I do not recollect seeing Larter himself at all.

7330. You say you saw his wife; did you ask her?—I asked which way her husband was going to vote.

7331. What did she say?—She said she did not know at all.

7332. Did she not tell you that Larter wanted a day's wages?—No, she said nothing of the kind to me.

7333. Did anybody on that day say anything to you about a day's wages?—Oh yes, there were some.

7334. We will speak about that presently. You recollect canvassing Larter?—I recollect canvassing, but I do not recollect that I saw him once.

7335. Will you undertake to say that you did not see Larter yourself?—I do not recollect seeing him once when I canvassed, but I saw his wife two or three times.

7336. Then you were up "Bakers' Arms" yard two or three times, were you?—I was previous to the election.

7337. I am speaking of the day of the election?—I was not up there more than once.

7338. Now having gone to Cannell's twice before, did you go to Cannell's about 3 o'clock?—I cannot remember that I did; I might.

7339. Did you ultimately get Cannell to vote?—I did not; he did not go with me to vote at all.

7340. Was Parker with you when you went the last time to Cannell's?—I do not know Parker at all.

7341. Did you not see Cannell when he promised to give you his vote?—He did not promise me at all.

7342. He went up and voted for Stracey, did he not?—I believe he voted for Stracey, but he did not go with me.

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7343. He did not go with you, because you went somewhere else, but did he not tell you when you last canvassed him that he would go up and vote for Stracey?—He did not.

7344. You saw him three times?—He never promised me once out of the three times that he would vote for Stracey. He did not promise me at all. That I will swear to.

7345. Do you not know that after you saw him the last time he went and voted for Stracey?—I saw afterwards that he had voted for Stracey, but I did not know at all what time he voted.

7346. The last time you saw him was about 3 o'clock, was it not?—I cannot say the time now.

7347. Will you undertake to swear it was not about 3 o'clock?—I cannot say. I believe Dr. Pitt went to him the last time. I cannot say exactly, but I think so.

7348. You were with Dr. Pitt, were you not, when he went to Cannell?—Not when he went to Cannell's; I was on the other side of the street then.

7349. You were there, but on the other side of the street?—I was on the other side of the street. I do not remember going to Cannell's with Dr. Pitt, but I might show him where Cannell lived.

7350. Were you with Dr. Pitt when he went across the street to Cannell's?—I believe I was standing opposite Cannell's, the other side of the street.

7351. You were there with Dr. Pitt, and he went from you to Cannell's?—Dr. Pitt went from me to Cannell's, I believe. I think it was Dr. Pitt.

7352. Then you cannot tell what passed between Dr. Pitt and Cannell on that occasion?—I cannot.

7353. You kept out of the way, did you?—I was on the other side of the street, and I did not hear what passed at all. I believe I told Dr. Pitt that I could not get his promise, and asked him to go and speak to the man himself.

7354. You thought Dr. Pitt was more likely to persuade him?—I thought very likely he might.

7355. Did you go the "King's Arms" yard near to 4 o'clock?—"King's Arms" yard?

7356. Yes; in a cab?—No, not to "King's Arms" yard, certainly.

7357. Did you go anywhere in a cab between 3 and 4 o'clock?—It might be between 3 and 4 o'clock when I went to the "Bell" and took from there this man Bland, a voter. We got into a cab at the "Bell," and rode on to Timberhill, and there we both got out.

7358. On the day of the election were you at the "Star and Crown" yard?—I believe I went into the "Star and Crown" yard in the course of the day.

7359. Who was with you then?—I believe at that time, if I remember right, I was quite alone.

7360. Who did you canvass there?—I am sure I cannot remember the name. If I had my canvassing book I might, but as I said before I have not been in the parish long enough to remember the names.

7361. Where is your canvassing book?—I have not got it here. I took it to the agent at the committee room.

7362. And have not seen it since?—I have not seen it since.

7363. You said you gave it to the agent?—Yes, to Stockings.

7364. You say you put "D" against those who would not promise you a vote or who said they would vote against you?—I believe I did to some of them.

7365. Did you go up to Scole's Green with Dr. Pitt?—Yes.

7366. Between 2 and 4 o'clock?—Yes.

7367. And did you bring men from there, Bullen, Debbage, and Custance?—I believe Custance was there, but I cannot remember the others.

7368. Did you bring three men down?—I brought three to vote myself, and Dr. Pitt did.

7369. Did you go into the houses?—No.

7370. Did Parker go as well as Dr. Pitt?—I do not know Parker.

7371. Do you know a man of the name of Thomas Parker?—No, unless it is Thomas Parker, the fishmonger.

7372. Who went with you?—Dr. Pitt.

7373. Did anybody go with you and Dr. Pitt?—I do not remember anybody else. I think we went alone.

7374. Was there not a person of your own name who went to Scole's Green?—At the first of the morning a nephew of mine was going to Scole's Green, and I rode with him.

7375. Did Dr. Pitt go with you then?—No; that was between 9 and 10 in the morning.

7376. Then Parker, your nephew, was merely with you in the morning?—Yes, I got into his cart, and drove there with him.

7377. Was Dr. Pitt the only person who went with you in the afternoon?—I do not believe that there was anybody else.

7378. Did you go into the houses on that occasion, or did Dr. Pitt?—Dr. Pitt went into the houses, at least to the doors.

7379. Then Dr. Pitt went into the houses, where did you go yourself?—I showed Dr. Pitt the parties, and then he spoke to them.

7380. Did you then bring away Bullen, Debbage, and Custance?—There were three of them, I believe, but I cannot remember the other names besides Custance.

7381. Do you know a man of the name of Shield?—Yes.

7382. Did you take him up to the poll?—No.

7383. Did you canvass or press him to vote that day?—No; Shield did not live in my parish at all.

7384. Will you undertake to say you had not a conversation with him that day?—Do you mean William Shield or Daniel Shield, because there are two brothers?

7385. Either.—I spoke to William Shield.

7386. Where did you speak to him?—I believe I spoke to him on Timberhill, in St. Stephen's, but I saw him once or twice in the course of the day.

7387. What time was that?—I should think it might be about 3 o'clock, but I cannot say exactly.

7388. Did you not talk to him about the difficulties in which you were with regard to voting?—No, not particularly so. He might make the remark that we were behind, or something to that effect.

7389. Did you talk about what means should be taken to retrieve your position?—Yes.

7390. Did not Shield say to you you must be careful what you are about with the bribing?—No, no such thing.

7391. Did you say anything to the effect that he must be careful?—No.

7392. What did Shield say to you?—"Let us be "as quick as we can," (that was about 3 o'clock,) "and get up all the voters we can, if you happen to "know any."

7393. Did he not tell you that you were not to do anything that was wrong?—He never said anything of the kind; nothing of the kind was mentioned.

7394. You said you were about with Parker canvassing?—Not canvassing.

7395. Hunting up voters, getting up voters?—This nephew of mine was going towards Scole's Green, and I jumped into his cart and went with him.

7396. You were about with Garnham trying to get up voters?—In the afternoon about 3 o'clock.

7397. Did not numbers of men ask you for money to vote?—Not numbers. I do not remember that I had more than one in the course of the whole day.

7398. Do you mean to say that not more than one man asked you for a day's wages or money of any kind that day?—I mean to say that there was only one, and that was Rufus Folkard.

7399. Or Garnham, in your presence?—No, there was not.

7400. You heard only from one man anything about that mentioned?—I do not remember anything being asked me about it that day.

7401. About money ?—No.

7402. The whole day through ?—No.

7403. Did you not see numbers of men loitering about the streets ?—Yes, I saw several of them.

7404. Were there not numbers ?—I might say that there were numbers about.

7405. Now seeing numbers of men loitering about, had not a considerable number of them cards with them ?—Yes, some of them had.

7406. Did not Garnham ask you the names of some of them ?—I do not remember that he did.

7407. Did you not go up with Garnham ?—Mr. Garnham went with me to the poll.

7408. Now did you not see a number of men standing about, and did you not know them to be voters, because you knew the men in your ward did not go up to the poll ?—I pressed some of them to go to the poll and vote for Stracey.

7409. What answer did you get ?—I could not get an answer from them at all.

7410. Do you mean to say that, not being able to get an answer from them, you did not understand what they wanted ?—I told one of them that I would not do anything of the sort.

7411. I do not care what you told them ; you understood what they meant when you could get no answer from them ?—It was not more than one that asked me for money the whole day.

7412. But you do not say there was not more than one who would not give an answer to the question why he did not go up to vote ?—No.

7413. Then did they say they would go up and vote ?—Well, I could not tell which way they were.

7414. You have told us that there were numbers of men about ?—I saw numbers about the streets, of course.

7415. And you tried to get them to vote ?—No, I did not, not those standing about.

7416. Did not Garnham go with you and speak to them ?—Garnham was not with me more than five minutes in the whole day.

7417. You saw the men standing about, and knew them to be voters ?—I cannot say whether they were voters.

7418. But you knew the men in your ward ?—Some of them.

7419. You saw the men with cards ?—Some of them.

7420. You say you went up and asked numbers of men for their votes ?—To the houses, but I did not those in the street.

7421. You told me that you saw numbers of men standing about in the street, and you went up and asked them for their votes. Now be careful ?—I am careful, and the truth I stick to.

7422. Did you not get a most unsatisfactory answer from these people ?—From this one that spoke to me.

7423. Now do you mean that you got an unsatisfactory answer from only one person that day ?—Of course there were several that I spoke to at the houses, but as regards those I saw in the street, I do not remember speaking to more than half-a-dozen voters, I might say.

7424. When you saw men standing about, whom you knew to be voters, who had cards in their hands, would you not, as a matter of course, go up and try to persuade them to vote ?—My business was to go to the houses.

7425. Your business was to get up voters, was it not ?—Yes, of course it was.

7426. Then when you saw men loitering about with Sir Henry Stracey's or any cards in their hands, did you not immediately go to them and ask them to vote ?—I did not go to, I might say, half-a-dozen of those that stood in the streets during the whole day.

7427. Well, we have got half-a-dozen ; what answer did you get from the half-dozen ?—I am sure I cannot exactly say now.

7428. Do you mean to say that it made no impression upon you what these people were saying to you in the street ?—I daresay they wanted something for their votes.

7429. Very well, now we have come to it ?—All I can say is that they got nothing out of me.

7430. You say these men you spoke to in the street did want something for their votes ?—I can swear that only one asked me for his day's wages during the whole day.

7431. I did not ask you whether they asked you, but over and over again I asked you whether you did not understand that they wanted a day's wages, or that they wanted money. I suppose you did not go out without money ?—I did not go without money. I might perhaps have 4*s.* or 5*s.* in my pocket, but not more than that the whole day, and I did not spend 6*d.* the whole day.

7432. But you had money in your pocket ?—I had 4*s.* or 5*s.*, not more.

7433. You had money in your pocket when you went out in the morning ?—Yes.

7434. Did you get any more money in your pocket in the course of the day ?—No.

7435. Are you sure that nobody handed to you any money ?—I will swear that nobody did.

7436. Did you receive any money that day ?—No.

7437. You got no more money into your possession that day ?—No.

7438. What money had you when you went home ?—I might have 3*s.* or 4*s.*

7439. But you started with 4*s.*, you said ?—I started with 4*s.* or 5*s.*

7440. Do you mean to say you only spent 2*s.* that day ?—I mean to say I did not spend 2*s.* the whole day.

7441. Did you promise any money ?—No, not a halfpenny.

7442. Did you have any conversation with Dr. Pitt about money ?—No, not a word.

7443. Did Dr. Pitt say anything to you about money ?—No, not a word.

7444. Was anything said about money to any of these people ?—Not a word from me.

7445. Or by anybody in your presence ?—Nor yet by anybody in my presence, only from this man that I spoke of just now ; he met me in the street and wanted money.

T. Gooch.

THOMAS GOOCH sworn and examined.

7446. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ? — A brush maker.

7447. Have you a vote for the city ?—Yes.

7448. Did you vote on the last occasion ?—Yes, I did.

7449. For whom did you vote ? — I voted for Stracey.

7450. Had you been canvassed for your vote before ?—No.

7451. Had anybody asked you whether you would vote for Stracey ?— I had nothing but a paper ; that is all.

7452. You got his address, I suppose ?—I got nothing but a voting paper.

7453. You got a card ?—I got a card before, but I never saw any of the parties.

7454. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

7455. Nor a promise of anything ? — Nor a promise.

7456. Had you voted before at other elections ?—No.

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R. Martin.

RICHARD MARTIN sworn and examined.

7457. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A shoe manufacturer.

7458. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7459. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

7460. For whom did you vote? — Sir Henry Stracey.

7461. Did you receive anything for your vote or any promise of money?—No.

7462. Did you yourself offer, or did you give any money to [any person] to vote on that day?—No, I never saw anything of the sort.

J. Calver.

JOHN CALVER sworn and examined.

7463. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

7464. What are you by trade?—A saddle and harness manufacturer.

7465. Did anybody canvass you for your vote?—No.

7466. Had you voted at previous elections?—I had always voted Conservative.

7467. Did anybody offer you any money for your vote?—No.

7468. Did you promise or offer any money to anybody else to vote?—No.

T. Parker.

THOMAS PARKER sworn and examined.

7469. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you? — A manure manufacturer and farmer.

7470. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7471. Where do you live?—In St. Stephen's.

7472. Did you vote at this last election? — I did.

7473. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

7474. Were you an active supporter of Sir Henry Stracey's?—Well, I was in some instances. Yes, you may say I was.

7475. Were you on the committee?—No.

7476. But you canvassed for him?—I did.

7477. Did you canvass before the day of the poll?—I did not.

7478. After you had voted, did you go about the city?—I was at half-past 11 at Mr. Stockings'.

7479. Just tell me what you did? — At about half-past 11 to 12 o'clock Mr. Stockings from the committee room sent to me to say that he wanted to speak to me. I went to him, and he asked me if I would take my chaise, and go and fetch two people that were lying ill so that they could not get to vote. He asked me if I would go and fetch them, as he had no means for anything of the sort. I said I would do so. I asked him who they were, and he said, one was a person of the name of Trumbetta, who lives in a yard in Rampant Horse Street; the other lives close by, a door or two from there. He said "I do not "know the people, but I will send this gentleman "along with you if you will be kind enough to go." I ordered my man to put the horse in the chaise, and went and fetched them.

7480. Who was it that went with you?—I am not able to say the gentleman's name; I should know him if I was to see him.

7481. Perhaps you will get me the name of the gentleman who went with you?—I shall be most happy to do that. Will you allow me to go on?

7482. Certainly, I should much prefer your telling your tale in your own way. You took these voters up to the poll?—We went and fetched them from indoors down into the yard into the chaise, and the people from the voting place had to come out and take their names.

7483. What time of the day was that?—I should think that was about 1 o'clock, within 5 or 10 minutes either way.

7484. Will you tell me what you did after that?—I went back to Mr. Stockings, at the committee room, and told him that I had done so; he said, "Would you "be kind enough to go into Crook's Place." I said, "I don't like running about for this game;" he said, "If you would I should be extremely obliged to you. "There is a person there" (mentioning the name), but I did not take particular notice of the name as he told this person to go along with me. When I got there there was a fly standing at the gate waiting, and this gentleman, with my assistance, got into the fly, and I got into the fly and took him to the poll; this other gentleman drove my chaise down to the voting place; then I went back again and the fly went away. I do not know who engaged the fly, I know nothing about that.

7485. Do you know who the voter was that was in the fly with you?—There was not a single soul, the fly was standing against this gate; how it came there I know not. I then went back again and they asked me if I would go down to Trowse; I said I had no objection, I would go down to Trowse. There was another gentleman went with me down to Trowse, but who he was I don't know. I went down to Trowse, where I asked three or four different people to vote, and they said they were going to vote for Tillett and Russell, and the consequence was, I said, "Jump in, "come along, I am not going to stop here all day." I went back, had my horse took out, and went into the committee room, when they told me the election was won on the part of Sir Henry Stracey.

7486. When you were driving about, did you see men hanging about the polling booths?—I got out at the "Coachmakers' Arms;" I forgot to tell you this, but it now comes to my mind perfectly; I got out at the "Coachmakers' Arms" and got a glass of stout, and a man came up to me of the name of Clayton, who said he wanted to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

7487. What did he say to you?—He said he wanted to vote for Sir Henry Stracey. I said, "You cannot "do better, come along with me and vote at once, you "are very close to the voting place;" he fell back and kept walking the other way, St. Stephen's way. The voting place was just past the "Coachmakers' Arms," and I said "Come along;" he said, "I will "come along with you," but he went back again. I said "Are you going? What are you taking this "trouble for?" He said "I want to be paid;" I said "Oh, you are no use to me;" he said "Oh, I know you, "Mr. Parker, you will give me something." I said "Oh no, certainly not;" he said "But you will treat "me." I said "No, not to day, thank you."

7488. The name was Alexander Clayton, was it not?—I do not know his Christian name.

7489. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) A fishmonger in the market?—Yes, I think he was a man they call Alec Clayton.

7490. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you come across any others in the same way that day?—No, only one that belongs to Mr. Colman. I was going home and I met a man, he knew me and stopped me; he said "Here, I "want you;" I said "What is it?" He said "I have "not voted;" I said "You cannot do better;" he said "Well, I will vote, but I want to be paid." "Oh," I said, "don't you work at Mr. Colman's?" He said "Yes, I do not wish to vote for Mr. Tillett, I should "like to vote for the other side, and I should like to "be paid for it, it is a chance whether I shall not "lose my situation;" I said "All right, you cannot do "better."

7491. Those two instances came across your own observation?—Yes, but nothing more.

7492. Did you see any hanging about with cards in their hands?—No; as I was passing the "Trumpet" I saw several standing there, but I never went in, or

went near the place no further than passing it in the road.

7493. When you came out I understand that you drove your trap about?—I did exactly what I have told you.

7494. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you pay or promise any money to any voter during that day?—No, sir, I beg to say I did not.

7495. Do you know Dr. Pitt?—Yes, perfectly well; he is my surgeon.

7496. Do you know Frederick Parker?—No, I do not.

7497. Did you see Dr. Pitt anywhere that day?—I did. I passed him on one or two occasions. I shook hands with him in St. Stephen's.

7498. Did you see him standing in St. Stephen's?—No; he was walking up St. Stephen's, and I was coming down.

7499. You did not see him at any of the houses where you were?—I never went into any house except the "Coachmakers' Arms."

7500. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What was the time you saw Dr. Pitt and shook hands with him?—I should think from 1 to 2 was probably the time I might see Dr. Pitt. I cannot say exactly the time, because I never took particular notice of it, but that was about the time as near as I can recollect.

THOMAS BRIGHTWELL, junior, sworn and examined.

T. Brightwell, junior.

7501. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your profession?—A solicitor.

7502. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

7503. For whom did you vote?—I plumped for Sir William Russell.

7504. What time in the day did you vote?—I cannot exactly speak to that, but I know it was very late in the day.

7505. I want to know whether you either gave or received any money whatever for voting at this election?—No, I did not.

7506. Did you promise any money to anybody, or was any money promised you?—No.

7507. Were you a voter at the previous election?—I believe I was, but I am not perfectly certain.

7508. Will the same answers that you have given with respect to this election be applicable to the previous ones?—Yes.

7509. I mean with regard to the money?—Yes.

CHARLES COOPER sworn and examined.

C. Cooper.

7510. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A traveller.

7511. You were employed at this last election on one committee or the other, I believe?—On the first ward committee.

7512. For which candidate?—For the Liberal party.

7513. For both the candidates?—Yes.

7514. Were you very busy the whole of that day?—Yes, in the committee room. I never went out.

7515. You had been engaged, I suppose, some days previously in canvassing and looking after people?—I think six or seven days before; it might be eight.

7516. You gained, I suppose, a good deal of information as to the state of the constituency, did you not?—About the first ward. I knew nothing about the other wards.

7517. Can you tell us of anything you heard going on?—No, I never came out of the committee room all day.

7518. But I suppose during the day of the election, for instance, reports came to your committee room, did they not, of what was going on?—No, only in our own ward. I never heard of any reports from any other ward.

7519. Did you not hear what the Conservatives were at during that day?—No.

7520. You heard, I suppose, that at one time in the day they were considerably behind?—Oh, yes, I heard that.

7521. And that an hour or two later they suddenly began to gain?—Yes; but I never heard what was the cause of it.

7522. But you must have heard some report to explain that?—I have only heard what I have seen in the papers, what I have heard people talk about, and what I have heard upon this inquiry.

7523. Did you not hear on that day what was going on?—No.

7524. During that day did you believe that the election was being conducted in the proper way?—I thought it very strange that they should pull up so suddenly in the afternoon; but I did not know the cause of it, and I did not hear the cause.

7525. Did anyone bring any news about it?—No.

7526. But your friends must have been rather alarmed when they found this sudden change?—Yes, but they did not tell me what they were frightened at.

7527. Was nothing at all said about it in your committee room?—No.

7528. Did you hear at a later time in the day of any money having been going?—Well, I did in my ward, and I know nothing of any other ward.

7529. What did you hear in your own ward?—That there was some people offered money, for instance, a man by the name of Barnes, they said he was bribed, and a man of the name of Read.

7530. Who gave you this information?—I believe I have got the letter at home now that was sent to me about it.

7531–2. We should like to have that letter. You learnt by that letter that two men had been offered money?—Yes, and several more parties who lived by told me the same thing.

7533. Who were those other men?—A man by the name of Charles Hart.

7534. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where does he live?—Orchard Street.

7535. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What were the names of the men who were mentioned as offering money?—Well, I cannot tell you. Hart can tell you more about it than I can. I was busy the whole day, and I did not see them, but I believe he did see them.

7536. Were no names mentioned of persons who were offering money to get up voters?—Well, I did not hear the names.

7537. Are you quite certain you did not?—No, I am quite certain. I heard several names mentioned that went to the "Trumpet," but I do not know which of them offered money, I did not hear.

7538. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) They were mentioned to you, and we ask you upon your oath what was told you?—There was a Mr. Bacon, a shoemaker, of the first ward, and there was Mr. Green, the tobacconist, in London Street, and several more, but I have forgotten the names of them. Mr. Hart can tell you more than I can.

7539. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Where was the place at which these operations were said to have been going on, was it at a public house?—No, at their own houses.

7540. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At the houses of the voters?—At the houses of the voters.

7541. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were those all the names you heard mentioned?—I think so.

7542. What time in the day was it that these stories came to your knowledge?—In the afternoon.

7543. After the polling was over?—No, just about the close of the poll.

7544. You heard that it had been going on a short time before?—Yes.

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7545. Did you hear of anything else of the same kind in other places?—No, I did not.

7546. That was the only thing you heard of in your own ward?—Yes.

7547. You know nothing whatever of what was taking place in the other wards?—No.

7548. And that is all you can speak to?—That is all I can speak to.

7549. That there were these persons said to be doing something in the houses of the voters?—Yes, but two or three people round there can tell you more about it then I can.

7550. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who are they?—Why Mr. Fox, the greengrocer, who lived opposite.

7551. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Anyone else?—Charles Hart; I think that is all. Mr. Hart canvassed them during the election, and said a great deal more about it. I believe they promised to vote for Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett, according to his canvassing book; it was marked so.

7552. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Which way did they vote?—They voted for Stracey.

7553. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know of your own knowledge of any money passing on this election?—No.

7554. Only what you have heard by report?—By report.

7555. Did you yourself promise any money to anybody?—I never had any money to promise.

7556. Neither of your own or anybody else's?—No, they never gave me any money.

7557. Did you ever vote at previous elections?—No.

7558. And you did not vote this time?—No.

7559. What are the Christian names of Green and Bacon?—I think Bacon's name is Charles; I do not know the other one's.

7560. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were in the committee room all day?—Well, upstairs and down, because they were marking off the register upstairs, and sometimes I was down and sometimes up.

7561. Did you see men in the street, standing about?—No, our committee room was not near the polling place.

7562. Did you seem them standing about the street with cards in their hands?—No. I wrote several cards out during the day for people that had lost them.

7563. Did anybody when you were passing along the street ask you to stand something for voting, or anything of the kind?—No, sir, and that I should not have done, because I had to stand Sam for myself.

7564. You were only out a little?—No, only just across the street to get a glass of porter.

N. Custance.

NOAH CUSTANCE sworn and examined.

7565. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are?—A moulder, an ironfounder.

7566. You work at an iron foundry?—Yes.

7567. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7568. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

7569. At what hour in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

7570. Had you been canvassed before?—No; a gentleman came to the door just before 2 at dinner time, and I told him I was going to vote.

7571. Do you remember who it was?—No, I do not know the gentleman.

7572. Did he give you anything for voting?—No, I told him I was going to vote for Mr. Stracey.

7573. Had you promised to vote for Mr. Stracey?—Yes.

7574. To whom had you promised your vote?—A couple of gentlemen came during the canvass.

7575. A day or two before the polling day?—Two or three days.

7576. You say you did not vote until half-past 2?—I was in another part of the city, and of course I did not feel inclined to come.

7577. Were you at work?—No, it was a day's holiday.

7578. Who did you work for?—Messrs. Barnard and Bishop.

7579. Did they give all their men a day's holiday?—Yes, all of them; we had to leave off, they shut the shop up.

7580–1. I suppose they are Stracey men?—Yes.

7582. They paid you, of course, for the day's work?—No.

7583. Not on the Saturday night? Did they knock off a day?—Yes.

7584. What did they knock off?—Knocked a day off, they never paid us for the day at all.

7585. That is a left-handed way of giving you a holiday, is it not?—Well, on account of election day they shut up the shop.

7586. And never gave you anything for this day's pay?—No.

7587. Did you want a day's pay from some one else?—No.

7588. Did you not ask anybody for your day's pay?—No.

7589. Not the gentleman who came at 2 o'clock?—No.

7590. Did anybody promise you a day's pay?—No.

7591. Really not?—I am sure not.

7592. Who is the paymaster at Barnard and Bishop's; who pays the weekly wages?—I forget the man's name now.

7593. Come, you know who pays you? That is the most important thing of the week, getting the money.—Yes, it is.

7594. You know who pays that?—I forget the man's name.

7595. Just try and think of the name; you must know the name of your own paymaster; was it Parker?—No, that is not the name.

7596. Surely you know who pays you every week?—I have got it on my tongue's end, but I cannot think of the man's name now.

7597. Was it Clitheroe?—No, that is not the man who pays; he is the foreman.

7598. Where does the paymaster live?—Magdalen Street.

7599. He is called the cashier?—Yes.

7600. Is his name Hastings?—Yes, Hastings is the name.

7601. On the election day do you remember Parker coming to you?—He might come with the gentleman that came.

7602. Do you know Parker?—I do not know him.

7603. Did Dr. Pitt come to you?—I do not know; there were three men came to me.

7604. What did you say to them?—They asked me if I had voted, and I told them no. They asked me if I was going to vote, and I told them yes, as soon as I had got my dinner over, and when I went out again I should go and vote.

7605. Did you not tell them that you should vote if you got your day's pay?—No.

7606. Did you not say you had been tinkering about all day, and getting nothing for it?—No.

7607. What had you been doing all day?—Walking about the city.

7608. How often did you pass the polling place?—Not at all until I went out at 1.

7609. Why did you not go and vote at once?—Because I did not feel inclined.

7610. Come, do not let us waste a quarter of an hour about it. You wanted your day's pay?—Wanted my day's pay! I do not know that I wanted it.

7611. You thought you ought to have it; you did not think you ought to waste a day over voting?—I think so.

7612. And you waited?—No, I did not wait for the sake of that.

7613. These two gentlemen were asking for your vote, and you thought you ought not to sacrifice a day's pay for the sake of voting for Sir Henry Stracey or anybody else?—Of course not.

7614. Did you not think it was a hard thing for you to lose a day's work?—I thought it was a hard job to lose the day.

7615. And surely you would say so to some one?—I did not say anything to anybody.

7616. What! went brooding over this misfortune all the day long until 2 o'clock?—Yes.

7617. Did you not say to Dr. Pitt or these two gentlemen, "I ought to have my day's pay if I "make up my mind to vote"?—I do not think I said so.

7618. I think you did?—Well, I am certain I did not.

7619. You think you did not, but that is what you were thinking of all day, that you ought to have a day's pay?—That was only a talk amongst ourselves.

7620. Who did you talk to about it?—The men in the shop where I worked.

7621. All the men in the shop thought so?—Of course they did.

7622. Now thinking so, was there not anyone of you man enough to say it?—That I do not know.

7623. Were you not man enough to say it?—No.

7624. You thought so, and surely you do not stare at people when they ask you questions. Were you not man enough to say, "Well, I ought to have my "day's pay if I am to vote to please you." You did not care for Sir Henry Stracey getting in?—Yes, that was my inclination for that man to get in.

7625. Because your master voted for him?—No.

7626. Was Bullen a workman with you?—No.

7627. Was a man of the name of Debbage?—Yes; he lives in my row.

7628. That was his view, was it not, that you ought to have a day's pay if you voted?—I heard him say so.

7629. And I suppose pretty well all who worked at your place said so?—That I cannot say.

7630. You have told me what Debbage, for instance, said.—He did not work along with me, but lives in the same row.

7631. You told me what the men in the shop said?—A few of us.

7632. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) There were people, were there not, whom you met that day who said they ought to have a day's pay, it was very hard that they should lose it?—I was not in among many of them in the course of that day.

7633. But were there not numbers of men whom you met loitering about the city that day?—Of course, I met lots of people about in the course of the day.

7634. And when you were rambling about the city you spoke to all the men that you knew?—I might have nodded as I passed them.

7635. Was it not the common talk amongst them that it was very hard that you should lose a day's pay?—It was the common talk amongst some of us.

7636. Who has told you not to tell this?—I never had no talk with anybody about it.

7637. Who has been to you to tell you not to say what you know about this?—Nobody.

7638. Has nobody called on you since the election?—No.

7639. You told the gentlemen who called upon you, I suppose, that it was a very hard thing upon you, as a working man, not to have your day's pay, and to be kept out of employment?—I did not tell them so.

7640. Did they say to you that it was a hard thing upon you?—No.

7641. What did they say?—Well, they asked me if I had been and voted; I said no. They asked me if I would go and vote as soon as possible. I told them that as soon as I went out I was going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

7642. Do you mean to say that, not having done it before, and having been loitering about the whole morning when you might have gone hundreds of times to the poll, that when these two gentlemen came, whom you did not know, you immediately went and voted?—It was my intention the whole day to vote after dinner.

7643. Why did you not vote before; did you think that possibly towards the afternoon there might be a little money going?—I did not.

7644. Was not that the talk, that there might be some money going?—It might be the talk about the city, but I did not hear it.

7645. Was it not the talk about the city that there would probably be a little money going in the afternoon?—I have heard that was the talk.

7646. And you thought there might be a little money going?—If there was I did not get it.

7647. I suppose if anybody had offered you a day's pay you would not have refused it?—If anybody had offered it, I should have took it.

7648. Did anybody offer it to you?—No.

7649. Have you never had any allowance for your day's work?—Nothing.

7650. Not in any way?—Not in any way at all.

7651. Not from anybody?—Not from anybody.

7652. Were you told anything about beer?—No.

7653. Did you get a drop of beer?—I did not get any, but some of them got some.

7654. Who got the beer?—Some that worked on the farm.

7655. Can you give me their names?—No, I cannot.

7656. How many of them?—That I cannot say.

7657. A dozen?—There might be a dozen, but I cannot say how many there was.

7658. Where did they get their beer?—St. Martin's.

7659. Who gave them the beer?—There was an order that they that voted, after they had done voting, should go and get a pot or two of ale in the evening time.

7660. Who was it that gave it to them?—I don't know.

7661. Who told them that they might go and get a pot or two of ale?—The man that keeps the house.

7662. How many did he tell?—I don't know that he told anyone in particular, he spoke it amongst us.

7663. And did they go and get a pot or two of ale, do you know?—I don't know.

7664. When and where did he tell them?—That was on the farm.

7665. Did he come to them then on the farm?—No.

7666. Did you see them go away from their work, or how was it?—We left off the night before; we did not go to work that day at all.

7667. Was it when they were going home the night before, or when they went into the beerhouse that day?—The next day, in the evening time.

7668. They went and got a pot or two of beer?—As far as I know; I did not go myself.

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R. Bullen.

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ROBERT BULLEN sworn and examined.

7669. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A white-smith.

7670. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7671. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

7672. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

7673. What time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

7674. Where were you all the day before you went to vote?—I was at work up until 1 o'clock, and then I left off till that time. Our works were shut up, and we did not go in the afternoon, so I did not go to work no more that day, and I did not go to vote until I had had my dinner.

7675. Did anybody come and ask you for your vote before the day of the election?—Yes.

7676. Who was that?—I cannot say his name; I do not know his name; he keeps a shop in Ber Street.

7677. Did you promise to vote?—Yes, I promised to vote for Mr. Stracey.

7678. Before the election?—Yes.

7679. When he called upon you, did you do that?—Yes, I did.

7680. Then you had your dinner and went and voted, did you?—Yes, I got my dinner first, and then I went and voted, between 2 and half-past.

7681. Did anybody came up to you to get you go and vote?—The same man that I told you just now came before, but I cannot say his name, for I do not know his name. He is a man who keeps a grocer's shop at the bottom of Ber Street.

7682. Is it Mr. Parker?—Yes, I believe that is the name, but I could not recollect it.

7683. You had heard a good number of men say that they wanted a day's pay?—No, nothing of the sort.

7684. Did you not hear men about the city say that they wanted a day's pay for voting?—No, I never heard anything of the sort.

7685. Had you been talking with the men about the city in the morning?—No, I was at work. I went to work at 6 in the morning, and left at half-past 8, went and got my breakfast, went back again at 9, and worked up until 1. I was not about in the morning.

7686. Did you receive any money for voting?—No.

7687. Or the promise of any money?—No, nothing of the sort.

7688. Or any beer?—No.

7689. Or the promise of any beer?—No.

7690. I suppose this was the first time you had voted?—Yes.

J. J. Commins.

JOHN JAMES COMMINS sworn and examined.

7691. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am the manager at the Mercury printing office.

7692. You have a vote, I believe?—Yes.

7693. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

7694. For whom?—Sir William Russell.

7695. At what hour?—Between 3 and 4.

7696. How came you to vote so late in the afternoon?—It was our publishing day, and I could not leave.

7697. You were occupied the whole day?—I was. I left at the first opportunity.

7698. Did you get anything for voting?—Certainly not.

7699. Were you promised anything?—Certainly not.

7700. Or did you offer anything to anybody?—No.

7701. Or promise anything to anybody?—No; everyone in our establishment was perfectly at liberty to vote as he pleased.

7702. Have you ever voted at former elections?—No.

G. Farman.

GEORGE FARMAN sworn and examined.

7703. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A hay dealer.

7704. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7705. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

7706. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

7707. At what hour of the day?—I should think about 3.

7708. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

7709. By whom?—Smith and Parker.

7710. What Smith?—Samuel Smith, the fowl dealer.

7711. Are you a tenant of his?—No.

7712. When did he canvass you?—About a week before the election.

7713. Did you promise your vote?—Yes.

7714. For Stracey?—Yes.

7715. How was it that you did not vote until 3?—I should have voted at 10 in the morning. I went to the poll, but there was a great many people there, and I had to go after my business, and did not get there until a little after 2.

7716. You found the booths crowded?—There was a great many people round. I went and did my business, and came later in the day and voted.

7717. Did Smith offer you anything for your vote?—No.

7718. Did Parker and Smith come together?—Yes.

7719. They did not offer you anything for your vote?—Not anything.

7720. Or promise you anything for voting?—Not the slightest.

7721. Have you voted at former elections?—Never before.

W. H. Gaze.

WILLIAM HAMMOND GAZE sworn and examined.

7722. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A registrar.

7723. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7724. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

7725. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

7726. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No, not one penny.

7727. Or a promise of anything?—Not a promise.

7728. Did you pay anything to anybody?—No.

7729. Or promise to pay anything to anybody for voting?—No, not a farthing.

7730. Or hold out to them any inducement to vote?—No, not anything.

7731. If I understand, you did not take a very active part in the election?—No, I did not.

7732. You were merely a voter?—I was not asked to vote only by one gentleman.

7733. Were you a voter at the former election?—At every election for about 30 years.

7734. Are the same answers with reference to those questions I have put to you applicable to the former elections?—Quite so; I never took a penny in my life.

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J. Segger.

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JOSEPH SEGGER sworn and examined.

7735. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—An engineer.

7736. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7737. For whom did you vote at this last election?—Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett.

7738. At what time in the day did you vote?—Just before 3 o'clock.

7739. What made you vote so late?—I had no opportunity to vote before; I could not leave my work.

7740. Had you been asked for your vote?—Yes.

7741. By whom?—Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett.

7742. Had you promised?—Yes.

7743. Did you receive any money or promise of money for voting?—No.

7744. Did you give anybody else either money or a promise of money?—No.

7745-6. Were you a voter at former elections?—No, not any.

J. Wicks.

JAMES WICKS sworn and examined.

7747. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a cutter and clicker.

7748. Have you a vote?—Yes.

7749. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

7750. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

7751. At what hour in the day?—About 3.

7752. How came you to put it off until 3?—I did not leave off work until 2.

7753. Were you at work all the morning?—Yes.

7754. Up to 2?—Yes.

7755. Did you then go to dinner?—Yes.

7756. And voted directly after?—Yes.

7757. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—They came to my house when I was not at home.

7758. And left the canvassing cards?—Yes.

7759. Did you see anybody who asked for your vote?—No.

7760. Did you promise in any way?—My wife did for me.

7761. She knew which way you were going to vote?—Yes.

7762. And had you all along made up your mind to vote for Stracey?—Yes.

7763. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

7764. Or a promise of anything?—No.

7765. Had you voted at former elections?—No.

I. Williams.

ISAIAH WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

7766. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—An earthenware dealer.

7767. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

7768. For whom did you vote?—Tillett and Russell.

7769. What time did you vote?—A little after 3.

7770. Had you promised your vote beforehand?—No.

7771. Were you canvassed?—No.

7772. Did nobody come and ask you beforehand for your vote?—No.

7773. How came you to vote so late in the day?—I did not think about voting at all on account of being in business. I had customers on both sides.

7774. Not thinking of voting at all, what induced you to change your mind?—I had two or three friends come in who asked me.

7775. Who were those friends?—Mr. Mackley was one.

7776. Is he a person who keeps a public house?—No.

7777. Did he press you to vote?—Yes.

7778. Did he press you hard?—No; he asked me to go, and I said, "It is no use going now." He said, "Oh, yes, it will only swell the numbers;" that is all.

7779. Was this so late as 3 o'clock in the day?—I think it was about that time. I know it was after dinner.

7780. Were you promised anything for your vote?—No.

7781. Were you paid anything for your vote?—No.

7782. Are you sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.

7783. Had you been out in the city that morning?—No.

7784. Had you been at your work all day?—I had been attending to my shop.

7785. You had been about your own business?—Yes.

7786. Were you a voter at the previous elections?—Yes.

7787. Which of them, 1860 or 1865, or both?—Both of them, I believe, from what I remember.

7788. We hear that money flowed at those elections?—Yes.

7789. Did you have any money at either of those elections?—No.

7790. Were you offered any money?—No.

7791. For whom did you vote?—I always voted for the Whigs.

7792. Did you vote as late in the day on those occasions as you did upon this?—I cannot call it to mind, but I think most likely I should have done so, since I have been in the business where I am.

7793. Was there not a little persuasion used on either of those occasions to get you up to the poll?—No; only the time before one of my neighbours said, "Have you been to vote?" I said, "No, I was not "thinking about going at all;" and he said, "Oh, go "by all means;" but he never asked me on which side I was going to vote no more. I was asked this last time.

7794. You are a known Whig?—Yes, sir.

7795. On the former occasions was any liberality shown to you?—No.

7796. Are you sure of that?—In what way do you mean, sir?

7797. Why you know there were 10*l.* and 5*l.* notes flying about all over the city?—No, nothing of the sort.

7798. None of them came flying in at your window?—Not a bit of it, sir.

E. Welton.

EDMUND WELTON sworn and examined.

7799. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A coachmaker.

7800. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7801. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

7802. At what hour of the day?—Between 2 and 3, I think.

7803. What made you vote so late?—I had not time, not well, to get away before.

7804. Were you at work all the day?—I was at work all the day till then.

7805. Had you promised your vote?—They didn't want a promise, because I always gave it.

7806. Were you asked for it?—I never was asked,

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because I always voted purple ever since I had a vote.

7807. You always voted in Norwich for that side?—Always did, ever since I had a vote.

7808. Did anybody go up to the poll with you at this election?—No.

7809. Was anything offered to you?—Not at all. I was not amongst them all day.

7810. Has anything been paid you since?—No.

7811. Has nothing been paid or promised to you at previous elections?—No.

7812. Did you get any refreshments given to you at this election?—No.

7813. Where did you go after you had polled?—I did not stop in the city at all. I went up to my garden. I have some garden land. I went there directly after I had voted.

7814. Did you drink any refreshments in the evening?—No; or if I did I took them at my own house.

J. F. Breeze.

JOHN FROSDYKE BREEZE sworn and examined.

7815. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler and bird dealer.

7816. Have you a vote?—Yes.

7817. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

7818. For whom?—For Russell and Stracey.

7819. At what time did you vote?—Between half-past 1 and 2.

7820. How was it you did not vote until then?—Because it did not suit me. That was the slack time, and I went and voted. I had not far to go.

7821. What were you doing in the early part of the morning?—Looking after my birds and waiting for my customers. That being slow time, I went and voted directly I got my dinner.

7822. Had you been canvassed before?—Yes.

7823. For both sides, I suppose?—No.

7824. Which side?—Mr. Fisher and Mr. Stockings, the Conservative side.

7825. What did you say to them?—They asked me whether I would pledge for my vote. I said I thought it was most likely I should not vote for Mr. Tillett.

7826. You objected to Tillett?—I objected to Mr. Tillett.

7827. You voted for the other two to keep him out?—Yes.

7828. When they canvassed you did they offer you anything for your vote?—No.

7829. Did they buy a bird?—No.

7830. Have you voted before on former occasions?—Yes.

7831. How did you vote then?—I voted for Warner and Russell.

7832. You are a Liberal by politics?—Yes, but I don't like Mr. Tillett.

7833. And a hater of Tillett by profession?—Yes.

7834. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you get anything at former elections?—No.

7835. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

7836. You heard there was money going on those occasions?—I never heard anything about it. I never went out the whole day, only to vote.

7837. I am not speaking about the last election, but of the elections of 1860 and 1865. You know there was a deal of money afloat then?—I never see any.

7838. Didn't you get any?—No.

7839. Was none offered you?—No.

J. Taylor.

JONATHAN TAYLOR sworn and examined.

7840. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A carter and shopkeeper.

7841. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7842. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

7843. For whom did you vote?—Stracey and Russell.

7844. At what time in the day?—Well, I think it was just after 3.

7845. That is rather late in the day.—I was busy. I was down with a lot of luggage.

7846. Where were you busy?—I was down with some luggage I had to take out.

7847. That didn't take you from 8 in the morning till 3 in the afternoon, did it?—No; I was busy at different parts of the day.

7848. But you passed the polling place?—No, I don't think I passed it once.

7849. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

7850. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Fisher and young Mr. Norgate came and asked me to vote, and I said I didn't know that I should vote at all, and I went away, and they spoke no more about it.

7851. How came it that you gave such an answer as that? Did you think on the day that there might be something floating about, part of which might get into your pocket?—No, I didn't think any such a thing as that. I was too busy.

7852. Then why did not you tell the canvasser what your intentions were?—I didn't hardly speak to him. I was washing at the time they came to my door.

7853. But you gave them an answer. How came you to give that sort of unsatisfactory answer?—I am carter to different places, and a shopkeeper as well. I voted for one as well as the other.

7854. Yes, but you might have said to them "I "won't offend any party, but I will vote one and "one." How came you not to say that to them?—That was what I had in my mind to do.

7855. Having it in your mind to do, why did you not say it?—They went away quick. I had no conversation with them.

7856. Having made up your mind, you said you had not. How came you to give that sort of unsatisfactory and evasive answer. Did you not think that there might be something afloat that day?—No; I have been a voter a good many years and never had a penny for my vote.

7857. You did not vote till 3 o'clock in the day; you give an evasive answer to gentlemen who come and ask you how you are going to vote; therefore, do not be surprised that I ask you this, are you sure that nobody promised you anything for your vote?—Quite sure.

7858. Or gave you anything for your vote?—No one ever gave me anything for my vote, and never promised me anything.

7859. Did anybody come to get you up to the poll that day?—No.

7860. Are you sure of that?—Quite sure. I went up of my own self. No one went up with me.

7861. You had been a voter at previous elections?—Yes.

7862. How many elections, two or three?—I think I voted twice before.

7863. Upon either of those occasions did you get any money, or the promise of any money or anything else for your vote?—No.

7864. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote on those former occasions?—I voted Liberal; I voted for Warner and Russell.

7865. Why did you not vote this time Russell and Tillett?—My business lay so that I did not wish to offend either party.

7866. Do you think your Conservative customers would have left you if you voted according to your conscience?—I don't know.

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W. Moore.

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WILLIAM MOORE sworn and examined.

7867. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A hairdresser.

7868. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Tillett.

7869. Anyone else?—No; I plumped for Mr. Tillett.

7870. At what time in the day did you vote?—Somewhere about 3 o'clock, I think.

7871. Who had canvassed you?—There was not anyone come to me; neither parties.

7872. Did anybody go up to the poll with you?—Another man went with me of the name of Larter.

7873. Where did you come from when you went to the poll?—My own house.

7874. Was the other man at your house then?—Yes.

7875. Did he vote for Tillett?—He voted the same as I did myself, plumped for Tillett.

7876. What was his name?—Thomas Larter.

7877. Do you know Mr. Womersley?—No.

7878. Have you never seen him in your life?—Never, to the best of my knowledge.

7879. Have you been engaged in elections before?—Oh yes, in respect of having a vote. I voted before, several times.

7880. Have you worked at all in canvassing?—I never done anything of the kind.

7881. Do you know Mr. Wilde?—Yes.

7882. Were you ever employed by him?—Never.

7883. Were you never his clerk?—Never in my life.

7884. Did he never give you any money?—Never.

7885. Did not you work under Wilde at previous elections?.—Work under him?

7886. Yes.—In what shape or measure do you mean in respect of working for him?

7887. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Any way.—I was subpœnaed to go up to London by the Tory party, and I went up to London.

7888. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you not work with Wilde at elections down here?—I subpœnaed three men myself; that is what I did.

7889. Did you ever take part in elections under the superintendence of Mr. Wilde?—Never in my life.

7890. Did you ever receive any money from Mr. Wilde?—Not a farthing; only my pay in going up to London, and my day's expenses while I was there.

7891. Do you know of any money going here on former elections?—No.

7892. Nor at the last election?—No.

7893. Did you ever receive any money yourself?—No.

7894. Nor any promise of money?—No promise, I assure you.

7895. What made you vote so late at this last election?—I did not intend to vote at all until a friend of mine persuaded me at the last hour to go and vote.

7896. How came it that you were not going to vote at all?—I am so situated that sometimes if I oblige one party I disoblige another.

7897. Who was the friend who persuaded you to vote?—The best friend I have in the world, my wife.

7898. Who canvassed her?—No one; she canvassed me.

7899. Do you mean to tell me that you know nothing of what had been done on former elections?—Not at all.

7900. Did you take no part in them yourself?—I never took a farthing in my life.

7901. Did you ever receive any pay for what you did on former elections?—No, no further than what I have told you, that I received my day's pay when I was up in London.

J. Smith.

JOHN SMITH sworn and examined.

7902. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a shopman, a man to my son-in-law.

7903. You manage for your son-in-law?—Yes.

7904. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

7905. For whom?—Tillett and Russell.

7906. At what hour in the day did you vote?—I should think just after dinner, about 2 o'clock or half-past.

7907. Had you been canvassed before?—No, I don't think I had.

7908. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—Yes, some one came in the morning time, I know; Mr. Parker, then Mr. Dix, Mr. Colman's man, and I went and voted.

7909. You never received any money, I presume?—Not a farthing.

7910. Or the promise of any?—No.

7911. Did you ever vote before?—No, not in Norwich.

J. Peek.

JAMES PEEK sworn and examined.

7912. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A painter.

7913. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7914. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

7915. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Tillett.

7916. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock, as near as I can tell. I don't know exactly the time.

7917. How came you to go up to the poll as late as 3 o'clock?—I was busy at work all day.

7918. There is the breakfast and the dinner hour; how came you to be so late as 3 o'clock?—In fact I did not think of voting at all.

7919. Not having made up your mind how you would vote, what turned you at the last?—Well, my master says, "Oh, go and vote;" then I said, "Very "well," I work for Mr. Wright, and I went off.

7920. Did Mr. Wright come to you?—Yes.

7921. Did he press you to vote?—No; he said, "Do but go," and I said, "Very well;" and I went directly.

7922. Simply because he asked you to vote you changed your mind?—I hadn't made up my mind. I did not say I would not vote nor that I would.

7923. Until Mr. Wright came?—He came up the yard; I was busy at work. He said, "Go and vote," and I said, "Well," and I went directly.

7924. You did not think it worth while to vote at all?—I didn't think about it. I didn't trouble anything about it.

7925. Did he offer you any money to vote?—No.

7926. Were you promised any money to vote?—No, not promised any neither.

7927. Did you receive any money to vote?—Not a farthing.

7928. Were you a voter at former elections?—No.

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T. Parker.

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THOMAS PARKER recalled and further examined.

7929. (*Mr. Biron.*) I hear that you have been kind enough to get the names which you promised ?—I beg to say that I made an error in one thing. I think I told you Trowse instead of Eaton. I had to send a man down to Trowse. I wish to rectify that error. It was Eaton instead of Trowse.

7930. We will take care that it is corrected in the notes. You have got the names ?—I have got only one name ; that is Dunnett.

7931. Was that the man who was sent to point out the voters?—This was the man sent to go into Rampant Horse Street to fetch the two people that were lame. The other one's name I cannot ascertain. I have been to Mr. Stockings and three other gentlemen, but I cannot ascertain his name, although I know him by sight.

R. Curry.

ROBERT CURRY sworn and examined.

7932. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you ? — A harness maker.

7933. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

7934. Did you vote at the last election ? — Yes.

7935. For whom did you vote ?— Sir Henry Stracey.

7936. At what time of the day ?—I went about 3 o'clock.

7937. Had you been canvassed ?—Yes.

7938. Who had canvassed you ?—I am sure I don't know.

7939. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

7940. How came you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey when you had not promised your vote ? — I don't know, I am sure.

7941. Do you change your mind without knowing or having any reason for it ?—I did not change my mind at all, because I never made up my mind.

7942. What was it that made up your mind at last ? —Well, I don't know ; no influence at all. I got nothing by it in any shape or way.

7943. What made you make up your mind. They were not your principles, otherwise you would have promised your vote ?—I was not in when the gentlemen called.

7944. What caused you to make up your mind ; did anybody come ?—No.

7945. Not having made up your mind to vote, at about 3 o'clock in the day without anybody speaking to you, and without any cause whatever, you found yourself up at the poll. Do I understand you to say that ?—Yes, I had to work up till 2 o'clock.

7946. Will you undertake to say you had not spoken about voting, and that nobody spoke to you ? —No, not anybody.

7947. Had anybody been near you ?—Not about voting for anybody.

7948. Having waited till 3 o'clock in the day what made you suddenly make up your mind to go and vote ? Do give me some reason for that if you possibly can, because perhaps I may infer a different reason, a good one in one sense, and a bad one in another ?—It was through a friend of mine that asked me to go and vote for Stracey.

7949. Then a friend came to you ?—No, I met him in the street.

7950. Why did you not tell us that before ? Who was the friend ?—His name was Rouse.

7951. What is he ?—He keeps a general shop.

7952. What did he say to you ?—He said, "Come, "aren't you going to vote ?" I said I had not thought about it. He said, "Oh, vote ; you might "as well." So I did.

7953. Is that all that passed ?—That was all.

7954. Was anything said about getting anything ?— Not one word in no shape or way.

7955. Merely that conversation ?—That is all.

7956. Are you intimate with him ?— I see him once or twice a week.

7957. You have a friendly glass together occasionally ?—We have had a glass sometimes ; not very often.

7958. Are you acquaintances ? — Not particular acquaintances.

7959. (*Mr. Biron.*) Really you are making a mystery about nothing ?—I see him once or twice a week merely to speak to him. He is not an acquaintance particularly.

7960. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What did induce you at 3 o'clock in the day to change your mind, and go up and vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Nothing induced me whatever ; nothing at all.

7961. I will not say "induced" you, but what impelled you to do it ? — Nothing impelled me to do it.

7962. How came you to do it ?—I merely thought I would do it.

7963. You were utterly indifferent about Sir Henry Stracey ?—If I did vote at all, I intended to vote for him.

7964. Now then, having come to the conclusion that if you voted at all you would vote for him, what induced you to make up your mind to vote for him ?—I should not have voted at all if it had not been for the young man I know.

7965. Your friendship in regard to him overcame your reluctance to vote ?—That was it.

7966. Are you sure that there was nothing else ? —Quite sure ; positive.

A. Catchpole.

ALFRED CATCHPOLE called and examined.

7967. (*Mr. Mansfield*). What are you by trade ?— A tailor.

7968. For whom did you vote at the last election ? —Mr. Stracey.

7969. At what hour in the day did you vote ?— About a quarter past 3, as near as I can tell.

7970. Had you been canvassed for this election ?— Yes.

7971. By whom ?—Mr. Fisher.

7972. Had you promised your vote ?—I promised it to him the first time he came.

7973. Having promised your vote, why did you poll so late in the day ?—Because I had a job to do that I was obliged to get done.

7974. Did you see anyone before you went out to poll ?—I see Mr. Fisher ; he came once to my house.

7975. What passed between you and Mr. Fisher ? —Nothing ; only he wanted me to go and vote.

7976. At what time in the day was that ?— I believe he was there about 11 o'clock in the morning first, and he came again about 2.

7977. After that did he come again ?—He might come a third time. I believe he did.

7978. When he came the third time it would be getting on towards 3 o'clock ?—It was.

7979. You saw him when he called at your place ? —Yes.

7980. Each time ?—Yes.

7981. What passed the third time ?—Nothing, only what I have told you. He wanted me to go and vote.

7982. Why had you not voted earlier in the day ? —Because it was not convenient for me.

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7983. How far was the polling place from your house?—About 200 yards.

7984. Being only 200 yards from the polling place, you did not vote until a quarter past 3?—Just so.

7985. It required three interviews with Mr. Fisher to induce you to vote, although you had previously promised; is that so?—Yes.

7986. Tell me what conversation took place between you and Mr. Fisher?—I have told you all the conversation that took place between me and Mr. Fisher or anyone else.

7987. What did Mr. Fisher say?—He asked me to go and poll.

7988. Is that all?—That is all.

7989. What did you say?—I told him I would go as soon as I had finished my job.

7990. Was that the answer you gave him the other times?—Yes, the same.

7991. Was anything else said?—No.

7992. Was no promise made to you?—No.

7993. No offer of any kind?—No.

7994. Have you received anything since the election for your vote?—No.

7995. Do you deal with Mr. Fisher?—No.

7996. Have you voted at previous elections?—No.

7997. This is your first time?—Yes.

7998. You have not received any money yourself?—No.

7999. Nor any promise?—No.

8000. Nor given any promise?—No.

8001. Were you applied to by anyone else?—No.

8002. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You say the polling place was 200 yards from your place?—Yes.

8003. And that you could not go earlier, because you were engaged on your job?—Yes.

8004. But there was the breakfast hour between 8 and 9 during which you might have polled. Did you work at your job between 8 and 9?—Yes.

8005. What was your job?—I was making a black waistcoat for a funeral, and that was tied to time.

8006. When did you begin to make the black waistcoat?—In the morning.

8007. How long does it take you to make a black waistcoat?—About 6 hours. I should think 7 or 8 hours.

8008. When did the man want his waistcoat home?—That I cannot say. That is my time.

8009. If you did not know when it was wanted there was no great hurry so far as you were concerned for that job?—My time for the waistcoat was at half-past 2.

8010. To whom had you promised it at half-past 2?—That is the shop orders to get it done by half-past 2.

8011. And you pledged yourself to get it done by half-past 2?—I got it done as soon as I possibly could.

8012. Were you ordered to get it done by half-past 2?—Yes; I rather think before that.

8013. Did you get it done by half-past 2?—No.

8014. At what time did you finish it?—About 10 minutes past 3.

8015. Did you leave off for an hour for dinner?—I do not suppose I left off for half an hour.

8016. At what time in the morning did you say you began it?—I believe about 8 o'clock.

8017. Did not you set to work before 8?—No; that is quite time enough for me to get it done.

8018. What answer did you give to Mr. Fisher when he came and asked you the first time?—I told him as soon as ever I got my job done I would go and vote, not before.

8019. Did you give him the same answer the second time?—Yes.

8020. And the third time he brought you up to the mark, did he?—No.

8021. Did you go up with him?—No, I went by myself.

8022. Immediately after Mr. Fisher left?—No; not by an hour after he left, I should suppose.

GEORGE BENNETT sworn and examined.

G. Bennett.

8023. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

8024. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

8025. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

8026. At what hour in the day?—I think it was between 2 and 3—very little after 2.

8027. Why did not you vote before?—I did not leave off work before. I have a family to supply.

8028. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

8029. Before the day of the election?—It might be two or three days before.

8030. Did you promise to vote?—Yes; they asked me if I would vote for Mr. Stracey, and I said "Yes."

8031. What were you doing the early part of the morning?—I was at work shoemaking.

8032. At your own place?—Yes.

8033. Are you a master or a journeyman?—A journeyman.

8034. You take your work home?—I have my work from the shop.

8035. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing at all.

8036. Were you promised anything?—No. I never asked for anything; nor was promised anything.

8037. Have you voted before on former elections?—I never voted before in this town, nor yet in any other.

WILLIAM BRADFORD sworn and examined.

W. Bradford.

8038. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your business?—A cordwainer.

8039. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

8040. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

8041. At what time did you vote?—Between 3 and 4.

8042. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

8043. By whom?—I don't know the two gentlemen that came and canvassed me of an evening.

8044. How long before the election was it?—That I cannot say.

8045. When you were canvassed what answer did you give?—I told them I had not made up my mind.

8046. When did you make up your mind?—Not till after dinner on the election day.

8047. Where were you that day?—After my business.

8048. Where did your business lie?—At home.

8049. How far is that from the polling place?—I live in Queen Street, and that was on Saint Stephen's Road, between the "Trowel and Hammer" and the "Coach and Horses."

8050. How far is that from your house?—I cannot say. I did not measure it.

8051. 100, 200, or 300 yards?—I cannot say, so I won't try.

8052. You can tell me about how far?—I should think it is about a quarter of a mile.

8053. You had not any job that day?—Yes, I had some boots to make.

8054-5. For whom?—Mr. Norton, who I work for.

8056. When had you received the boots and when were they to be sent home?—I cannot say. Sometimes I have a great quantity by me.

8057. On this particular day what was there to pre-

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vent you going a quarter of a mile to vote?—I was after my business, making boots.

8058. What was there to prevent you going a quarter of a mile to vote?—I had a mind to finish my work before I went out.

8059. You had not made up your mind to vote when you were canvassed?—No, I had not.

8060. What at about half-past 3 o'clock on that day induced you to make up your mind?—My inclination. My inclinations led that way.

8061. What worked on your inclination?—That was my principle that caused me to vote that way.

8062. A man who has definite principles does not tell gentlemen who come and ask him for a vote that he has not made up his mind to vote. Why did you not say when you were canvassed that you would vote on that side? Was it not that you wanted something for your vote?—No.

8063. What was it?—Nothing at all, only my principle.

8064. Your principle is the only thing that induced you to vote, according to you?—Of course.

8065. Why did you not tell the gentlemen that you intended to vote that way at half-past 3 o'clock in the day?—I don't know.

8066. How came it at half-past 3 o'clock in the day that you suddenly made up your mind to vote? Did anybody call upon you?—Not a soul.

8067. Did you see anybody?—No.

8068. Did you receive any note?—No.

8069. Did anybody see your wife?—No.

8070. Did anybody come to your shop that afternoon?—My shop is in my house at home.

8071. Do you mean to say that nobody came to your shop that afternoon?—No.

8072. Had you been canvassed by the other side?—Yes.

8073. What answer had you given them?—I told them I had not made up my mind which way I should go.

8074. If your principles were Conservative how came you to give them such an answer as that? You could tell them you would not vote for them?—I could if I had thought so.

8075. Had you heard at the former elections of 10*l.* notes flying about?—No.

8076. Had you never heard anything about money at the former elections?—No.

8077. You are entirely ignorant of anything like money being given at the former elections?—At the former elections, yes.

8078. Did you think anything might be given this time?—I did not think anything of the sort.

8079. I have to draw an inference as to what may have been your motive. Can you give me anything like a plain straightforward answer to that simple question?—What question did you ask me?

8080. I asked you this; being of Conservative principles and being asked by persons who were opposed to you in politics to vote for them, why did you not give the straightforward answer of "Gentlemen, I shall not vote for you"?—Why, because I had not made up my mind whether I should vote at all.

8081. But you said that your political principles were Conservative?—Yes, but I did not say that I had made up my mind whether I would vote or no.

8082. Why did not you say, "I shall not give you my vote"?—I had not made up my mind to vote at all.

8083. Why did not you say like a straightforward man, "I shall not vote for you"?—That is the very reason, because I did not like to say I would vote or would not vote.

8084. (*Mr. Biron.*) But you had made up your mind not to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8085. Why did not you say when the Liberals asked you, "I may vote for the Conservatives, but I shall not vote for you"?—I don't know the reason.

8086. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you had nothing since the election?—No.

T. Bartram.

THOMAS BARTRAM sworn and examined.

8087. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

8088. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

8089. At what hour in the day did you poll?—Somewhere about a quarter to 4.

8090. What made you poll so late?—I could not get my work done before. I was busy with my work.

8091. Had you been asked to vote?—No.

8092. By nobody?—No.

8093. Not that day?—Not that day, by a soul.

8094. Nor the day before?—No.

8095. Not at all in regard to this election?—No.

8096. With whom did you go up to the poll?—Nobody; I knew the way myself. I went by myself.

8097. Where were you the whole of the day?—At home at work.

8098. Did you receive no message during the day?—Not in the least.

8099. Have you ever voted at an election before?—No.

8100. Was anything offered to you at this election?—No, not a farthing.

8101. You know there was a good deal of money going about late in the day; was any promise of money made to you?—No.

8102. Have you received any since?—No, not a fraction.

8103. Do you know Mr. Fisher?—Where does he live?

8104. He is a grocer. Do you know Parker, the grocer?—No, I don't know them.

8105. Do you know Dr. Pitt?—I have seen the name of Dr. Pitt, but I don't know the man.

8106. Do you know Dr. Allen?—Yes; I know Dr. Allen by seeing him riding about.

8107. Have you ever spoken to him?—Never in my life.

8108. Do you know Mr. Woodrow?—No; I might have seen the gentleman; I don't know him.

W. Applegate.

WILLIAM APPLEGATE sworn and examined.

8109. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

8110. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

8111. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

8112. When?—At half-past 3, between that and 4.

8113. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—There was some gentlemen came round to the house, but I did not see them; I was at work.

8114. When was that?—A few days before the election.

8115. What were you doing on the morning of the polling day?—I was at work.

8116. Where?—At the coal yard.

8117. Whose coal yard?—J. and H. Girling's.

8118. Are they Conservatives?—I don't know. They live in London.

8119. Is the manager there a Conservative?—I don't know.

8120. Did he canvass you?—No; he never canvassed me.

8121. How came you not to vote before that time?—We did not leave off until half-past 2, and I thought it would suit me best after I had got my dinner.

8122. You had your breakfast hour; why did you

not vote then?—We were busy. We go to breakfast at any time. I knew we were going to leave off in time enough for voting.

8123. How did you know that?—The clerk told us we should close in time to give our votes.

8124. Did the clerk say to you anything about who you were to vote for?—No.

8125. Not a word?—Not a word.

8126. Did he say he was going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—He asked which way we were going to vote. Some voted one way and some the other.

8127. Did he ask you?—Yes, and I said, "Sir "Henry Stracey."

8128. Did you get anything for your vote?—Nothing.

8129. No beer?—No, only what I got before I went away; that I paid for myself.

8130. You paid for your own drink?—Yes.

8131. Did nobody stand treat?—No; no one was kind enough for that.

8132. Not after you voted?—There was only the landlady in the house where I got the beer, so there was no one to treat me.

8133. You were not treated either before or after?—No; I never went into a public house after I voted.

8134. Have you received anything since?—Nothing.

HENRY JOHN REYNOLDS sworn and examined.

H. J. Reynolds

8135. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

8136. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

8137. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

8138. What time of the day?—About 3 o'clock.

8139. What are you by business?—An iron moulder.

8140. In whose employment?—Barnard and Bishop.

8141. How came you to vote so late?—Because I was walking about the city till that time.

8142. From the early morning?—From about 11 o'clock.

8143. There was plenty of time for you to have voted while you were walking about the city?—I daresay there was.

8144. Why did you not do it?—I had promised that I would vote for Mr. Stracey, so I didn't think it mattered what time I did vote.

8145. If you had promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, why did you not vote earlier instead of walking about the city?—I told you before that I didn't think it mattered what time you voted if you but voted.

8146. Did you hear men saying they ought to have a day's wages?—No.

8147. Did you hear nobody say that on that day?—No.

8148. How many are there in your works?—I don't know. There was between 200 and 300 then.

8149. Did you not hear men in your works say that they ought to have a day's wages which they lost by the election?—No, I was not with any of them.

8150. You were walking about the city and saw your fellow workmen?—I never see any of them that day.

8151. Do you mean to say that walking about the city you did not see any of your 300 fellow workmen?—No, not any, I believe.

8152. There was no work done at your works that day?—No; it was closed, I believe.

8153. Did you not think that it was vary hard to lose your day's wages?—Well, sir, we could not help losing the day's wages.

8154. Did not you think it hard?—I did not think anything at all about it.

8155–56. You are a man depending upon your day's wages; and do you mean to give me that answer, that you did not think about it?—It was no use thinking about that, because they won't pay you if you are not there.

8157. Did not you think it hard that you should lose that day's wages?—No, I did not think nothing about that at all.

8158. Did not it pass through your mind?—It was no use thinking about that, because if the place is shut up they won't pay you.

8159. You might think it, and yet say nothing to your master about it?—I might say so to my wife when I was at home.

8160. And to some one else besides your wife?—No, not to anyone.

8161. There were lots of workmen walking about the streets. Did they not say it was a hard thing to lose their day's wages?—I never heard them say that.

8162. Did you talk with them?—Very few. I was with my wife.

8163. Do you mean to say you talked to nobody?—Very few people. I had my wife with me that day.

8164. Did she say anything?—About what?

8165. About your losing your day's wages?—She said the firm didn't ought to have shut up.

8166. Did she say it was hard upon you that you should lose your day's wages, and did she say so to the gentlemen she met?—She never met any gentlemen, not to speak to.

8167. Did she say so to the people whom she met and talked to?—We never met only a sister of hers and her mother.

8168. You were wandering over the city; you must have met a great number of people, and stood at the corners and talked with them?—No, I didn't; not to anyone.

8169. What did you do? Did you go into public houses?—I think I went into one or two when I was dry, and had a glass.

8170. Which were the one or two that you went into?—One against her mother's in King Street. It is an old-fashioned house.

8171. What other?—The tavern next my old house where I live.

8172. There were a good many people in the public houses, I suppose?—There were very few there. It is a quiet place where I live, in Crook's Place. Not many use the house.

8173. There were some people?—There were some in the bar.

8174. This grievance being on your wife's mind, did not she tell them about it?—She spoke to them what were in there. She said she thought I had been better at work.

8175. Do you know Dr. Pitt?—No.

8176. Do you know him by sight?—I cannot say that I know him.

8177. Do you know Mr. Fisher?—Yes, I know him to see.

8178. Did you see him in Crook's Place that day?—No.

8179. Did anyone come to you and ask you to vote that day?—No.

8180. Not a soul?—No; I went out at 11, and I voted at 3.

8181. Did anybody come and ask you to go up to the poll?—Not when I was at home, and the house was shut up when we went out.

8182–4. You were wandering about the city. You had a card, I presume?—There was a card left at my house, but I did not take that with me, because I knew my number that was on the register.

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8185. Do you mean to say you did not get any money for voting ?—No.

8186. Nor beer ?—No.

8187. Nor the promise of any money ?—No.

8188. Did you see Hardiment that day ?—No ; I do not know Mr. Hardiment.

8189. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You were about the city walking the whole day ?—From 11 to 3.

8190. During that time did anybody talk to you about voting ?—No.

8191. Did anybody talk to you about voting at all ? —Only what I told you before, my wife's sister and her mother.

8192. You were walking about keeping holiday, and you had no conversation with anyone but these two ?—No.

J. Cook.

JAMES COOK, junior, sworn and examined.

8193. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A plumber and glazier.

8194. For whom did you vote at this election ?—Mr. Tillett.

8195. At what hour of the day ?—About 2 o'clock.

8196. How did you come to vote so late ?—I was rather busy in the forenoon. I had not time.

8197. Were you busy all the morning ?—Yes.

8198. At work ?—Yes.

8199. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—Yes.

8200. Had you promised it ?—No.

8201. Why had not you promised it ?—I never did promise a vote.

8202. By whom were you canvassed ?—Mr. Copeman and Mr. Jarrold on the Liberal side.

8203. By Mr. Womersley ?—No.

8204. Have you voted at former elections ?—Yes.

8205. Have you always voted Liberal ?—Yes.

8206. Have you received at this or former elections any money or promise of money ?—No.

8207. Have you promised to give any ?—No.

8208. Have you received any money since the election from anybody ?—No.

8209. Did you hear of any money going about in the latter part of the day ?—I heard reports of the sort, but I did not know whether it was right. I did not know anything about it no further.

J. E. J. Barker.

JAMES EDMUND JOSEPH BARKER sworn and examined.

8210. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A shopkeeper.

8211. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

8212. For whom ?—Stracey.

8213. At what time ?—Half-past 2.

8214. Where were you in the early part of the day ?—In the shop.

8215. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—Two days before I was canvassed.

8216. Had you promised your vote ?—I never did promise anyone.

8217. Why ?—I never made it a practice.

8218. Why did you not ?—Because I was always an independent voter.

8219. That is the very reason why you should say right out what you do ?—I never did.

8220. Had you made up your mind ?—I never wish to make a promise to anybody.

8221. Why ?—I had my own reason.

8222. What is your reason ?—Because I did not want to do it.

8223. That is your practice ?—That is my practice.

8224. Did you get any money for voting ?—No.

8225. Or the promise of any money ?—No.

8226. Did anybody say you could get money ?—No.

8227. Have you always voted Conservative ?—I voted for Russell and Warner the last time.

8228. Do you vote alternately ?—Yes.

8229. Liberal one time and Conservative another ? —Yes.

8230. Then you will turn round Liberal next time ; you need not make them a promise because they will know how you are going to vote ?—I am at liberty to vote which way I please.

W. Cutler.

WILLIAM CUTLER sworn and examined.

8231. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you ?—A brewer's labourer.

8232. Were you a voter at the last election ?—Yes.

8233. For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

8234. At what time in the day did you vote ?—At about half-past 2, as near as I can tell.

8235. In whose employment are you ?—Messrs. Morgan's, brewers, King Street.

8236. How came you not to vote until half-past 2 ? —I could not get away before, I could not leave my employment before.

8237. Was that the first time you could get away from your work ?—Yes.

8238. Did anybody come to you and ask you to go and vote —Yes.

8239. Who ?—I do not know.

8240. Did they offer you anything to vote ?—No.

8241. Did they promise you anything to vote ?—No.

8242. Had you been canvassed before ?—Yes.

8243. I suppose Mr. Morgan's men had been canvassed ?—That I do not know. I had at my own house, not at the brewery.

8244. Had you made any promise ?—No.

8245. Were you canvassed before the election day ? —Yes.

8246. How was it if you were canvassed before the election day that you did not promise ?—That was Mr. Tillett's party.

8247. You would not promise them ?—No.

8248. Did you say you would not vote for them ?—Yes.

8249. Did you receive anything in any way for your vote ?—No.

8250. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

8251. Either beer or money or anything else ?—No.

8252. Have you ever been a voter before ?—No.

Adjourned to to-morrow at half-past 10.

EIGHTH DAY.

Friday, 27th August 1869.

GEORGE AUSTIN sworn and examined.

8253. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

8254. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

8255. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

8256. At what time in the day did you vote?—I think it was after 4 o'clock, between 4 and 5.

8257. That was very late in the day?—Yes.

8258. Are you sure it was not between 3 and 4?—Yes.

8259. Are you sure it was after 4?—I think it was after 4.

8260. Where had you been all day?—At home at work.

8261. Had you been canvassed before for your vote?—Yes, I had been canvassed.

8262. Who had canvassed you?—Well, I do not know who they were.

8263. Had you promised your vote?—No.

8264. What did you say to them when they canvassed you?—I did not see anyone but Mr. Tillett's party, and I told them I should not vote for Mr Tillett; I did not promise anyone.

8265. You are sure of that?—I am quite sure of it.

8266. How came you to vote so late?—Because I had business at home, so that I could not leave my house to go out. I had work that was obliged to be done.

8267. What was the special business you had?—I am a tailor by trade, and I had some clothes to get ready that evening for which I was forced to keep at home.

8268. At what time did you finish them?—I think they were finished near 4 o'clock.

8269. For whom did you make the clothes?—They were for Mr. Pigg, in the market place.

8270. Is he your regular employer?—Not particularly him. I am in business for myself.

8271. Did anybody call upon you upon the day of the election?—No, I did not see anyone at all.

8272. You went up and voted?—I went up and voted after I had done my work.

8273. How came you, having refused to promise your vote, to vote that afternoon for Sir Henry Stracey?—I do not know that I have any particular reason at all for it.

8274. Are you sure that nobody gave you any money?—Not a farthing. I did not see anybody during the day at all, not till I left home at four o'clock.

8275. Had you voted at any previous election?—No.

GEORGE FOSTER sworn and examined.

8276. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shopkeeper; a shoe shop.

8277. Are you a voter?—Yes.

8278. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Russell and Tillett.

8279. At what time in the day did you vote?—Just after dinner.

8280. Had you been canvassed?—No, not at all.

8281. Had you promised your vote to anybody?—No; I never was canvassed by anyone; they left the complimentary card, and that is all I saw.

8282. Where is your shop?—St John's.

8283. What is the rent of it?—10*l.* a year.

8284. Had you voted at previous elections?—Not here I had not; not in the Parliamentary elections.

8285. Were you in Norwich at the time?—Yes, but I have been away at different times.

8286. Had you a vote before?—Not a Parliamentary vote.

8287. Had you been offered anything for voting this time?—No.

8288. Nothing at all?—No.

8289. Had you been promised anything?—No.

8290. How came you to vote so late?—Because I had business to attend to, and did not go out till after dinner.

8291. You were minding your shop?—Yes.

GEORGE DAWSON sworn and examined.

8292. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carver and sculptor.

8293. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

8294. At what hour in the day did you vote?—About half-past 2.

8295. How was it that you did not vote before that?—Because the business would have been neglected if I had done so.

8296. What were you doing all the morning?—I was out in the country a little way.

8297. Driving?—Yes.

8298. Where to?—To Stoke.

8299. Is that a suburb of this place?—Yes, I believe so.

8300. How far is it off?—About four miles.

8301. What did you do at Stoke?—I did a little business along with the person who keeps the "Lion" at Stoke.

8302. What business?—Business connected with my trade, carving.

8303. Were you doing a job for him?—He was foreman for Mr. Price, the builder, of Museum Court.

8304. But what brought you there?—Just merely a piece of business, that is all, to settle the account up, that is all.

8305. You went to get your bill paid?—No; just to have it agreed upon.

8306. At what time in the morning did you start?—About 11 o'clock.

8307. Why did you not vote before 11?—That I cannot say. I did not promise that I should vote at all.

8308. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

8309. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Maitland and Mr. Bates, the shopkeeper.

8310. What did you say to them?—I said that I should not vote for Mr. Tillett for any consideration.

8311. Did you say who you would vote for?—I said that I had not settled to vote at all, but that if I voted for anybody it would be for Sir Henry Stracey.

8312. The persons to whom you spoke were Mr. Tillett's canvassers?—Yes.

8313. Did Sir Henry Stracey's people canvass you at all?—Yes; and I said "I will not promise you, but

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"if I vote at all for anyone it will be for Sir Henry "Stracey."

8314. Why did you not promise them?—Because I was connected with parties who are connected with the Liberals and likewise with the Conservative party.

8315. At the "Lion" inn was anything said to you about voting?—Not the slightest in the world.

8316. And when you came back you voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

8317. Your inclination was Conservative?—Yes.

8318. Did you get any money for voting?—Not the slightest.

8319. And you got no promise from anyone?—I got no promise of any kind.

J. Creak.

JOHN CREAK sworn and examined.

8320. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

8321. What are you?—A master watchmaker.

8322. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Russell and Tillett.

8323. At what time in the day did you vote?—About half-past 3.

8324. How came you to be so late?—It was after my work.

8325. Could you not get away before?—No.

8326. The place of voting was close by where you worked, was it not?—Yes.

8327. Were you standing out for money?—No.

8328. Are you sure of that?—Quite sure.

8329. Was any money offered to you?—No.

8330. Was any money promised you?—No.

8331. Did you get any money?—No.

8332. Were you a voter this time for the first time?—The first time.

8333. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

8334. Had you promised your vote?—No.

8335. Why did you not promise your vote?—Because I am an independent voter.

8336. Surely you would be just as independent whether you had promised your vote or not; do you mean to say you were not expecting some money for your vote?—Not any.

8337. How do you think that promising your vote would make you less independent. I do not understand your reason. You are sure you got no money or promise of any money?—Not any.

W. Bolton.

WILLIAM BOLTON sworn and examined.

8338. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

8339. Are you a voter?—Yes.

8340. Was this the first time that you were a voter?—Yes.

8341. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

8342. About what time in the day?—About half-past 2 or 20 minutes to 3, I cannot say which.

8343. How came you to be so late?—Because I had two young men working with me, and if I had left off they would have had to leave off too; and therefore I waited till dinner time, and then I washed myself and went and voted.

8344. Did you not go out at all before dinner?—No.

8345. Who canvassed you?—No one.

8346. Did you promise your vote to anyone?—No.

8347. Did anyone come to take you to the poll?—No.

T. Lemon.

THOMAS LEMON sworn and examined.

8348. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A master baker.

8349. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

8350. What hour in the day did you vote?—After I had done my business.

8351. When was that?—After dinner.

8352. At what hour?—It might be about 3 o'clock.

8353. Why did you not vote earlier?—My business prevented me; my trade is different to many others. I cannot leave it.

8354. You cannot leave your ovens?—No.

8355. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Only by a circular.

8356. Had you promised your vote?—I always voted for the Conservative party, not on the other side at all.

8357-8. How often had you voted before?—I have had a vote for 14 years. I do not know how often I have voted.

8359. Did you get anything for voting at this election?—No.

8360. Nor at any time?—No.

8361. And you received no promise of anything?—No.

G.F. Garnham.

GEORGE FREDERICK GARNHAM recalled and further examined.

8362. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) When you gave your evidence yesterday you said this: "I think I com- "menced canvassing about 12 o'clock. At that time "I knew Stracey was behind. I canvassed a man "named Prentice at the 'Mitre' tavern, and Bland "at the 'Bell' hotel. I asked them to go and vote, "and they did so at once without any inducement. "I did not canvass from house to house on the day "of election, but asked those men who were standing "about the streets." You said "I canvassed a man "named Prentice at the 'Mitre' tavern;" that is in connexion with 12 o'clock?—No.

8363. If there is any mistake with regard to that let us have the facts correctly; it would so read. At what time did you canvass Prentice?—I think, so far as I remember, it was about 3 o'clock.

8364. Did Prentice at once go with you?—He went with me and Mr. Arthur Bignold.

8365. Did he go the first time you asked him?—Yes; I only went to him once.

8366. Did Mr. Arthur Bignold go up with you to Prentice?—Yes.

8367. Did you go from the committee room to Prentice?—No, I do not think I did.

8368. How came Mr. Arthur Bignold to go with you to Prentice?—Because we found that Prentice had not voted.

8369. Had you been to the committee room then, or had you left the committee room together, and on looking over the list found that that was the fact?—No; I did not see Mr. Arthur Bignold in the committee room at all.

8370. Where did you meet?—Somewhere in the street.

8371. How came he to go with you to Prentice?—Because some one told us that Prentice had not voted.

8372. It was not what you learnt at the committee room?—No.

8373. Were you talking to Mr. Arthur Bignold when that occurred?—I do not know, there might have been seven or eight people with me at the time; we found that he had not voted.

8374. How came you to have left the committee room, and to be where you then were?—I cannot tell you at all. I was walking up and down the street.

8375. Do you know who it was that told you that Prentice had not voted?—I cannot remember at all, all I was told was that Prentice had not voted.

8376. And you and Mr. Arthur Bignold went to him?—Mr. Arthur Bignold and I went to him, and he went up and voted immediately.

8377. Did you or Mr. Bignold speak to him?—I spoke to him.

8378. Where did you find him?—In the bar at the "Mitre."

8379. Did you go in a cab?—Yes, we did.

8380. And did you bring Prentice away in a cab?—No.

8381. Did you walk with him?—I walked a little way with him, and got into the cab myself again.

8382. Did anybody go with him to the poll?—I am not certain; I think Mr. Arthur Bignold did.

8383. There seemed to be a contradiction about that upon the face of your evidence, and we thought it right to give you an opportunity of correcting it.—I will tell you exactly how I went up. I met Mr. Arthur Bignold coming down St. Stephen's, and we were chatting with a few people, and they said Prentice had not voted yet, would we go down and see him, so we went down and saw him. He was in his shirt sleeves, and he put on his coat and went down immediately and voted. That is all I know of Prentice.

HENRY HINDES, junior, sworn and examined. *H. Hindes, jun.*

8384. (*Mr Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A rope maker.

8385. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

8386. Had you promised your vote?—Yes; I always do promise the Conservative interest.

8387. Had you voted before?—Yes, many times.

8388. Had you always voted for the Conservatives?—Yes.

8389. Without exception?—Always.

8390. Had you anything to do with making promises to other people?—No.

8391. Or with paying money?—No.

8392. Are you a lodger?—No. I occupy a house in Red Lion Street where I live.

8393. Did you take any active part in this election?—Not any.

8394. Did you canvass anybody?—No.

8395. Did anybody come to you on the day of the poll?—Not anyone.

8396. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you bank at Harvey's bank?—Yes.

8397. Does your father bank there too?—Yes.

8398. Have you got your banker's book with you?—No.

8399. Did you draw, upon the day of the election, a large sum of money there?—No.

8400. Are you sure of that?—Quite sure.

8401. Did you draw out any money on that day?—Not any whatever.

8402. Did you draw any cheque that day?—No; I did not go to the bank that day for any purpose.

8403. Did you draw a cheque?—No, I did not.

8404. You did not go yourself to the bank?—I did not, nor did I send anyone to the bank.

8405. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did anybody borrow any money of you that day?—No.

ARTHUR GEORGE BACON sworn and examined. *A. G. Bacon.*

8406. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A warehouseman.

8407. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

8408. What time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and half-past 3.

8409. What was the reason for your voting so late?—I went out to poll at a quarter past 8, but I could not get to the polling place, and so I went away, and I could not get out again till then.

8410. You did make an attempt to poll at a quarter past 8?—Yes.

8411. And not being able to get to the polling place you then went later on in the day and polled?—Yes.

8412. Had you been canvassed?—Two gentlemen on the Conservative side came and asked my principles. I was not at home at the time, but my wife said I was a Conservative, and that was sufficient.

8413. You got nothing for your vote?—No.

8414. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) And gave nothing to anybody for voting?—No.

WILLIAM HENRY FULLER sworn and examined. *W. H. Fuller.*

8415. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shopkeeper, tobacconist, and news agent.

8416. Are you a voter?—Yes.

8417. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Stracey and Russell.

8418. At what hour in the day did you vote?—About 2, or a little after.

8419. Was that the first time that you ever voted?—No.

8420. How had you voted on former occasions?—Sometimes I had not voted at all.

8421. But when you did vote how had you voted?—Once I voted for Peto and Warner, I think.

8422. That was for the Liberals?—Yes.

8423. Had you ever voted for a Conservative before?—No.

8424. Who canvassed you this time?—I think Mr. Norgate was one; there were two or three gentlemen. I think young Mr. Norgate was one.

8425. Did you promise your vote?—Yes.

8426. When?—When they called.

8427. When was that?—A few days before the election.

8428. What made you poll so late in the day?—Because my business caused me to be about the town, and I did not have an opportunity of going to vote before.

8429. The polling place was close by, was it not?—Yes, but I had to do my business and to carry out my papers.

8430. You must have passed the polling place, and might have voted before surely?—When gentlemen want their papers I must do the best I can to let them have them as early as I can.

8431. Did anybody come to you that day?—No.

8432. Did anybody offer you money?—No.

8433. Or give you any?—No, and I never asked for any.

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8434. Was any money promised or given to you at any former election?—Never.

8435. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

8436. This was the first time you had voted for a Conservative?—Yes, and if it had not been for Mr Tillett putting up I should not have voted Conservative now.

G. Hallows.

GEORGE HALLOWS sworn and examined.

8437. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A harness maker.

8438. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Russell and Tillett.

8439. Were you canvassed?—Yes.

8440. Did you promise your vote?—No.

8441. Were you about the city during the day of the polling?—Very little.

8442. Did you see anybody being taken up to the poll during the day?—There were various people that I saw during the day.

8443. By whom were they taken to the poll?—Well, I do not know. I can hardly call the person to my mind at the present time. I saw various persons.

8444. Did you see them later in the day?—Yes.

8445. In the afternoon?—Yes.

8446. Did you see for whom they polled?—I did not go to the poll.

8447. But you saw them going to the poll?—Yes; I supposed they were going to the poll.

8448. Was anybody guarding them or going up with them?—No.

8449. Did you see Mr. Arthur Bignold taking men up to the poll in the afternoon?—I saw him in the street with men.

8450. Walking with them?—Yes. Whether he went to the poll or not I cannot say; I did not follow them.

8451. Was this in the fifth ward?—Yes.

8452. You did not get anything for your vote?—No; I should not like to take anything for my vote.

8453. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know the name of the man you saw going up with Mr. Arthur Bignold?—Yes; his name was Prentice.

8454. What time in the day was that?—About 20 minutes to 4.

H. Kendle.

HENRY KENDLE sworn and examined.

8455. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

8456. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Tillett and Russell.

8457. At what time did you vote?—About a quarter or 20 minutes to 4.

8458. What made you vote so late?—Business detained me.

8459. What had you been doing all day?—I was engaged in my trade.

8460. What is your trade?—A boot manufacturer.

8461. How far off is your business from the poll?—About 200 yards.

8462. Could you not find time to go and poll earlier in the day?—No.

8463. Did you not go out all day?—No, I never stirred outside.

8464. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—I was asked for my vote, I believe, by certain people.

8465. Do you know by whom?—I know one man, that is all I know.

8466. Did you promise your vote?—Yes.

8467. For whom?—For Russell and Tillett.

8468. Had you a vote before?—No.

8469. Did you receive any money or any offer of money at this election?—No.

8470. Did you make any offer to anybody else?—No.

S. Linay.

SAMUEL LINAY sworn and examined.

8471. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An attorney's clerk.

8472. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

8473. At what hour in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

8474. How came you not to vote till then?—Because I was otherwise occupied.

8475. In your business?—Yes.

8476. To whom are you clerk?—To Mr. William Sadd.

8477. Were you actively engaged in the election?—No, not in any way.

8478. Was Mr. Sadd?—I believe he was, but I am his managing clerk and had to attend to his business.

8479. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

8480. Or the promise of anything?—No; nor was I canvassed.

8481. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you voted before?—No, not at a Parliamentary election.

8482. Did you not promise your vote to the other side?—No. I was never asked.

8483. Are there two men of your name?—Not in Norwich.

8484. Had you said anything to your master about voting?—Certainly not; since then I have been articled to him, and I was his managing clerk then.

H. Lock.

HENRY LOCK sworn and examined.

8485. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A boot maker.

8486. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Tillett and Russell.

8487. At what hour in the day?—At half-past 3.

8488. What made you so late in giving your vote?—Because I was busy in my trade and could not get out before; that is all.

8489. Had you ever voted before?—Yes.

8490. Are you a master boot maker?—I am.

8491. How many men do you employ?—Five or six.

8492. Did you take any part in this election yourself?—I did not.

8493. Did anybody make any offer of money to you?—No.

8494. Did you give any money or promise any to anyone?—I did not.

8495. Had you voted before?—Yes.

8496. On which side had you voted on previous occasions?—I forget.

8497. Liberal or Tory?—I cannot say. I forget. I have a very bad memory.

8498. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is your memory so bad that you do not recollect which way you voted?—I do not.

8499. Have your principles undergone any change?—It is not worth troubling about at all, elections are not.

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Anthony Easterby Lock sworn and examined. *A. E. Lock.*

8500. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A pawnbroker in St. Stephen's.

8501. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

8502. For whom?—For Russell and Stracey.

8503. What time in the day did you vote?—Perhaps at about a quarter to 4.

8504. How came you to vote so late?—I conduct my business myself with the assistance of a lad, and I did not close my business till about 3 o'clock; there was nothing doing and I shut up my shop, retired, and went away and polled in the market place, next door but one to my own shop. I was canvassed by several neighbours in the street, but I gave them no promise. I had made up my mind not to vote, but I went down to the market and seeing that Stracey and Russell wanted a little help, I went back and polled.

8505. Did you get anything for voting?—Certainly not.

8506. Or the promise of anything?—No.

Timothy Bennett Hall sworn and examined. *T. B. Hall.*

8507. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A boot maker.

8508. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Tillett and Russell.

8509. Where do you live?—In Rampant Horse Street.

8510. At what o'clock in the day did you vote?—Between 2 and half-past 2.

8511. How came you to vote so late?—I was detained at home by business.

8512. Had you promised your vote to anybody?—I had not promised my vote to anyone; I was not even canvassed by anyone,—not on the Liberal side.

8513. Was that the first time you had had a vote?—I had had a vote some time, but that was the first time I had voted.

8514. Were you canvassed by Sir Henry Stracey's party?—I was.

8515. What answer did you make to them?—I told them that I should vote on the Liberal side, that that was my principles.

8516. Was any offer or any promise made to you?—Not any.

8517. Did you make any promise to anyone else?—No.

Richard Kerrison sworn and examined. *R. Kerrison.*

8518. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

8519. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

8520. At what hour in the day?—About a quarter before 3.

8521. Why did you not vote earlier?—I had my business to attend to. I could not leave the shop before 2 o'clock.

8522. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

8523. By whom?—Mr. Fisher.

8524. Did you promise it?—Yes; I told him I had already made up my mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

8525. When did he canvass you?—Three or four days before the election.

8526. Did you get anything for voting?—No; and I never asked for anything.

8527. You got no promise of anything?—No.

Alfred Perfect sworn and examined. *A. Perfect.*

8528. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A chair maker.

8529. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

8530. At what time in the day did you vote?—As near as I can remember about a quarter to 3.

8531. Where had you been all the daytime?—I had been to work in my own house.

8532. How far was that from the polling place?—Three or four minutes walk.

8533. Were you not out at all during the daytime?—Yes, I was out during the day.

8534. How then did it happen that you did not vote earlier?—I was busy at my work.

8535-6. You passed the polling place often enough, did you not?—I was not far from it.

8537. Had you been canvassed by anybody?—Yes.

8538. When?—Some time before the election.

8539. Did you promise your vote?—No; I did not promise my vote to either party.

8540. Did anybody come to you on the day of the election?—No. I wish to speak the truth and tell you all I know.

8541. What answer did you make to those who canvassed you?—I told John Grimshaw that I would not vote for Mr. Tillett. There was a man came to my front door and asked me if I would give him my vote, and I said no I should want it myself, and that was all that passed between us.

8542-3. Was this the first time you had ever voted?—It was the first time I had ever voted in Norwich.

8544. Was any offer made to you?—Yes.

8545. What?—As I was going to poll, Mr. Gibson, that keeps the "White Horse" public house, in Crook's Place, called me, and he said, "Are you "going to vote," and I said, "Yes;" he said, "Stop "a minute, I think I can do you a little good." "I did not know what he meant at the time, for I had no thought of bribery; but I went with him to his house. He said, "If you will wait a minute "Owen Murrell will come, and I think I can get "you a crown." I did not know what he meant. Then Owen Murrell came, and he spoke to me and said, "Now you can go and vote, it shall be all right," and I did go and vote.

8546. But did you get the crown?—I got the money three or four weeks afterwards. Mr. Gibson threw it on the counter for me. I never asked for it, and did not hang back for it, nor did I know that there was going to be any bribery at all. I have spoken the truth I assure you; and I can prove that I have spoken the truth.

8547. Did you know Mr. Gibson before?—Yes; I had known Mr. Gibson a number of years.

8548. Did Mr. Gibson say anything more?—I do not remember that he did. I came away directly.

8549. He gave you the money himself?—Yes; three or four weeks afterwards.

8550. Did you hear of his paying anybody else money?—Yes.

8551. Can you give us the names of the persons to whom he paid money?—I will tell you all I know.

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Mr. Stockings came to my house a few weeks after the election, and he wanted to know whether I received 10*s.* for my vote, and I told him I did not. He said, "It is of no consequence, you can speak the truth to "me, all I want to know is whether you received 10*s.*, "because I am not going to have the money paid away "unless I know you have received it." I told Mr. Stockings of this in St. Stephen's, coming along. He asked me if I was subpœnaed, and I said yes, and that I should speak the truth, and the whole truth, and that I did not care who it implicated. Mr. Stockings asked me where these people lived.

8552. Can you remember the names of any of them? He asked me where a man named Snowley, the tailor, lived, and Mr. Gibson, I believe the father of the Gibson that keeps the "White Horse."

8553. Did he mention any names?—He did mention different names, but I cannot remember them.

8554. Do you think you could recall any of them?—No; I do not think I could. I am not withholding any names from you purposely, but I really do not remember them.

8555. Were the names of the persons read out to you from any list?—He had a small book in his hand.

8556. Mr. Stockings had?—Yes; and he looked at the book and asked me the names of the different people, and where they lived, and I could not tell him.

8557. How many were there on that list?—I do not know. I should say he asked me at least 10 or 12.

8558. Do you not recollect some of the names?—I do not think I can recollect them. I remember he asked me about a man named Nursey.

8559. Where does he live?—I do not know whether it is Queen Street or King Street; there is a King Street next to Chapel Street, and Queen Street is the next street. I think it was Queen Street that he lived in.

8560. Were these voters that Mr. Stockings asked about persons living in your neighbourhood?—Yes; it seemed to me as if Owen Murrell had put down in the list the names of persons he had given or promised money to.

8561–2. Who is Murrell?—Whether he is a horse dealer or lets out horses and carriages, or what, I do not know.

8563. Those were the names that Mr. Stockings read out to you?—Yes, he read those names out to me; he said that Murrell had given him a list of these names, and that he wanted payment for them. I supposed that Murrell had parted with his own money, and wanted Stockings to refund the money to him; that is how I understood it; but mind, I think it is very likely that Mr. Stockings will come here and say I have sworn falsely, but I have not done so. I told him when I came here I should speak the truth. I said, "When you came to my house you "asked me whether I had received 10*s.*, and I told "you no, and I spoke the truth, and then you asked "me the names of other people;" I said, "You "wanted to know how much money was spent, be-"cause you did not believe that so much money had "been spent."

8564. Has Mr. Stockings been talking to the witnesses outside?—I do not know; he spoke to me coming along.

8565. Where did you see him?—At his own shop-door in St. Stephen's. I was walking on the other side of the way, and he called me to him; I was past his house considerably.

8566. Did he say anything to you about your being summoned here?—He asked me if I was subpœnaed, and I said I was.

8567. Did he make any suggestion to you as to what you should say?—No; I told him I should speak the truth, and he said, "I wish you to do so;" he said, "I know nothing about the money;" I said, "I do not care about that, you told me that "this money was subscribed by independent gentle-"men."

8568. Did he mention the names of any who had subscribed?—No; I told him I should swear to this, and he told me he should come here and swear that what I said was a lie. I cannot help that. I have spoken the truth.

8569. Is this which you have mentioned the only case in which you have heard of money going at the election?—Except from report. I cannot give evidence of other cases.

8570. Is Henry Nursey the person you have spoken of?—I do not know whether it is Robert or Henry. I know it is Nursey, because he worked for me.

8571. Was this the first time you had ever voted?—It was the first time I had ever voted in Norwich.

8572. And this that you have mentioned is the only case you can speak to from your own personal knowledge?—Yes, it is the only one that I can remember. If I remember anything else I shall be quite willing to come back and tell you.

8573. Do you know of any of these other people whose names were mentioned by Stockings getting any money?—No, I do not.

8574. Do you think you could find out the names of any of those persons who were living in your part of the city?—I think I could. I think that Owen Murrell is quite willing to give you a list of names. I speak only from what I think; I told Mr. Stockings coming along that I should speak everything I knew about it. I do not consider I sold my vote. I do not consider that I was bribed at all. I did not know what was meant.

J. Gilman.

JOHN GILMAN sworn and examined.

8575. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where do you live?—London Street is my business place.

8576. Are you a voter of this city?—A freeman; I have been a voter many years.

8577. Did you vote at the last election?—Certainly.

8578. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

8579. Did you take an active part in the last election?—I cannot say I did; not so active a part as I should have wished to have taken.

8580. You were a warm supporter of the Conservative party, though not able to take an active part in the election?—I was very indisposed at the time of the election, and living a few miles in the country I could not take that active part in the election that I should have wished to take had I been able.

8581. You got the names, did you not, of some doubtful voters?—I made a memorandum on the day of the election of several names of parties that I suspected of having been tampered with. Being an old electioneerer I considered myself capable of judging, but on further investigation I found that it was the result of an over sanguine and hasty canvass; so I must disabuse my mind of the opinion I at first entertained.

8582. You made a list of persons who, from your previous experience of them, having been engaged actively in former elections, you thought were likely persons to be tampered with?—No, not exactly so, because most of them were new voters.

8583. You considered that they were doubtful people?—I fancied so.

8584. How many names did you put down?—I entered, I think, over 30, but I handed the papers to Mr. Page, who conducted the election for the first ward; at the time of the investigation before Baron

Martin those papers seem to have been mislaid. I have seen only a portion of them since.

8585. You handed them to Mr. Page?—Yes, and I gave the memoranda back to him; the memoranda he gave to me were partly in his own writing, and what I gave him were in my own writing.

8586. What were the memoranda that you gave to him?—The names of parties who, having promised, had voted the contrary way.

8587. Then you had got this list which you gave to Mr. Page?—I had the canvassing book before me, and in the central committee room, the inner room, I looked carefully over every voter to see how he had promised, and how he had voted. I went through it to protect Sir Henry Stracey's interest.

8588. How long is it since you gave the memoranda to Page?—A fortnight or three weeks perhaps.

8589. If I understand you you got a list from Page?—No, I got the list from Mr. Page afterwards.

8590. The same list?—A portion of it, as I have before stated.

8591. Have you got that list now?—No, I returned it to Mr. Page with the canvassing book.

8592. When?—About three weeks since, about the time when Mr. Secker (*the secretary to the Commission*) called; that probably will bring the period to his recollection. I did not feel justified in giving to Mr. Secker the names of those parties that I felt afterwards might not have been guilty.

8593. How came you not to feel justified in giving the names to Mr. Secker?—Because I had gone over the matter with neighbours in the ward. I do not think there would be any difficulty in your getting the list from Mr. Page if you require it.

8594. With whom had you gone over the matter?—With Mr Watson, the chemist, and one or two other parties who knew the voters.

8595. Who were the other parties?—Mr. Skipper, the solicitor, and Mr. Green, and one or two others. It seems they had gone over this list carefully at the time of the investigation before Baron Martin.

8596. The list you say contained the names of what you considered doubtful voters?—They were new voters.

8597. And doubtful?—They did not accord with the canvass. I think the fault rested more with the canvass than anything else.

8598. Mr. Secker came and asked you for that list?—He did.

8599. Because it would afford him assistance?—It would have afforded him assistance in the investigation.

8600. What prevented you from giving the list to Mr. Secker?—Because I did not feel that I should be justified in giving him a list of parties who I had suspected, feeling satisfied afterwards in my own mind that I was wrong in my first impression.

8601. Had anybody advised you to refuse to let Mr. Secker have the list?—I took counsel of my friends upon the subject.

8602. And was it in consequence of that that you did not give Mr. Secker the list?—Decidedly.

8603. What possible harm could there have been in giving the list to a gentleman in the position of Mr. Secker?—With all due deference to your authority I did not like to be the means of calling into the witness box parties who had been suspected, and who I found afterwards were innocent.

8604. This was a list of men who were supposed to have promised, and afterwards voted the other way?—Yes, but on investigating the matter, I felt satisfied that they had not been correctly put down. I believe it was the result of a hasty and over sanguine canvass. It is natural for a man to say "Tom "Jones, you will vote for Stracey," and then if the man says nothing down goes Tom Jones' name as having promised; that is the way it is done.

8605. It was in consequence of advice given you by others, and at their suggestion, that you abstained from giving the list to Mr. Secker?—Yes.

8606. Now tell us, if you please, who were the parties from whom you received that advice?—I mentioned the matter to Sir Samuel Bignold, in the first instance.

8607. Did he suggest to you that you should withhold it?—He thought I should be doing an injustice to the parties if I gave up their names.

8608. Had any of these parties been seen, do you know?—I did not personally see them.

8609. Did you learn whether they had been seen or not?—No, I did not. I cannot say.

8610. Have you not heard that they had been seen?—I really have made no inquiry upon that point.

8611. But have you not been told so?—No, I have not been told either one way or the other. I have heard nothing whatever about it.

8612. Have you not heard from some person that they had been seen?—Certainly not.

8613. Unless they had been seen how did you arrive at the conclusion that you had done an injustice to them?—Parties who knew them in their own immediate neighbourhood, Mr. Watson, for instance, pointed out that it would be ridiculous to put those men's names down, as they had always been against us, and no promise had been given by them.

8614. They were all new voters, were they not?—Most of them were.

8615. They were persons who, from your knowledge of the locality, you considered doubtful voters?—I suspected through this reason; about 11 o'clock in the morning I had great reason for suspicion, and I will tell you why. I had been accustomed to electioneering tactics. I found that one card came up to the first booth with three names upon it, then a card came to the second booth with three names upon it, and then another card came to the third booth with two names upon it, making eight altogether, and I said to myself, "These men are bribed." I should naturally draw that conclusion, and my impression now is that there was bribery in the first ward early in the morning, though I have not detected it, I wish I could. I would gladly assist you in finding it out if I could.

8616. You had a canvass book, had you not?—I had a canvass book before me.

8617. Which showed you how these men had promised?—How they had promised.

8618. Or I should say, more properly speaking, they showed the supposed promises?—I do not think you would have any difficulty in getting the canvassing book from Mr. Page, or the memoranda.

8619. Did you hand the canvassing book to Mr. Page?—I merely borrowed it of him a second time, to satisfy Mr. Secker, and returned it to him.

8620. Did you withhold the canvassing book under that advice?—I returned both.

8621. (*Mr. Biron.*) As I understand, you returned both the canvassing list and this memoranda to Mr. Page?—Yes.

8622. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What has become of that list?—I believe Mr. Page has got it, but I do not know.

8623. You have since returned it to him, have you?—I returned it to him at the time. I borrowed it of him on the Monday, and I think it was returned on the Thursday; we had some difficulty in finding them.

8624. When Mr. Secker asked for it did you not say it was destroyed?—A portion of them were destroyed. I mentioned that, and I stated on the examination before Mr. Baron Martin here that the papers were looked over, but a portion of them had been lost or mislaid, for it had not been found.

8625. I am speaking about this list?—This was part of the list.

8626. Then there was part of the list which still survives and remains, is there?—Yes, in my handwriting.

8627. And you believe that is in Mr. Page's possession still?—I gave them up on the evening of the election; I have not seen them since.

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8628. Let us take it in the order of time, and then we shall get at it clearly. You handed the three papers to Mr. Page ?—Yes, and there might be more, I do not know ; it was on a fly-sheet of note paper.

8629. Did Mr. Page ever return them to you ?—I got a portion of them back when I applied for them.

8630. Did you get more than one or two papers back ?—Two papers, but a portion of them was in his own handwriting not in mine ; those papers contained the names of 27 or 28 persons, I think.

8631. Then what did you do with them ?—I gave them to him again with the canvass book.

8632. When ?—About a fortnight or three weeks since.

8633. Since what ?—Since I have seen Mr. Secker.

8634. Mr. Secker waited upon you, did he not ?—Yes.

8635. He asked for a list of doubtful voters which was in your possession ?—Yes ; parties that I suspected.

8636. You had them then in your possession ?—Well, I do not know, I am not certain about that ; I rather think I went to Mr. Page for them, and then returned them to him afterwards.

8637. Mr. Secker having applied to you for them, did you go and consult these gentlemen as to whether you should produce them ?—Whether I should be justified in giving up the names after finding my suspicions were incorrect.

8638. But you had not found that your suspicions were incorrect then, had you ?—By inquiries ; I will tell you the parties that made the inquiries.

8639. Did you make the inquiries ?—No, I did not, because none of the parties were known to me.

8640. Then it was from what other people said they had done ?—Yes, just so.

8641. You had not found your suspicions to be incorrect ?—No, I did not know one of the voters.

8642. You had not satisfied yourself that you were incorrect in your suspicions ?—Well, I satisfied myself so far, these parties were neighbours, and could well ascertain the views of the parties.

8643. You depended upon the report of the other persons whom you consulted ?—Yes, just so.

8644. Entirely ?—Entirely.

8645. You did not go and ask yourself ?—No.

8646. Who was the first person that you consulted ?—Well, I really cannot say.

8647. Were they altogether at the time you consulted them ?—Oh no, I asked two or three friends ; I said to them, "What would you do ? I have had "my suspicions about these parties, and I find my "suspicions incorrect, therefore I do not think I "should be justified in giving these people trouble, "what would you do in the matter ?" And the advice was, "I think I should refuse to give them." That was the prevailing advice, not out of disregard to you or this inquiry at all, on the contrary, if I had the check cards before me I could give the names with the aid of the canvassing book, and I would point out the names of the parties I suspected at 11 o'clock.

8648. What did Sir Samuel Bignold say respecting it ?—He did not think I should be justified in giving it up and putting parties to inconvenience.

8649. I suppose he understood that the object was to ascertain whether there was any real foundation for those reports ?—Sir Samuel Bignold would not know anything about it.

8650. He would not know anything about it ?—Not about the parties.

8651. You told him that your impression was that that they were doubtful ?—He asked me some three months back if I would go over that list carefully again, and make all the inquiries that I could to see whether I could detect a bribe about the time I specified—11 o'clock. The list was gone over again by parties in the parish much more competent than I am, and they returned to me that they did not think there was any doubt about it ; that is prior to any hearing of the question at all.

8652. That is a long time ago ?—Yes.

8653. That was not your inquiry ?—Not at all.

8654. It was entirely the inquiry of other people ?—Yes, just so.

8655. Who were those people that made the inquiry ?—I really do not know.

8656. Surely you must know ?—Mr. Skipper, the solicitor, was one.

8657. I should like to know who were the people who made that inquiry three months ago ?—If I can recollect I will with pleasure give you the information.

8658–9. Did anybody go into the list the other day when you got it again ?—Yes, Mr. Skipper, with Mr. Watson, the chemist, here close by.

8660. Then after they had gone over them it was returned to Mr. Page, and you do not know where it is now ?—No, that took place in my own premises ; Mr. Watson called upon me. I had called upon him first and left my card in the morning.

8661. Has Mr. Page, so far as you know, got it still ?—I believe so.

8662. Are you a member of the Eldon Club ?—I have been a member many years, and I am not ashamed to own it.

8663. Oh no, you need not be ?—I have been a member many years, but I have not attended any meeting at the club. I think I generally put in an appearance at the annual business meetings.

8664. You were not at the meeting at the Eldon Club at the time of the election, were you ?—I attended one meeting there.

8665. But not the last ?—I do not know whether that was the last or not ; I fancy it was the last.

8666. Do you know what day it was on which the meeting you attended was held ?—No, I do not.

8667. Was it the day or two or three days before the election ?—I cannot charge my memory with that. It was the same evening that they met at the "Hop Pole," and then they came from the "Hop Pole" to the "Bell," and the meeting was held at the "Bell."

8668. That was a meeting at which Sir Henry Stracey addressed the electors ?—Oh yes, it was not confined to the Eldon Club, because the room was filled with people.

8669. That was an open meeting, at which everybody was present ?—Yes.

8670. But were you present at a private meeting of the Conservatives held at the Eldon Club, a meeting of your party only, if I may so term it ?—I do not think I attended a private meeting this time at all.

8671. You say you attended a meeting at the Eldon Club ?—No, I do not think I did. I only attended this one meeting.

8672. That is the meeting ?—I will give a reason for it. I believe I suggested Sir Henry Stracey as a candidate, and kept my friends, the members of the Eldon Club, up to their work. They were the first to wait upon him with a deputation. I believe it was principally at my suggestion.

8673. I am not speaking of the time when you met in order to propose Sir Henry Stracey or to send a requisition to him. I am speaking shortly before the election ?—I do not think I came up to the city but one evening, and that was to a meeting at the "Bell," and that was more a general meeting.

8674. Can you tell how long that was before the election ?—No.

8675. Was it the day before the polling ?—No. I think the polling day was on the Tuesday, and I should say this would be the Thursday or Friday previous. I think it was on the Friday.

8676. Was anything said about money at that meeting?—Oh, dear me, no.

8677. You are sure of that?—Well, sir, I should not have countenanced such a thing myself.

8678. You might not have countenanced it, but I want to know whether anything was said about money?—No, certainly not.

8679. Was anything said about the Carlton Club?—Oh dear, no; that I am fully confident of, nor at any time during the election; and as far as my own judgment is concerned, it was the purest election that has ever taken place in Norwich.

8680. That may, very possibly, be true, and yet it may not have been quite a pure one?—No one can help a few warm-hearted friends doing indiscreet acts.

8681. We may have to inquire into the acts of warm-hearted friends, and it is very likely that which has brought us down here.—No; what brought you down here was the hasty conclusion of the Judge, I think. If you will furnish me with the check cards and the canvassing book I will point out the names of those eight persons that I suspected as having been tampered with at 11 o'clock.

8682. I suppose you have talked about the election over and over again with different people?—Of course we rejoiced at the triumph.

8683. You rejoiced at the triumph, and then you condoled over the defeat?—The result did not prove very satisfactory in the long run.

8684. Did you, when you condoled over the defeat, say that the defeat was owing to the indiscretion of one man?—Well, perhaps I might.

8685. Who was the man to whose indiscretion you attributed it?—If I must answer, it would be Mr. Wiseman, I should say.

8686. I will call your attention to a little expression. Did you say that anybody had broken or kicked over the traces?—I forget; but I think it is very likely I did.

8687. Now, who was that restive horse?—I think it was Mr. Wiseman.

8688. Are you sure that it was Mr. Wiseman? Now reflect.—I do not recollect the circumstance of the conversation at all.

8689. There is another name besides that?—No, I do not think there is. There is nothing else suggests itself to my mind.

8690. You know young men, like colts, are sometimes restive. Did you point to a young man?—No.

8691. Did you not point to any young man?—No, not that I recollect.

8692. Did you not say something about a young man?—No.

8693. Did you not?—I cannot tax my memory with anything of the kind.

8694. I will call your attention to the conversation. Do you know young Mr. Stracey?—I know all the family.

8695. Did you not say that it was in consequence of the indiscretion of one of those gentlemen?—No.

8696. Although you did not mention his name, did you allude to him as being the person?—No, certainly not.

8697. Who was the person then to whose indiscretion you think it was attributable?—I know of no one else besides Mr. Wiseman.

8698. Only Wiseman?—I do not know of anybody else.

8699. Wiseman, junior?—No, Wiseman, senior. I do not know Wiseman, junior.

8700. What made you think it was attributable to the indiscretion of Wiseman?—Well, before questions were put to him he seemed to have replies; that is what I read at the time of the trial, and that is the only conclusion I could draw; he volunteered his testimony.

8701. Is that the only ground upon which you said he kicked over the traces?—Yes, and quite enough to upset everything.

8702. Wiseman is no longer a young man, is he?—Well, I do not know what his age is. I have no idea.

8703. He is a very old man, is he not?—No.

8704. He has been very active at all the elections, has he not?—Well, I do not know much about that.

8705. At some of the elections?—I have no personal knowledge of him.

8706. But he has been very active, has he not?—I believe he has for the last four or five years. I did not hear much of him before.

8707. You could hardly allude to a gentleman like that?—He is not an old man.

8708. He has a grown up son, has he not?—Very likely, but some men are old at 50, and some are young.

8709. Were you alluding to the old man?—I was not alluding to the Straceys, that is very certain. I should have no reason for it. I know the family well, and I believe they are very honourable young men indeed.

8710. They may be honourable, and yet very indiscreet?—I know of no act of indiscretion whatever on their parts.

8711. Do you know Mr. Arthur Bignold?—Yes.

8712. May you have made use of that expression with reference to Mr. Arthur Bignold?—No. I did not know that Mr. Arthur Bignold was engaged on the day of the election. I did not know that he was in Norwich, because he resides in London.

8713. You knew afterwards that he was?—I heard afterwards that he was.

8714. This expression was used after?—I never heard of Mr. Arthur Bignold committing himself in any shape, or even of his being suspected.

8715. Not of his being suspected?—No, certainly not.

8716. Can you tell me who were present at that meeting to which you allude—the Conservative meeting at which you were present?—Well, there was a quantity of people there.

8717. I am not speaking of the public meeting, but of the private meeting of the Eldon Club?—I did not attend the private meeting of the Eldon Club. I hoped you distinctly understood me to say that I think I came up to the city only once.

8718. You said you attended one meeting?—That was a large meeting at the club, open to all the citizens as well, and it was not a private meeting.

8719. Then you did not attend any private meeting at the club?—No, I do not think there was a private meeting. This was a very hasty affair; we did not get the candidate until late.

8720. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You mentioned a great number of warm-hearted friends. Can you give me their names?—Do you mean the names of my warm-hearted friends.

8721. You said a good deal was done in this election by warm-hearted friends?—I said indiscreet acts might be committed by warm-hearted friends.

8722. Would Dr. Allen be a warm-hearted friend?—Decidedly so; and he took a very active part in the election.

8723. And Dr. Pitt?—He is not in my ward, and I did not go out of my ward.

8724. Mr. Stanley?—I did see him.

8725. Mr. Buttifant?—He is not in my ward.

8726. Do you know anything about the men in other wards?—Yes.

8727. Would they be warm-hearted friends?—Yes, I daresay they would, some of them.

8728. Those would be the warm-hearted men who got you into trouble?—That would involve systematic bribery, but I do not think there was any. I have no idea there was any organisation whatever.

8729. I suppose after the trial before Mr. Baron

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Martin you heard of young Mr. Stracey being about with Hardiment?—Yes.

8730. Did you not think that indiscreet?—I considered Mr. Hardiment's conduct indiscreet if he had money shaking about in people's eyes.

8731. What do you consider Mr. Stracey's conduct then?—That was prior to it.

8732. But they were going about together?—No; young Mr. Stracey was going about canvassing before the election, but I do not think you will find that Mr. Stracey was present on the election day with Hardiment.

8733. It would have been an indiscreet act if he had been about with Hardiment on that day, I should think?—I think it was a very indiscreet act of Sir Henry Stracey's friends taking him to the "Trumpet" on that day.

8734. (*Mr. Biron.*) I do not think you told us who were the active men in your ward?—I saw but little of it and I do not know who canvassed, but I believe Mr. Morgan, the brewer, was the principal, and Mr. Hotblack. I did not canvass.

8735. I understood you were unwell and did not do so?—I was asked to take the first ward, which I had done on previous elections, and I refused; then Mr. Allen came and said, "I do not know how we "shall get on in the committee room without you to "keep order, because you are accustomed to it." I said "Very well, I will think of it," and then Mr. Page came, who was a perfect stranger to me, and asked me to come, and I said, "I will come and render "you what assistance I can;" it is true it was but very little, but I did what I could.

W. Hunt.

WILLIAM HUNT recalled and further examined.

8736. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I understand that you have told the Secretary that you wish to make some statement?—Yes.

8737. If you wish to correct any statement, we wish you to have every opportunity of doing so. Now what is it?—I read in the paper last evening that Mr. Ellis, the fruiterer, should come here and state that I should tell him that I was present in the room at the "Trumpet" and saw the money left on the table, and saw Smith and my brother go and take it up; that I should state that I was present at the time, and that I should tell him so. Now I come to contradict that. I did not say any such thing to him. I can bring one witness or ten witnesses to prove that I was at work from morning till night that very day, and I did not go into the "Trumpet" until the evening after the election was over, so I could not tell the man so.

8738. Perhaps if I put a question to you it will be to a certain extent explained. Was the conversation which took place between you and that man on a Saturday evening?—On one Saturday evening.

8739. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was the conversation in the market?—Yes.

8740. That was a market night?—It was market night.

8741. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you had a little to drink that day?—No, sir.

8742. Are you sure?—Oh yes, I am.

8743. You are certain you had not?—I am certain I never got too much to drink, and I know what I talk about; that is all I have to say.

8744. You might, you know, in an unguarded moment, have said a thing of that sort, having forgotten yourself to a certain extent, being under the influence of drink?—No, I did not.

8745. I tell you candidly what our impression of your evidence was, we thought that you had heard a number of rumours; not that you had heard this from your brother, but that you had heard a number of rumours respecting your brother, and that you were merely repeating what you had heard, not from any statement made by him but entirely from hearsay. We did not suppose after what you had stated that you were wilfully telling any falsehood, or anything of the kind?—Very good sir.

O. Murrell.

OWEN MURRELL sworn and examined.

8746. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I keep a livery stable, and am a postmaster.

8747. You are a voter?—Yes.

8748. Where?—All Saints, I think.

8749. In what ward is that?—The fifth ward.

8750. You are a supporter of Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

8751. Have you seen Stockings, the chemist, this morning?—Well, if I was to say I had not seen him I should tell a story.

8752. Exactly, then please to tell the truth?—I am come to speak the truth.

8753. When did you see him?—I saw him this morning but never spoke to him. It was before breakfast time. I generally go down the street.

8754. Have you not seen him within the last hour?—No.

8755. Have you not spoken to him within the last hour?—No.

8756. Has he written to you within the last hour?—No.

8757. Have you had no communication of any sort or kind with him to-day?—No.

8758. Or he with you?—No.

8759. Did you send anybody to him?—Not at all. I am come here to speak the truth. I did a very foolish thing sir, I gave five men 5*s.* each to vote.

8760. Just tell me in your own way what you have to say?—I gave five men 5*s.* apiece to vote, and one had voted two hours before, that is a man of the name of Gibson. I gave Perfect 5*s.*, Wiseman 5*s.*, and a man named Nursey, a man named Snowley, or some such name as that; but I did it of my own accord, and never received a farthing for it. I was not authorised to do it.

8761. I know that, but had you done that sort of thing before?—Well, yes sir, I have been mixed up in elections.

8762. Have you got it back again?—I do not know that I ever spent any money at all before.

8763. Not your own money?—No.

8764. Then were you furnished with money?—No, nor yet anything else.

8765. Have you not bribed any voters before?—No; I have always voted a Tory.

8766. Had you not given them money to vote before?—No.

8767. When you said you had been mixed up in matters, what did you mean by that?—I had always been a Tory all my life, and belonged to a Conservative club.

8768. The Eldon club?—No; at the Rampant Horse, the ward club.

8769. That is a Conservative club in this city, is it?—Yes.

8770. Do working men belong to it?—Oh no, it is a tradesman's club, I should think.

8771. Was there any subscription among the members of that club?—Not a farthing. I never heard it mentioned.

8772. Did you not hear of anybody else subscribing money but yourself?—Never.

8773. Or anybody but yourself giving money on this election?—I never heard that anybody else did.

8774. What put it into your head to bribe these

men?—I was a little excited and foolish, and I thought, perhaps, I should get it back again, but I did not.

8775. You told me you were going to tell the whole story, you know?—I am telling the whole story. I asked Stockings one day if I could get paid, and he said, "No, certainly not; we shall have nothing to do "with it." That is all I know.

8776. You thought you would get it out of Stockings?—Well, he was on the committee.

8777. Or through him out of the candidates?—Yes. I spent 25*s.*, and I swear I never received one farthing; but I was not authorised to do it, though I did it.

8778. Were you not in Mr. Stockings' shop half an hour ago?—No; I went past there. I never went into the shop.

8779. Did you not go in?—No; I will swear that.

8780. Did you ask if Mr. Stockings was in as you passed?—No, I did not.

8781. Are you sure?—I am sure of it. I have told you the truth, sir. I have nothing to conceal. I have told you all I know, and what I have done.

8782. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are a voter?—Yes. I voted, I think, before 9 in the morning.

8783. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

8784. You thought you would be repaid this money by Stockings?—Well, I thought I should be repaid by someone; I chanced that. I was a little excited, and I have had several words with my wife about it since, because I took the money from her, and she did not like it much.

8785. Have you heard of other people chancing it too?—No, not that I know of.

8786. I suppose you do not stand alone in your liberality in Norwich. You have heard of a good number of other people, members of the Rampant Horse Club, and so on, who are liberal?—No; I never heard of anything there.

8787. Not besides what you have done yourself?—No. I never heard a single soul, in fact, I have not been to the meeting since, for I was rather annoyed about it.

8788. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You said you were rather excited about this election and that you spent 25*s.* of your own money?—Yes.

8789. Did you communicate that to any of your friends?—Not until the election was over.

8790. To whom did you tell it?—I told Stockings once or twice.

8791. What did he say to that?—He said he had nothing to do with it. I should be the loser of it; he could not pay me.

8792. Did you tell anybody that you were going to do it?—No, only my wife; she knew what I was going to do.

8793. Perfect, you say, was one of the men you paid?—Yes.

8794. Did you pay Perfect yourself or did you give it to Gibson for him?—I left it at Gibson's.

8795. You left the 5*s.* with Gibson?—I left 15*s.* there, and they got it the next day. I had not the money with me that day, but I took it the next morning and paid it.

8796. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you sure that you did not come up from Stockings' shop here to day?—I came past there and I looked in and I saw his child against the door, and I asked if her father was at home, she said "No," and then I came down here.

8797. (*Mr. Biron.*) You know I asked you that?—Then I must have misunderstood you, sir, I never saw Mr. Stockings.

8798. I asked you when you passed by Stocking's shop did you ask whether Stockings was at home?—I thought you said did I speak to Mr. Stockings.

8799. I may be mistaken, but if I am the shorthand writer will correct me, the shorthand writer will read what you said. (*The shorthand writer reads a passage from the notes.*)

(*The Witness.*) It was a misunderstanding, sir. I spoke to the little child and asked whether her father was in, and she said he was not; then I came back down the street and came here, but I never spoke to a soul to my knowledge.

8800. Supposing he had been at home, what did you want to see him for?—I often go in there.

8801. But you had been summoned here at the time you went up?—I had a subpœna, of course.

8802. Did you not go in to tell him it?—I might have told him, very likely I should if he had been at home.

8803. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you spoken to him at all?—No.

8804. Has anyone spoken to you?—No.

8805. (*Mr. Biron.*) Has anybody told you what Perfect said?—No, only what I have heard talked about the streets.

8806. Did you ever have any consultation with Stockings about what was to be said about money?—I asked him if I should be paid, and he said, no, certainly not, he had nothing to do with it.

8807. But when you knew that the Commission was coming down here, did you have any conversation with Stockings about it?—No, not particular.

8808. About what you were to say or do?—No, not particular, only that if I were to be called I should speak the truth, I always said so.

8809. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you not hear that Stockings had a fund for the payment of sums which had been laid out?—No.

8810. Then how came you to speak to Stockings about it?—Because he and I are friendly, he lives close by me.

8811. But I suppose you have got numberless friends in the city?—I knew he had to do with the ward election, that is all that made me ask him.

8812. Did you not learn that there was a fund?—No, certainly not, not to the best of my knowledge.

8813. Did you not know that some independent gentlemen had made a fund for payment of the money?—No.

8814. Have you not heard of any sums being subscribed to pay men who had been zealous on this occasion?—No, not a word that I will swear.

8815. You paid it in the faith, of course, that you would get it back?—Yes, that is why I done it; I thought I should get it back again.

8816. That you would get it back from the party?—I thought I should.

8817. You had heard that that had been so on former elections?—I daresay it had.

8818. There is no doubt about it, is there?—I do not know that it had.

8819. And I suppose in that confidence you paid this money?—Well, I did it foolishly, but I thought I might get it back one day or the other.

8820. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) When you mentioned to Perfect about the payment of this 5*s.* was Stockings' name mentioned?—Not that I know of.

8821. Did you not mention Stockings' name in the presence of Perfect?—I do not know that I did.

8822. That Stockings told you to hand over 5*s.* to him?—No.

8823. Will you swear that?—I told Stockings that I never had got my money back.

8824. Did you mention Stockings' name in Perfect's presence?—I might have done so, I might have said I never got the money.

8825. Or that you expected to get it?—No.

8826. It was not very long after the election, was it?—I cannot say how long.

8827. Not more than two or three weeks?—No.

8828. Then you had not given up all hope of getting the money then?—Oh, yes, I had forgotten all about it, and had given it up as gone.

8829. Have you had no communication with Stockings since this inquiry began?—No, not at all.

8830. What made you go to Stockings for this

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25*s.*?—Well, from his having to do with the ward club.

8831. But there were many other men who had to do with the ward club who were much richer than Stockings, and therefore you must have thought that he was empowered to pay the money?—I asked him and he refused, and I did not trouble myself anything more about it.

8832. But there were other men who were quite as active as Stockings, and who had more money, why did you not go to them if you thought they could pay, did you not think that Stockings was empowered to pay?—No, I did not think anything about it, I merely asked him and left it to him.

8833. You knew that Stockings had been very active throughout the day of the election?—He had the management of the ward.

8834. And you had heard that he had been paying other men, had you not?—No.

8835. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, that I will swear.

8836–8. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you ever received or been promised any money for having voted at that election?—No, that I will swear.

8839. Have you yourself with the exceptions which you mentioned paid or promised to pay any money to men for voting at that election?—No.

8840. Do you know of any money having been paid, or having been promised to be paid by anybody whatever?—No, that I will swear. I only know what I done myself, that is all.

8841. Do you know of any money having been provided to pay persons?—No, certainly not.

8842. Do you know of any persons who had either promised to pay or paid money at that election to other people?—No, that I will swear, I know nothing but what I have done myself.

8843–4. You were a member of the Rampant Horse Club, and the members were strong Conservatives?—Yes.

8845. Do you not know of any of them having clubbed together?—I never heard a word of it; I never heard one single word about money matters.

8846. (*Mr. Biron.*) Is there any list of the members of it?—I do not know.

8847. I suppose the landlord would be able to tell us?—I suppose he would.

8848. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I think it due to you to say that I think you have frankly told us the truth?—I have, sir, and that I will swear.

8849. Although what you have done might have subjected you to very severe penalties, in consequence of the way you have given your evidence to day, you shall certainly, as we have the power, be entirely absolved from those penalties?—Thank you sir.

8850. (*Mr. Biron.*) You could be prosecuted, you perfectly understand that, but we have the power of giving you a certificate of indemnity; we will do that to you and to anybody else who will come forward and tell us the truth.—I will take good care it does not occur again sir.

G. Gibson.

GEORGE GIBSON sworn and examined.

8851. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know Murrell?—Yes.

8852. Did you pay over any money to Perfect?—Yes.

8853. How much?—5*s.*

8854. When did you do that?—About four days after the election.

8855. What did Murrell say to you when he directed you to pay it to him?—He said, you can give this 5*s.* to Mr. Perfect when he comes in.

8856. Did he say what for?—No.

8857. Was that all that passed?—That is all that passed between me and Mr. Murrell.

8858. You paid it to Perfect?—I paid it to Perfect; he called for a cup of stout, and I gave him 4*s.* 10½*d.* and the cup of stout; that made up the 5*s.*

8859. Do you live in Crook's Place?—Yes.

8860. Were there a number of men at your house upon the day of the election?—I think there were about eight or nine altogether.

8861. Were they voters?—I believe so, but I cannot speak for the whole of them.

8862. How long did they remain in your house on that day?—Up until about 7 or 8 o'clock at night.

8863. From what time in the morning?—They were there before dinner.

8864. From 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning?—Until up to 7 or 8 o'clock at night.

8865. And they were drinking there the whole time?—Not the whole of the time.

8866. They were drinking there during the day?—Yes.

8867. For whom did they vote, do you know?—I cannot say who they all voted for.

8868. Is yours a Conservative house?—Well, sir, I do not vote at all myself.

8869. You do not vote at all, but is yours a house which is called Conservative, that is, as far as the people who come to it are concerned?—Well, it is mixed up with both parties.

8870. But of these people who were there upon that day how many were Conservative?—I cannot say.

8871. Did you see anybody coming there and canvassing them for their votes?—Mr. Murrell came up that way.

8872. Is Mr. Murrell the only person?—He is the only person who came up during the election day.

8873. Did you hear him speak to the men?—Yes.

8874. What did he say to them?—He said "You go "and vote, and I will give you 5*s.*"

1875. How many men did he say that to?—I can speak to three.

8876. Did he say for whom they were to vote?—He said "Go and vote for Mr. Stracey."

8877. Can you give me the names of those three to whom he said that?—Nursey is one, Perfect is another, and I think the other was my father.

8878. Did you hear him say that to anybody besides?—No.

8879. He did not offer it to anybody that was there?—No; he said, says he, "If you go and vote "for Stracey I will give you 5*s.*, that shall be all "right."

8880. Did he say that to the three men, or to the men who were there generally?—No, to the three men.

8881. But there were a lot of them there?—Yes, eight or nine.

8882. Did he address it to them, and did they accept it, or did he address it to those three only?—Those three by themselves.

8883. Are Henry Gibson and George Gibson relations of yours?—Yes, Henry Gibson is a brother of mine.

8884. What relation is George Gibson to you?—My father.

8885. Did you pay the other men?—I paid three men, sir, Perfect, Nursey, and my father.

8886–7. When did Mr. Murrell pay you again,—About four days after the election, he came in in the evening, and he said "You might give 5*s.* to "Perfect, 5*s.* to Nursey, and 5*s.* to the old man;" that is what he said, he did not say "father," but "the old man."

8888. He gave you then four days after the election 15*s.*?—Yes.

8889. To pay in that way?—Yes.

8890. Did Murrell say where it came from?—No.

8891. Did you hear anything about an independent body of gentlemen?—No.

8892. Consider, was not something said about an independent body of gentlemen and subscriptions?—No, I cannot remember that; he asked me whether I knew where there was any voters, and these are the three men that I went and picked up for him.

8893. But when he paid you, did he not say anything about the independent gentlemen?—No; he told me he had paid the money out of his pocket, whether he was going to have it no more he did not know.

8894. He did not say where the money had come from which he brought to you?—No; he said he had been and got the money, and his wife had kicked up a jolly row with him for taking it out of the cash box.

8895. (*Mr. Mansfield*). Did your brother Henry get anything?—I do not know. I do not know whether he voted.

8896. Was anything said about Mr. Stockings?—No.

8897. Did you not look to Mr. Stockings as the man who was to furnish the money at last?—No sir. I never took any interest in the election at all.

8898. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told us there were three you heard agree to take 5*s.*, whose names you have given us; were the other men in your house within hearing when this bargain was made?—They never heard that bargain, because I was with Mr. Murrell; we were by ourselves when he offered the money.

8899. Were the others voters?—I believe they were.

8900. Do you know whether they voted that day?—That I cannot say, they are people that use my house, but I could not tell what they were there after.

8901. You did not hear them say anything about waiting until they got something for their votes?—No.

8902. Can you give me their names?—Mr. Perfect was one.

8903. We have got him, we have got the names of those to whom you ultimately paid the 5*s.*, but what are the names of the other six men?—I am sure I could not tell if you would give me all the world.

8904. They use your house you know?—Yes.

8905. I should have thought you would have had other names in your mind?—I am sure I cannot think who they are.

JOHN NURSEY sworn and examined. *J. Nursey.*

8906. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

8907. What did you get for it?—5*s.*

8908. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Gibson gave it to me. It was a loss of time to me, and I hope when there is another election, I shall never have an opportunity of running into it.

8909. Who promised the money to you?—I had no promise, only from Mr. Gibson, to the best of my knowledge.

8910. Was it promised by Mr. Gibson?—Mr. Murrell named it to me, and Mr. Gibson gave me the money.

8911. Do you know where the money came from?—I don't know where it came from, because I was busy at work at the time, and I would rather be where I was than be losing my time.

8912. Did you ever vote before?—This is the first time I ever had one, and I never wish to have another.

HENRY GIBSON sworn and examined. *H. Gibson.*

8913. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A cutler.

8914. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

8915. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

8916. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a brother of Gibson the publican?—Yes.

8917. (*Mr. Biron.*) What time in the day did you vote?—About 3 o'clock, I think, somewhere about that time.

8918. Why did you not vote sooner than that?—I did not leave off until half-past 2.

8919. Leave off what?—Leave off work.

8290. Where were you working?—On the Walk, at Mr. Gore's, the cutlers.

8921. Had you not an opportunity of voting earlier than that?—No.

8922. Did you see your father at all that day?—No.

8923. Or your brother?—No.

8924. Did you hear that any money was going for votes that day?—No, I never heard anything about any money; in fact I did not go up into my parish; I voted as I went up to St. Stephen's.

8925. Did you receive anything?—No.

8926. Or any promise?—No promise.

8927. Were you canvassed for your vote?—I met Mr. Stevens going up St. Stephen's, and he asked me if I had voted, and I said no. He said, "Go and "vote," and I went up and voted.

8928. Have you been paid anything since?—No.

8929. By nobody?—No, I have not received a farthing from anybody.

8930. Do you know Owen Murrell?—Yes.

8931. Did he not give you anything?—No.

WILLIAM SUTTON PAGE sworn and examined. *W. S. Page.*

8932. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city?—Yes.

8933. Did you vote at the last election?—I did not.

8934–5. Have you been a voter at previous elections?—No, not previous to the last one.

8936. You were one of the managers?—The first ward manager.

8937. Therefore very properly you did not consider yourself at liberty to vote?—No.

8938. You know Mr. Gilman?—I do.

8939. Do you recollect his coming to you with a list of doubtful voters?—No, that is not so. Mr. Gilman was in the committee room on the day of the election, and when names came in of parties who had promised Sir Henry Stracey and had voted on the other side, Mr. Gilman put down the names, and in his absence I did so likewise. I have that list at my office. I have only just been subpœnaed, but if I have time I will send that list here.

8940. Have you the original list?—Mr. Gilman has returned it to me within the last 10 days, since inquiry has been made here, and I told him I would produce it if called upon.

8941. When did you tell him you would produce it if called upon?—I should think about 10 days ago. He told me that Mr. Secker had called upon him to make inquiries, and he thought it better to bring the list to me.

8942. Did he consult you as to whether he ought to give it to Mr. Secker or not?—No, not at all.

1943. But he gave it to you?—He gave it to me.

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8944. Did you return to him a portion of the list, or some portion of it, in your own handwriting?—Yes.

8945. How came you to do that?—He came and asked me for it. He said it was required at a meeting at Sir Samuel Bignold's, or some place in the city, and would I let him have it. I did so. This was perhaps three weeks or a month ago, and since the inquiry was made he said, "I have brought this "list back. I think you had better hold it; you "were manager of the ward, and I think you had "better hold it. I do not see why I should hold it."

8946. He told you that he wanted it to produce at the meeting?—Some meeting. I think he said at Sir Samuel Bignold's, but I am not quite sure.

8947. And then he afterwards brought it back to you?—Yes.

8948. Did he tell you that Mr. Secker wanted it?—No, he did not; he said Mr. Secker had been making inquiries, but I do not think he said about the list, but that he had been making inquiries of him; and I said, "Well, if I am asked any question I shall "certainly say it was left with me, and I shall pro-"duce it."

8949. I suppose if you had been asked for that list you would have had no hesitation in producing it?—Not the slightest in the world, because, in point of fact, it is as to the doubtful voters on the Liberal side.

8950. But they did vote?—They did vote. I should say that when Baron Martin came down here inquiry was made with regard to these different parties before he came down, and it was found that the canvass was so loose that it could not be relied upon. Parties were put down as having promised one person and voted for another, when it was found that they had not promised, they had only given a partial promise, and there was nothing upon which we could rely at all.

8951. Have you got that list?—I have that list.

8952. Will you send us that list?—Certainly.

8953. It is very unfortunate, you know, that Mr. Secker was not told this, because it gives a singular aspect to the matter?—I explained the whole of this matter to Mr. Secker, I think, before, and told him exactly how the matter stood.

(*Mr. Biron.*) You gave every information you could, Mr. Page; there is no possible imputation upon you.

8954. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of any persons having been paid for their votes at the last election?—I certainly do not.

8955. Or of any agreement having been made to pay them?—I know of nothing of the sort.

8956. Although you may not know it of your own knowledge, have you heard of anything of the sort?—I have not.

8957. Do you know of any fund which was provided for the payment of expenses or other things connected with the last election?—Not at all. I know of no fund whatever.

8958. Any subscriptions, or anything of the kind?—None whatever.

8959. Are you a member of the Eldon Club?—I am not.

8960. Was there any meeting of the Conservative party at No. 1 committee room on the day of the election?—I do not remember any, and I do not think there was any meeting. The committee men were in and out the whole of the day, but I do not think there was any meeting.

8961. When you got into difficulties about the middle of the day, was there not a discussion respecting it?—Nothing of the sort, that I heard of.

8962. Your ward has not got many doubtful voters?—Very few indeed. I think they are mostly pure in our ward.

8963. Yours is not a difficult ward to deal with?—No, it is not.

J. Eglington.

JOHN EGLINGTON sworn and examined.

8964. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

8965. Who did you vote for?—Tillett and Russell.

8966. At what time of the day?—Well, I think it was about 3 o'clock.

8967. What made you so late?—I was unable to leave my shop before that time.

8968. What are you by trade?—Well, I am a shoemaker and general shopkeeper, and my business prevented me from going out earlier.

8969. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

8970. By nobody?—No; no one had been to my shop.

8971. Had you promised your vote to anybody?—No, but I was inclined to vote for those gentlemen.

8972. Had you voted before?—Yes.

8973. Which side have you voted for before?—I have voted the same side before.

8974. At more elections that one?—Two or three elections.

8975. Did you ever receive any money for voting?—No.

8976. Has any money ever been offered or promised to you?—Not a farthing.

8977. Not at this election?—Not a farthing.

8978. Nor at any other election?—No.

8979. Did you ever make any offer to anyone else to induce him to vote?—No, not one.

8980. Did you hear of anything wrong going on at this election?—I never heard of anything until after the election. I saw it in the papers, that is all.

E. Folk.

EDWARD FOLK sworn and examined.

8981. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker.

8982. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

8983. What time in the day?—I think it was about half-past 3.

8984. How was it you did not vote before?—I could not get out before. I voted when I took my bread down into the city.

8985. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes, there was two gentlemen asked me for my vote.

8986. Did you promise it?—Yes, I told them I should vote for Stracey.

8987. Was that a day or two before?—No, that was on the day.

8988. Had you not been asked for your vote before then?—Yes.

8989. What did you say on the other occasion?—I said I should vote for Mr. Stracey.

8990. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

8991. Or the promise of anything?—No.

8992. Or have you received anything since?—No.

8993. Did you yourself give anything to anybody to vote for Stracey?—No.

H. Goffin.

HENRY GOFFIN sworn and examined.

8994. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter for this city?—Yes.

8995. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

8996. What time in the day did you vote?—In the afternoon.

8997. What time in the afternoon?—About 3, or a little after I reckon it was.

8998. Where were you that morning ?—At work in the city.

8999. Where were you at work ?—About the city.

9000. What is your business then ?—A scavenger.

9001. Do you know Richard Goffin ?—No.

9002. Did you ever live in Duck Lane ?—No.

9003. Is there not a Goffin who lives in Duck Lane, a scavenger ?—That is my brother.

9004. Then you do know him; why did you say you did not ?—His name is "Robert;" you said "Richard," sir.

9005. That is your brother ?—Yes.

9006. You say you voted so late in consequence of being about the city; you must have passed the polling place very often in the course of that day ?—No, I did not. Not in my ward.

9007. Were you engaged in other wards in the city ?—Yes, in the other part of the city. I was at work that day in Pockthorpe, and about there.

9008. I suppose you begin work early in the morning ?—About 6 o'clock.

9009. What time do you get home ?—About 7 at night; only we left off sooner on that day.

9010. Did anybody offer you anything for your vote that day ?—No, I never saw anybody at all.

9011. Had you been canvassed beforehand ?—Yes, but I had never seen anybody.

9012. Who asked you for your vote before ?—Not anyone.

9013. Did anybody ask you for your vote that day ?—No.

9014. Did you go up then of your own accord entirely ?—I went up of my own accord when I was going home in the afternoon.

9015. Did anybody give you anything for your vote ?—No.

9016. Or promise you anything ?—No.

9017. Are you sure of that ?—I am.

9018. Have you been ever paid anything for your vote ?—No.

9019. Has your wife been paid anything ?—No.

9020. Had you been a voter before ?—No, not until this last time.

DANIEL GREENGRASS sworn and examined. *D. Greengrass.*

9021. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—I am an ostler.

9022. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

9023. For whom did you vote at the last election ? Stracey.

9024. At what hour of the day ?—1 or 2 o'clock.

9025. Did your master vote for Sir Henry Stracey also ?—Yes.

9026. Did he ask you to vote ?—No.

9027. Who asked you to vote ?—I cannot say.

9028-9. Somebody asked you ?—Yes.

9030. You must recollect ?—No. I don't know them.

9031. Did you promise your vote ?—No.

9032. Did you refuse to promise your vote ?—I made no promise.

9033. Did you promise to vote for anybody ?—No.

9034. Why did you not ?—They come and asked me, and I said "No, I don't know that I should vote "at all."

9035. Why did you give that answer ?—Because I hadn't made up my mind.

9036. Why could you not make up your mind when they put a plain question to you ?—I did not.

9037. Did they try and persuade you ?—They went away and left me.

9038. Did they offer you anything ?—Not anything.

9039. They would not give you a chance ?—I didn't want it.

9040. If you had had an offer of *5s.* you would not have objected ?—I don't know about that.

9041. Have you ever voted before ?—No.

9042. This was your first time ?—The first time.

9043. You say no offer was made to you ?—No offer at all.

9044. No promise ?—No promise.

9045. Did anybody treat you to any beer ?—Not anybody. What beer I had I bought myself, and paid for it.

9046. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where were you all the day ?—At different places; the "Trowel—and "Hammer," in Saint Stephen's.

9047. What were you doing there ?—That was my situation, my employment there. I was ostler there.

9048. How came you not to have made up your mind until so late in the day ?—What! before 1 o'clock, is that late ?

9049. It is rather late. Why did you not vote before ?—I didn't think about voting at all, that's truth.

9050. What made you change your mind ?—I don't know what made me.

9051. You cannot tell any reason for it ?—Not at all.

9052. It came suddenly into your mind that you would go up and vote ?—George Spinks, the flyman, came up and asked me.

9053. Then the flyman persuaded you ?—No, I voted of my own accord.

9054. Did he drive you up to the poll ?—No. It was only about as far as across the room.

9055. You went up with him to vote ?—Yes.

9056. You are sure nobody had spoken to you about your vote ?—There was some gentlemen come and spoke to me in the morning.

9057. Who were the gentlemen ?—I did not know any of them.

9058. For whom did they ask you to vote ?—They asked me if I would oblige them with my vote.

9059. For whom did they ask you ?—They were Mr. Stracey's side, I expect.

9060. What did you tell them ?—I told them I should not promise them.

9061. Why did you not promise in the morning ?—I had not made up my mind. I did not think of voting at all.

9062. What made you alter your mind between the time these gentlemen came to you and the time you voted ?—I had nothing to alter my mind. People may alter their minds in a lifetime, I suppose.

9063. Did not the flyman say that you might get something ?—No.

9064. Did you have anything ?—No; nor a glass of beer. I didn't expect none. If I did I should have been disappointed.

9065. Were there a number of voters at your house that day ?—A great many, backwards and forwards.

9066. Did none of them stand treat ?—I never see any stand treat to me.

9067. Nobody stood treat to you that day ?—No.

9068. It was a dry day for you ?—Yes. I had some beer.

9069. Who paid for the beer ?—I paid for some, and other people paid for some.

9070. When they paid for it they said, "You will "vote for Stracey, won't you ?"—No. That was not named to me at all.

9071. When the flyman came, what did he say ?—The flyman come and said, "Come along, let's go "and vote."

9072. What did he say besides ?—Nothing else.

9073. Did not he say you would get some money for it ?—Not a bit.

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9074. Or some beer ?—None.

9075. Did not he stand some beer ?—Not he. He had no more interest than I.

9076. Had you made up your mind when you started across the road for whom you would vote ?—I had.

9077. Did he make up your mind for you ?—Oh no; he had nothing to do with my mind.

T. Hansell.

THOMAS HANSELL sworn and examined.

9078. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A labourer.

9079. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Nobody.

9080. You did not vote at all ?—No.

9081. How was that ?—I was not in the city.

9082. Are you not a voter ?—Yes.

9083. You were away from the city that day ?—Yes.

9084. Where were you ?—At Narborough Hall, Squire Fountain's.

9085. Somebody voted for you then ?—No ; not in my estimation.

9086. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Somebody voted in your name ?—I don't know anything about it.

9087. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You swear you were away ?—Yes.

9088. How many miles off ?—I was at Narborough Hall, four miles the other side of Swaffham.

9089. (*Mr. Biron.*) Some of your mates knew you were working at this place ?—I think it is very likely.

9090. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You do not know anybody who got 5*s.* for voting for you ?—No.

9091. I suppose you never were a voter before ?—No.

J. T. Hewitt.

JAMES THOMAS HEWITT sworn and examined.

9092. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you by business ?—A cab-driver.

9093. Were you a voter at the last election ?—Yes.

9094. For whom did you vote ?—Stracey.

9095. At what time did you vote ?—I should think it might be a quarter past 3 in the afternoon.

9096. How was it you did not vote before that ?—Because my business called me so, I could not get there.

9097. Where were you that morning ?—At different places about the city. I cannot tell you exactly where.

9098. What time did you go out in the morning ?—6 o'clock, I should think.

9099. Did not you come in until the afternoon ?—No, not to my own home.

9100. Had you been asked for your vote beforehand ?—Yes.

9101. Had you promised it ?—Yes.

9102–3. To whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

9104. Did anybody give you anything for voting ?—No.

9105. Or promise you anything for voting ?—No.

9106. Have you received anything since the election for voting ?—No.

9107. Do you expect to receive anything ?—No.

9108. Were you engaged in taking up voters to the poll on that day ?—No.

J. Kiddle.

JOHN KIDDLE sworn and examined.

9109. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A coachmaker.

9110. At what time did you vote ?—About 3 o'clock, as near as I can recollect.

9111. For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

9112. What made you so late in giving your vote ?—I don't know that I had any particular reason. The poll was open from 8 to 4. I could vote when I pleased.

9113. Who canvassed you at this election ?—I don't know that I can recollect exactly.

9114. You were canvassed ?—I was canvassed by both parties ; but who they were I cannot say.

9115. You gave no answer to either party ?—I did not promise to either party.

9116. You are an independent voter ?—Yes.

9117. Did anybody, on the day of the polling, come to you ?—They did not.

9118. Nobody at all ?—I never see anybody of either party—at least none of the parties came to me that day.

9119. At a quarter past 3 you went up of your own accord to vote ?—I did.

9120. You had no talk with anybody about your vote that day ?—Not anybody. I never spoke to anybody about it.

9121. Did anybody offer you anything for your vote ?—No.

9122. Nor promise anything ?—Nor promised anything.

9123. Are you sure ?—Yes, nor yet heard anything of the sort was going on. I was about the city from the morning polling to that time.

9124. You have never been paid anything since ?—Neither before nor yet since.

9125. You were about the city the whole day ?—I was. I had no work, and I went about to hear how people were going on.

9126. Were there many people about ?—Yes.

9127. Which is your favorite public house ?—Not any.

9128. Do you not go to any public house ?—I did not.

9129. Did you take any refreshment ?—Well, what refreshment I got, I got at home. I do not habit myself to public houses.

9130. Did you get any beer ?—Not that I recollect on that day.

9131. No one gave you any ?—No one gave me any, only what I had at home at my own house.

9132. This is the first time that you have voted ?—It is.

R. Mallett.

ROBERT MALLETT sworn and examined.

9133. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A shoemaker.

9134. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

9135. At what hour ?—About half-past 1.

9136. Were you promised anything for your vote ?—No.

9137. Did you receive anything for your vote ?—No.

9138. Or have you since been paid anything for voting ?—No.

9139. Were you canvassed ?—No.

9140. Have you voted before ?—No.

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M. Nash.

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MORRIS NASH sworn and examined.

9141. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are a voter, are you not, in this city ?—Yes.

9142. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

9143. What is your business ?—Stoker at the gas works.

9144. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Tillett.

9145. Did anybody canvass you for your vote ?—No.

9146. Did anybody offer you payment for your vote ?—No.

9147. Do you know what they call the organisation ? Were you asked by them to vote ?—No, I do not understand you.

9148. Was there not a body of working men who arranged among themselves to support Mr. Tillett ?—Yes.

9149. Were you a member of that body ?—No.

9150. Were you asked by any of them to vote ?—There was only a card brought.

9151. Did you receive any money for voting ?—No.

9152. Or the promise of any money to vote ?—No.

9153. I suppose you never were a voter before ?—No.

J. Scotchmer.

JOHN SCOTCHMER sworn and examined.

9154. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—Shoemaker.

9155. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

9156. Is this the first time you have voted ?—The first time.

9157. For whom did you vote ?—Stracey and Russell.

9158. At what time of the day ?—I suppose about half-past 3.

9159. What made you vote so late ?—Because I had to go out on business.

9160. Had you promised your vote ?—I had not promised them.

9161. Had you promised anybody ?—I promised a part of the vote to the Tories.

9162. You promised to vote for the Tories ?—I promised to split my vote.

9163. Was anything offered to you for this transaction ?—Not a farthing.

9164. Was anything paid to you ?—Not a farthing.

9165. Has nothing been paid to you since ?—Not a farthing.

J. Grimshaw.

JOHN GRIMSHAW sworn and examined.

9166. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A cutler.

9167. Did you vote at the last election ?—I did.

9168. For whom ?—Tillett.

9169. At what hour of the day ?—About 2.

9170. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

9171. Or any promise of anything ?—No.

9172. Had you been canvassed before ?—No ; I was a canvasser myself. I belonged to the organisation, and I was a canvasser.

9173. You were a member of the organisation for promoting Tillett's election ?—I am happy to say I belonged to the organisation.

C. Perfect.

CHARLES PERFECT sworn and examined.

9174. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city ?—Yes.

9175. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Stracey and Russell.

9176. What time in the day did you vote ?—Three in the afternoon.

9177. How came you to vote so late as that ?—My wife was gone to the brewhouse, and I had not a chance of getting away till she came home.

9178. Had you any promise of money ?—No.

9179. Or did you receive any money ?—No.

9180. Had you a promise of custom or anything of that sort for your vote upon that occasion ?—Nothing, nothing, nothing.

9181. Have you ever been a voter before ?—No.

9182. Did you promise anybody to vote ?—No.

9183. Were you canvassed beforehand ?—Yes.

9184. Did you refuse to give any promise ?—I did.

9185. Why did you refuse to give any promise ?—To oblige my customers.

9186. You thought it might disoblige some of your customers if you promised ?—Right.

9187. Then you went and voted according to your opinion ?—Yes.

T. P. Paston.

THOMAS PERRY PASTON sworn and examined.

9188. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A shoemaker.

9189. Was this the first time you were a voter ?—Yes.

9190. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Stracey.

9191. At what time in the day ?—Just before 4.

9192. Had you promised your vote ?—Yes.

9193. To whom ?—To Mr. Stockings.

9194. When ?—The day before.

9195. How came you to vote so late ?—I had some work, and it was wanted to be done.

9196. You had had some beer too, as well as the work ?—No.

9197. Not a drop ?—No.

9198. Had you not been to the "Cock and Pie" ?—No.

9199. Where had you been in the morning ?—At work.

9200. When did you go out upon the day of the election ?—Nowhere till I went to vote.

9201. Do you mean to say you did not go out till nearly 4 o'clock ?—As well as I can tell you it was about 25 minutes to 4 when I went out.

9202. To whom had you been talking on the day of the election ?—Not anyone.

9203. Do you mean to say you did not speak a word to anyone the whole of that day ?—In my own house I spoke to people, but I did not go out.

9204. Who came to see you ?—Only my missus and a brother-in-law of mine.

9205. Anybody else ?—Not anybody else.

9206. Did you have anything for you vote ?—No.

9207. Was any offer made ?—Not any.

9208. Has anything been given to you since ?—Nothing.

9209. You knew of money going about between 3 and 4 ?—I never heard of any.

9210. You have not heard of any since, I suppose ?—No.

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J. Sadler.

27 Aug. 1869.

JOHN SADLER sworn and examined.

9211. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A rivetter.

9212. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

9213. At what time?—About a quarter before 4, I believe.

9214. That was rather late ?—Well, sir, I had some work that I was forced to finish, so I didn't think it mattered about being late if I got there before the poll was closed.

9215. Where do you work ?—Mr. Alderstein's, in Queen Street.

9216. Was not the place shut up on the election day ?—No.

9217. Were you at work all the day ?—Yes.

9218. Why did you not vote at the breakfast or dinner hour ?—Well, sir, I don't know no particular reason that I did not vote.

9219. Had you been canvassed ?—No.

9220. Had not anybody asked you for your vote ?—No, not anyone.

9221. Had you told anybody how you would vote ?—No, not anyone. I neither took money nor yet any drink.

9222. I asked you had you promised your vote to anybody ?—Not to anyone.

9223. Or had anybody asked you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Not anyone.

9224. Why did you wait till a quarter to 4 before you polled ?—I didn't think the first thing in the morning about voting for anyone.

9225. What made you change your mind ?—My shopmates said to me "You may as well vote. Go "and vote." Then I said "I will go and vote for "Mr. Stracey."

9226. Did any of them say anything about getting money for it ?—Not anyone.

9227. They did not say money was going on Stracey's side ?—No.

9228. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I suppose you never were a voter before ?—No, never.

S. Trumbetta.

SAMUEL TRUMBETTA sworn and examined.

9229. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city ?—Yes.

9230. Did you vote at the last election ?—No, I did not vote.

9231–2. How came you not to vote ?—I had some work to do, and I could not leave the work.

9233–4. Where were you at work that day ?—At home.

9235. Is there another man of your name in your ward ?—No, not in my ward.

9236–7. Do you know another man of your name in the city ?—Yes, three.

9238. Was it simply because you had so much to do that you did not vote ?—Yes.

9239. Did anybody ask you to vote ?—No.

9240. Nobody came to you at all about it ?—No.

9241. Were you at work the whole day ?—From half-past 7 till about five minutes to 4; and I come up Saint Stephen's, and when I got to the poll the books were closed. That is the reason I did not vote.

9242. Do you know a person of the name of Parker ?—Yes.

9243. Did he come to you about your vote ?—No.

9244. Did you not see him that day ?—No.

9245. Had you seen him before ?—Several times.

9246. I mean about your vote ?—No.

9247. How far was the polling place from where you were at work ?—200 or 300 yards.

9248. If it was so close why did you not at your dinner hour go and vote ?—I had not a dinner hour. I had to get my dinner when I had finished the job I was doing.

9249. You had a breakfast hour ?—At half-past 7 I got my breakfast.

9250. Did not it extend to half-past 8 ?—No.

9521. Then you worked from half-past 7 to 4 ?—Yes.

9252. Are you sure you did not stand out to get some money ?—No, I did not stand out at all. I had the work to do. It would be more interest for me to do my work than to run about to see after money.

9253. You might expect the money to come to you ?—I did not expect nothing at all about it.

9254. You never received any money for not giving your vote ?—No.

9255. Nor the promise of money if you did vote ?—Not a promise at all.

W. Scott.

WALTER SCOTT sworn and examined.

9256. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A shoemaker.

9257. Is this the first time you ever voted ?—Yes.

9258. For whom did you vote ?—Russell.

9259. At what time in the day ?—Half-past 3; something like that.

9260. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—No.

9261. Had you promised it to anyone ?—No.

9262. What made you vote so late ?—Because I could not get from the shop, not till that time.

9263. Were you in the shop the whole of the day ?—Yes, till I voted.

9264. Were not you out at all ?—At breakfast time, not after.

9265. Dinner time ?—No.

9266. Where did you dine ?—At the shop.

9267. Had anything been offered to you for your vote ?—No.

9268. Nothing promised you ?—No.

9269–70. Has nothing been paid to you since ?—No.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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ISRAEL BLOCH sworn and examined.

9271. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city?—Yes.

9272. What is your business?—A wholesale jeweller.

9273. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

9274. For whom did you vote?—For Tillett and Russell.

9275. I need hardly ask whether you received any money or the promise of any money for your vote?—No.

9276. Do you know of anybody having given or promised to give any persons money to induce them to vote?—No.

9277. Do you know of anything of that sort having been done at previous elections?—I do not.

WILLIAM SUTTON PAGE recalled and further examined.

9278. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you got those papers that were referred to yesterday?—Yes (*producing some books and papers, which are handed to the Commissioners*). The large book is a canvass book, but in reality it is a mere register marked off from the canvass.

9279. This is a copy of the register?—Yes, with marks as you will see showing how parties voted, Stracey, Russell, Tillett, and so on; and you have there a list of those who were supposed to be doubtful voters at that time.

9280. In whose handwriting?—In the handwriting of three parties, Mr. Gilman's, my own, and I find there are two entries in the handwriting of Mr. Swann, Mr. Chittock's clerk, who happened to be poll clerk.

9281. Are these the papers which were given to you by Mr. Gilman?—They are.

9282. I see there are three?—Those are all the papers I ever remember to have received from him. There was some mention made as to a portion of them having been lost, but I do not remember ever having seen any others.

9283. You took an active part in this election?—Yes, as first ward manager; and I wish it to be understood that those parties who are marked as doubtful are no longer considered doubtful, nor have they been for a long time.

9284. I quite understand that; but it is our duty to investigate everything. Were you present at any meeting of the Conservative party?—Do you mean a public meeting?

9285. No; a meeting of a number of gentlemen belonging to the Conservative party in this city.—Only at our committee rooms; not otherwise.

9286. Was there a meeting of gentlemen of the Conservative party at your committee room?—Yes.

9287. On what day was that?—I should think there was a meeting almost every day or every other day. There were four or five meetings perhaps.

9288. Did a number of gentlemen assemble at your committee room about mid-day on the election day?—They were coming in all day long. I do not know that they assembled more particularly in the middle of the day than they did at any other time.

9289. Did they assemble and consult together about the middle of that day?—I am not at all aware that they did.

9290. Did you hear that there was a consultation?—No, I did not, nor do I think that there was, or I must have known something of it.

9291. Have you not heard that there was?—No, I have not at all.

9292. Have you heard of any meetings of the Conservative party at which there was something discussed which people are unwilling to disclose?—Not at all; I have not heard of any such meeting.

9293. You were the manager of that ward, and the paid manager?—Yes, I was the paid manager of that ward.

9294. Then of course it would not be discreet to mention anything secret to you?—No; I certainly should not have listened to anything of the sort.

9295. You have not heard that there was a meeting?—I have not heard of it at all.

9296. Not since?—No; I have not heard it from anyone.

9297. Have you had a general conversation with anybody since the election as to anything being done for the purpose of paying people who might have expected money on account of the election?—No; I do not think I have had any conversation with any person whatever about anything of the sort. I do not remember anything of the sort, I am sure, indeed I have not. Do you mean as to repaying people for money they had expended?

9298. No, as to the means of paying anybody anything that had been expended at the election, or for anything done at the election.—Not except Mr. Chittock; accounts were sent in.

9299. I am not speaking of formal accounts at all?—No, certainly not.

9300. You know that there are other things in every election?—I have not heard of anything of the sort.

JOHN OUTLAW sworn and examined.

9301. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

9302. Who did you go with to the poll?—I walked along with Mr. Parker.

9303. Had he canvassed you to vote before?—Yes, I think he spoke to me before, but I never heard any more about it till that morning.

9304. Did you promise?—No, I did not.

9305. He came to your place, did he?—Yes, he came to my place, and I walked down to the polling place at about half-past 8 in the morning.

9306. Do you live in Ber Street?—Yes.

9307. What are you by trade?—I keep a small shop.

9308. Had you known Mr. Parker before?—Yes, I had known him several years.

9309. Did you deal with Mr. Parker?—It is in a very small way, not anything more than buying salt butter of him.

9310. Do you keep a small grocer's or provision shop?—Yes, I keep a small provision shop.

9311. How long have you dealt with him?—I may have taken butter off him for 12 months; I cannot say to a little.

9312. Do you always pay for it?—Yes, I always pay ready money for it.

9313. Do you buy anything of him besides butter?—Not anything.

9314. On this occasion when he came to your place to take you up to vote, what did he say?—He said he would walk down with me. I should say I was not

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gone more than 20 minutes from my house; he never said anything to me about anything.

9315. Who told you to tell us he never said anything about anything?—Not in respect of anything else; he and I went along, and I voted.

9316. What do you mean by telling of anything else?—I do not understand you.

9317. What were you talking to Parker about?—I cannot say; there was nothing mentioned in no manner of way, and never thought of about money.

9318. Was anything said about business?— Not anything about business. I told him I would walk down with him and vote, and we walked on, and were gone a very few minutes.

9319. Have you dealt with Parker since?—I always take butter off him.

9320. When did you see him last?—Some time last week. I do not think I have seen him since.

9321. On what day?—That I cannot say.

9322. What day do you generally buy butter from him?—That depends on when I have finished what I have got.

9323. When did you last deal with him?—That was last week.

9324. What day?—That I cannot say.

9325. When you last saw him, had you any talk with him?—No, I had not. I do not think I saw him then, nothing more than a shopwoman.

9326. You did not see him yesterday?—No, I did not; I have not seen him since last week.

9327. Do you know a gentleman of the name of Dawson?—I do not know him.

9328. Did Mr. Parker promise you anything?—No, he did not, and I never thought of taking anything.

9329. I suppose if he had promised you something you would have taken it?—No, I do not think I should, because there was a caution given out, and I did not see why I should get myself into trouble.

9330. But you might have taken something if you had the chance?—No, I did not, and I never gave it a thought.

9331. What have you been paid since?—Not anything.

9332. What allowance has been made on your butter account?—Whatever he charged for it I paid for it, the same as anyone else had to pay. Mr. Parker showed me no favour by no means.

9333. What price have you paid him for butter since?—That I can give an account of, thirteen pence a pound, that is the same as it is anywhere else, and anywhere else the same as it is there.

9334. Was Mr. Parker the only gentleman who spoke to you about your vote or canvassed you?—I do not know; there might be several call.

9335. Who else came besides Mr. Parker?—That I cannot say. I told Mr. Parker that I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and I had done with it. I never took no notice of anyone else about it.

9336. What was the date that you promised Mr. Parker that you would vote for Stracey?—That I do not know.

9337. What made you promise?—Well, I did not trouble which way I went, it did not make any difference to me; if it had been anyone asked me I would have went that way.

9338. You would have voted for anybody you were asked to vote for?—Yes; I do not think it makes any difference.

9339. You voted because Mr. Parker persuaded you?—No, he never persuaded me nothing about it; he asked me whether I would vote for Mr. Stracey.

9340. Did he never promise you anything?—No, he did not, and I never thought of taking anything. I never gave it a thought.

9341. Was this the first time you voted?—Yes.

9342. Have you ever voted at the city elections?—I have never voted before.

9343. Have you ever voted for town councillors?—No; look here, I can give you a full account of the reason why I did not vote before. I have had a vote a good many years, but at the time I could work I would never lose time after voting, because I did not consider that it would make any difference to me.

9344. (*Mr. Biron.*) If you had been paid for your day's work, would you then have voted?—I thought I was best at my work, and now since I cannot work and cannot get about, I am obliged to keep at home at my little shop, and as long as that man asked me to vote I thought it proper to vote.

9345. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Parker came to you that morning to take you up to the poll?—Yes, he did; and I can give you an account how he came to come.

9346. How much butter do you sell on an average a week?—I cannot say exactly, perhaps sometimes 3*s.* or 4*s.*, and sometimes 5*s.*

9347. Do you not sell at your shop more than 3 lbs. or 4 lbs. of butter a week?—Three or four shillings.

9348. But you say it is thirteen pence a pound?—We take that cut into small quantities.

9349. With whom else do you deal for butter?—I cannot say, it comes out of the country.

9350. That would be fresh butter?—Certainly.

9351. I am speaking about firkin butter?—That is what I take of Mr. Parker.

9352. You only take 4*s.* or 5*s.* a week for firkin butter in your place?—Sometimes it may be as much, and sometimes it may be more.

9353. Sometimes as much as 10*s.* a week?—No, nothing like it; that is only for poor people to cut into small quantities.

9354. But they are poor people who deal at your shop?—Yes.

9355. Therefore they would, of course, take the cheaper class of butter?—I have not call enough for it.

9356. Did he call upon you the day before the polling day?—No, I do not think he did; it might be two or three days, and it might be a day or two before, I cannot say.

9357. But did he call upon you some time before?—He called on me before the day I did vote, but how near it was to the time, or how far it was back, I cannot say.

9358. Did you not see him the day before?—No, I do not know that I did; I do not know the day.

9359. You had dealt with him regularly for firkin butter for twelve months?—I do not deal with him for anything else.

9360. But you had dealt with him regularly for that for twelve months?—I daresay I had, and it might be a little over, I cannot say.

9361. You are a customer of his?—He might call me a customer, but I am a very small one.

9362. But a regular one; you have butter of him every week?—Almost every week.

9363. Do you deal at Mr. Abel's?—Yes, and at different places; when I have my goods I go with ready money, and go where I please.

9364. What do you buy at Abel's?—Different things, candles and different things.

9365. Different things from what you buy at Parker's?—Yes; perhaps where I lay out 5*s.* at Parker's I lay out 3*l.* or 4*l.* at the other place.

9366. When he asked you for your vote before the election, did you promise it?—I told him yes, I should vote. I do not know that he stopped two minutes with me then.

9367-8. At the time you promised your vote, was not something said about the price you should afterwards pay for your butter?—No, there was nothing of the sort, I am sure; I never heard one word about it.

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9369. Was not some arrangement made about the price you should afterwards pay for your butter ?—No, never ; I paid the same as everyone else.

9370. But I ask whether it was not then said that you should pay a certain price for your butter ?—No, nothing at all was said about it.

9371. Has anything been thrown off your butter at any time since ?—No, there has not been anything thrown off, by no means.

9372. Have you paid the same price for your butter before as after ?—Yes, I pay the same price now as I did then, and always did. I have had no remedy by no means, and never expected it.

9373. You said to my friend at once that nothing was said about anything being allowed to you ?—No.

9374. Who has been talking to you about what Mr. Parker said when he was examined here ?—No one has not said anything about it.

9375. Have you not had any conversation with anybody about what Mr. Parker said here ?—Not with anyone.

9376. Has not anybody been to you about it ?—No, not anyone.

9377. Have you seen Parker ?—No, I have not seen Parker.

9378. Nor Parker's shopman ?— No, I have not heard a word of him, and have not seen a sight of him.

9379. Nobody has been to your shop about it ?—No, no one has said anything to me about it, I can assure you. Look here ? I will not forfeit my word for Mr. Parker and no man. I am here to speak the truth, I can assure you. I have nothing to do with Mr. Parker, what I tell you is the truth.

9380. Mr. Parker said, you know, that you were not a customer of his ; why he said so I cannot imagine ?—I am a customer of his, but it is in a wonderful small way ; what I have told you is the truth, I can assure you.

WILLIAM DEBBAGE sworn and examined.

W. Debbage.

9381. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you ?—A wheelwright and blacksmith.

9382. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

9383. What time in the day ?—About 3 o'clock, as near as I can tell.

9384. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—People had been to my house, but I was not at home ; I was at work.

9385. Where were you at work ? — At Mr. Morrison's, in Market Lane.

9386. Did you not go home to breakfast and dinner ?—Yes.

9387. Why did you not vote in your dinner hour ?—I generally take my dinner hour, and did not go at that time.

9388. Who asked you for your vote ?—No one. I never saw any one come. My missus told me people had been there several times and left cards, but I never saw anybody.

9389. What induced you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I thought I would vote the first card I had sent me, and I thought I would vote for him.

9390. Did you see Frederick Parker the day of the polling ?—No.

9391. Did you see him at all during the canvass before the election ?—No.

9392. Who took you up to the poll ?—Well, sir, I walked up to the poll along with a baker in King Street.

9393. Who is he ?—I am sure I cannot say. He lived opposite Mr. Burrell's, the carpenter's ; he is a master baker there, Mr. Welch.

9394. Did he ask you to vote for Stracey ?—No ; he was walking up the lane, and I told him I was going to vote.

9395. What did he say to that ?—That he had voted.

9396. For Stracey ?—I believe he said he had voted for Stracey.

9397. Did he say he was going to give you anything for doing it ?—No, and I never asked him for anything.

9398. Did anyone offer you anything ?—No.

9399. Or promise you anything ?—No.

9400. It was your own wish to vote for Stracey, and you made up your mind all along to do it ?—Yes.

9401. You said you were out, but gentlemen came to your wife during the day ?—Yes.

9402. Did any of them offer her anything ?—No ; she never said anything about anything of the sort.

9403. Did she tell you she had received anything ?—No.

9404. Did she tell you to go and vote ?—No, she did not.

9405. She did not say you had better be off and vote for Stracey ?—No.

9406. It was entirely of your own head ?—Yes, entirely of my own head.

JOHN CARSAY CHITTOCK recalled and further examined.

J. C. Chittock.

9407. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The books which you have produced as the canvass books are the books in which entries are made of the returns of your canvassers ?—I presume you are speaking of copies of the register ; they are marked in the register from the lists which are on the file ; you have a file of the lists.

9408. After the election were they taken direct to your office from the committee room ?—They would be taken direct to my office from the committee room. They would not be taken on the day of the election, and I cannot say they were taken the following day ; most probably they were taken the following day.

9409. Are you aware of their having been out of your office since ? — My impression, but I am not positive as to that, is that they were sent to Mr. Skipper at the time he was conducting the inquiry, but Mr. Skipper, or those who were in his office, would be better able to say whether they had those lists or not.

9410. Did you send all the papers connected with the matter to Mr. Skipper ?—No, not all ; he would send a messenger from his office, and take what papers he required.

9411. Would you not have a receipt for what papers you gave him ?—There was a receipt.

9412. Do you think you could find that receipt ?—I should think I could.

9413. When were they returned to you if they were sent to Mr. Skipper ?—I should say a few days after the inquiry here.

9414. What was done with them then ? — They would then be taken into my office again.

9415. Has anybody had them since that time ?—Certainly not.

9416. Are you sure of that ?—Yes, I am quite sure of it. I have not the slightest doubt about it.

9417. Has anybody had access to them ?—Nobody would have access to them but my clerks, and they would have no occasion to make use of them. I am quite sure they would not even look at them.

9418. Do you know a person named Dawson ?—Yes.

9419. Has he had any of the papers connected with this matter in his possession ?—He was employed by

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Mr. Skipper, and he would have had access to them supposing Mr. Skipper had them, and that I could ascertain for you.

9420. Are you cognisant of any alteration having been made in those books?—I am not, and I firmly believe that no alteration has been made in them. I may be wrong, but that is my belief.

9421. These books would have afforded us most valuable information if they had been reliable, and we wanted them particularly for that purpose. We find when we come to examine witnesses that there are a number of men entered there as having promised who have sworn to us that they did not promise. We find also that persons are entered there as having been returned by your own canvassers according to their statement on oath in that box as doubtful; and others are returned as persons who would not vote at all. Under those circumstances can you give us any explanation how such an extraordinary error as that could have occurred?—I could suggest a way of testing whether the lists are made up correctly or not, and that would be to compare the returns on the file with the register.

9422. But if one document is altered what security have we that another has not been altered also. If a man is going to alter one document he will also alter the check?—But you would see whether the check had been altered also.

9423. No; because when a number of figures only are put down it is impossible to detect whether there has been an alteration or not?—I do not know whether you follow me. You say some are altered, or that some votes do not correspond with the oaths of the witnesses. If you refer to the list on the file you will immediately see how it is.

9424. The evil is this, some were taken from books.—No, excuse me, you will find that that is a misunderstanding; they are all on the file.

9425. Was the register marked from the files all at the same time?—As they were brought up to the committee room.

9426. Are you sure that all the returns were on the file?—I believe them to be all there. I have not examined the file with the register to see whether every promise is on the file, but I have no reason to doubt the fact.

9427. This only shows that that which we had hoped would prove a reliable source of information is only calculated to mislead?—It is simply made from those lists on the file.

9428. We have had a very large number of voters for Sir Henry Stracey voting after 2 o'clock; with few exceptions, those persons have sworn that they never promised, and that they avoided giving any promise at all. How can you account for those persons invariably being found upon the register, as having promised Sir Henry Stracey?—Before I give an opinion upon that subject I should like to compare the register with the lists on the file. My only source of information would be those lists, and whether the parties had promised or not I could only judge by those lists. I have no other source of information.

9429. You can give us no further assistance?—No, I cannot; I have no other source of information but those lists.

9430. It was our duty to test whether that book would afford us correct information or not, and if it had been anything like correct it would have been a most valuable guide to us, instead of which it is thoroughly misleading. I do not know how it has happened.—Whether or not it arose from a canvasser taking too sanguine a view of the answers given to him by voters I do not know. I looked at the list here the other day, and found that some of the voters were marked doubtful.

9431. It is impossible to conceal from one's self that a person who was skilled in these matters in the committee room would not enter a doubtful man as promising when he was returned as doubtful by the canvassers.—But until you see whether those marked doubtful in the list are entered as promised on the register I could not endorse that view of yours. At the time when I lent those documents to Mr. Skipper I had not the least idea of this inquiry.

9432. It is very possible that there was no idea of this inquiry, but there may have been an object to mislead those conducting another inquiry?—Upon that subject I can only say that those who had them in their office I hope will give you all the information you require on the subject, but I have no knowledge of what passed in that office.

9433. One has had quite sufficient experience in election business before judges and elsewhere to know that the first thing you want on the one side is the canvass book, and if the canvass book can be cooked, there is no doubt whatever that one of the great means of arriving at the secrets of the other party is taken away.—Undoubtedly that is so.

9434. That is the reason why I want to know whether these things were ever out of your custody?—I should like to give you a positive answer as to whether they were ever out of my office or not, and for that purpose I will look for the receipt.

9435. One does not like suspecting things, but we are here in a situation in which if we did not suspect we should not be doing our duty. In order to investigate we must doubt, and I am sorry to say we must suspect.—I can only say that so far as I know I have no knowledge of there having been any alteration in these documents, and I have no reason to suspect it. I have here something which I will produce to you. I have searched to see if I could find any further canvass books, and these are the only two I have been able to find (*handing two books to the Commissioners*). They relate to the same ward as the other books which I have already produced to you. I am certain that there is now no other book in the office, for I have searched myself, and I have also inquired of the ward agents, and I do not believe that any other canvass books can be found than those which I have now produced.

G. Gedge.

GEORGE GEDGE sworn and examined.

9436. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are a voter in this city, are you not?—I am.

9437. And you have been so for many years?—Yes, for many years.

9438. You took a strong interest in the last election, did you not?—I took an interest for Sir Henry Stracey in the last election.

9439. And voted for him?—And voted for him.

9440. You exerted yourself to procure his return?—I exerted myself to procure his return in my parish. I never went out of my parish.

9441. Which is your parish?—St. Michael-at-Coslany, where my trade is carried on, and where it has been carried on for the last century.

9442. In which ward?—The eighth ward.

9443. Part of your parish is inhabited by persons in very humble circumstances, is it not?—They are a middle class of men, not very humble; not so humble as in some parishes.

9444. With whom do you bank?—I never had but one bank, and that is Harvey and Hudson's. My father banked there before me.

9445. Did you draw a considerable sum of money out of Harvey's bank on the day of the election, or the day before or immediately afterwards?—No; I drew our usual amount that was required for the office. A month back I drew or gave notice that I should want 4,000*l.* That was a month prior to the election. I then gave notice that I should require 4,000*l.* in a few days.

9446. And when did you draw out that money?—Which money?

9447. The 4,000*l.*—That was a matter of private business of my own.

9448. When did you draw it out is my question?—I think that was in September. I did not draw it out. I gave notice that I should require it. I think it was on the 17th September.

9449. And when did you draw it out?—I never drew it out at all. I very often go and give notice that I shall require money. I deal rather largely in shares and funds, and so forth, and when I require 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.* I go to the clerk at the bank, and say in three or four days I may be up in London, and shall require 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* On the 16th of September I gave notice that I should require 4,000*l.*, that is, that I should require it if I went to London.

9450. Have you got your bank book here?—I have (*producing a book*).

9451. What induced you on the 16th of September to give notice that you would require so large a sum as 4,000*l.*?—Is a man to be summoned here and made to expose all his financial business?

9452. I am sorry to say that we must require you to give us the information.—I am the architect of my own fortune, and am I to be called upon to give an account of what I did and wanted to do with a certain amount of money that I drew out or wanted to draw out.

9453. You can give me an answer to my question, which is a very simple one?—I think it is a very impertinent one; however, I will answer. There is the book, and you can look at it and judge for yourselves (*handing the book to the Commissioners*).

9454. Do not be angry.—I am not angry. There is the book, and you can read it for yourself.

9455. We are bound to do our duty.—Now you have got your wish, but I do not want my business affairs exposed.

9456. (*Mr. Biron.*) You need not be angry.—I am not angry at all; it is only the warmth of my temper.

9457. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do let us be good-tempered about this.—I hope and trust we shall part so. It is a fine idea, certainly, that a gentleman shall be required to fork up his banking book and show how he lays his money out.

9458. This is a deposit account; this is not a banking account at all.—I call it a banking account; do you wish to see my trade book, because if you do I will soon send for it. You asked me how I came to draw out so large an amount of money; I was compelled to bring that book and show it to you, because if I had not brought it, and had told you, you would not perhaps have believed me.

9459. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do not give yourself a bad character.—Do not alarm yourself about me. I am all right enough.

9460. This, as I understand it, is a deposit account.—Never mind what it is, I can draw upon a deposit account. If I want 100*l.* I can take that book to the bank and get it.

9461. Will you kindly answer me a question or two?—I will answer you any question that you like to put.

9462. Besides that have you an ordinary pass-book?—I have not.

9463. You do not keep what we call a drawing account?—I have only the trade book, which will prove every Saturday the amount of money required for the trade, and during the election you will find that for a month or six weeks or two months before and after the electlon there is a regular amount drawn weekly.

9464. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We do not want to investigate further than is necessary.—But you have investigated. It is of no consequence to me.

9465. I do not want to investigate anything relating to what may be called your private affairs. I see exactly by this book how the money is disposed of, and, of course, as far as this book is concerned my inquiry is at an end. The money is satisfactorily accounted for.—If there is anything else I can give you any information about I shall be very happy to do so.

9466. I want to know whether on the day of the election or immediately before or after you did not draw a cheque on your drawing account for a considerable sum of money?—Certainly not. I find not more than 20*l.* for three weeks before the election, and not more than 20*l.* weekly for the men in the office afterwards. I think it runs on pretty nearly 20*l.* a week for 10 weeks for the men employed.

9467. For your own private expenditure have you any other account kept?—No, none whatever.

9468. That includes your expenses?—It includes my expenses for the office weekly, and you will find them entered weekly regularly in the book. I assure you that I was determined after the last alteration which the Legislature made relative to the act of bribery that I would be as near as I possibly could in this election. I was determined that I would not take 6*d.* out with me. I never paid one 6*d.* to anybody prior to the election, and I never paid one 6*d.* to anybody after the election, and no man did I bribe or attempt to bribe. I state that on my oath.

9469. You had been inadvertently or indiscreetly engaged in transactions of that kind before, had you not?—Yes, many years back.

9470. You will not wonder then that on this occasion it may have been supposed that you would pursue the same course.—No, I do not wonder at it. The fact is, that I have been kept in town for a whole fortnight. I am sorry to say that I have been unwell, having had a fall from my horse, and that I have lost a great deal of blood, and when I wished to go away to my mortification I received a subpœna to attend before you. I will read over to you the names if you like of those who voted in my parish. I will do so if it is any satisfaction to you.

9471. I will not trouble you to do that. You have stated that you did not pay away any money at all?—I could not, for I had none with me three days prior to the election and three days after. I was determined not to have it.

9472. Did you promise anyone?—Not one atom; that would be as bad as giving the money.

9473. Have you paid anything since?—No, not one farthing.

9474. Not out of good nature?—Not one farthing. I am a very good natured fellow sometimes; rather too much so.

9475. Have you contributed anything towards the expenses?—Have I subscribed anything? No, I have not. I have not put my name down for 1*s.*, though many of my friends have done so I daresay. Sir Henry was a national rate man, and I have spent hundreds upon those who are in favour of a national rate. I voted for Peto; he is a Liberal. I have a note in my pocket from a gentleman at the Reform Club you very well know, which will show you what an anxious desire I have for a national rate, and I request you will read it. It is from Mr. Gilbert, of the Reform Club. I begged him to come down, and I said I would pay his expenses. He is not a Conservative, but he has taken an active part in my national rate in London with Alderman Sidney and others.

9476. You thought him a good man, and you determined to support him?—Yes, and I canvassed for Peto.

9477. You have said that a number of gentlemen subscribed; who are the other gentlemen who subscribed?—I cannot tell you now who they are. They were made public at the time.

9478. Can you give me the name of anybody who subscribed, whether made public or not?—It was a public meeting which I did not attend at the "Norfolk" hotel. This was after the election.

9479. How long after the election was it?—I suppose it might be a month or six weeks. I suppose they thought that Sir Henry Stracey had been rascally

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used, and to relieve his expenses that they would come forward to subscribe.

9480. Can you give me the names of those persons?—No, I really cannot; there may be some gentlemen in the room now, for anything I know; it is no secret; it was made public what the subscription was for. I think it was entered into in case Sir Henry was unseated, for his son. I think that was the object of the meeting—to subscribe money for his son to come forward to pay the expenses of his election; but I did not attend the meeting, and I did not attend any of the committees of gentlemen who were in the habit of meeting.

9481. You did not attend a meeting of the Conservative party on the day of the election?—On the day of the election I never went out of St. Michael-at-Coslany parish. I never stirred out. I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell with Mr. Youngs and Mr. Colman in a carriage, with a placard representing that there was 600 majority, and Mr. Youngs winked his eye, and I put my hand so (*over the left shoulder*), meaning it is no good. I knew they would lose the election by the way they were muddling of it.

9482. Were you hanging back then?—It was impossible to get the state of the poll. After such an infamous falsehood put out we made the best fight we could; with a losing game you are sure to win; always fight for a losing game. Probably you do not understand me. I am sorry that I have not the means or the manner to convey that knowledge to you.

9483. You think that a waiting race is the best, do you?—It is of no use for any party to put out a false statement, because it is impossible to keep it up; they must either keep back the true state of the poll or go on—"lying"—I was going to say, all day.

9484. I am afraid that truth is very difficult to get in Norwich.—Well, you will not find any difficulty in getting it out of me.

9485. But you do find that there is a difficulty in getting it?—I always felt that all my life.

9486. (*Mr. Biron.*) You know Norwich very well indeed?—Yes, nobody better; I have been bred and born here, and I ought to know it.

9487. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where was the public metting that you speak of?—At the "Norfolk" hotel, in St. Giles'; it is a long time after the election.

9488. Did you hear of any subscription before that?—No, not a word, not a syllable. I have known the time when but for this stringent law I should not have been particular about subscribing, because Sir Henry Stracey is a national rate man; but I was determined not to be pulled up, and I determined not to spend a single penny.

9489. And had you made that known?—Yes, I made it known; everyone knew it with whom I was connected in the parish.

9490. You thought it an extremely indiscreet thing for anybody to do?—Yes; I think after that law that every man ought to abide by the law of his country, or he ought not to exist at all.

9491. Had you announced that as your resolution?—Yes, I was determined about it when I commenced.

9492. You canvassed, did you not?—No; I simply went about and asked a few. I asked eight men, and out of them there were seven Conservatives. One fellow, named Hudson, about half-past 3 o'clock said "I am going to vote for Sir Heny Stracey." I said, "That is false." He said, "So help me, God, if you "will go up and poll me I will vote;" and rather than lose his vote I went with him and polled him. He is a Liberal, not a Conservative, and he told me that if I went up to the poll with him he would vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

9493. Did he say anything about money?—Not a snap; the fact is that report said he had already got it, and that was why he wanted to make a virtue of necessity to me, because I knew him to be a red-hot Radical.

9494. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you hear where he got the money?—No, I never believe hearsays, for Norwich is the finest place in the world for tales.

9495. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is that man's name?—Hudson; he lives at St. Mary's, the adjoining parish to mine.

9496. You knew him to be a Liberal?—Yes; a red-hot Radical rascal. He told me that the party had behaved so bad to him that he would show them some fun, and would I go up and poll him; and I did, and I would do it again.

9497. Did any man come up and ask you for money that day?—Not a single man, not one.

9498. Were you much about the town on that day?—No; I never stirred out of the parish where my business is carried on. I never went out of the parish, and when the election was over I went over to Catton and rejoiced in my own mind, and eat a hearty good dinner.

9499. You did not see Wiseman that day?—Yes, I did, because he was in the parish.

9500. Where did you see him?—In the room where they were to conduct the election. Wiseman had the care of the eighth ward.

9501. Did he say to you anything about managing men?—No, he never said a word, and I do not think the man went out of the room all day, for whenever I went in there he sat.

9502. You had announced your firm resolution to have nothing to do with bribery?—I did so days prior to that.

9503. You did so with the same positiveness of manner in which you have given your evidence?—Yes, I hope I have given it straight.

9504. Did you take an active part in the election of 1865?—That was Waters' election?

9505. Yes.—I did.

9506. Did you also take an active part in the election in 1860?—Not much.

9507. Warner and Russell were then returned?—Yes; and the reason why I never liked them was because they would never stir in my national rate.

9508. You took, you say, an active part in the election of 1865; both in 1865 and 1860 there was a great deal of money spent, was there not?—Yes, I believe there was on both sides. I never spent any though, not as bribery. I always put my hand in my pocket to do what I thought proper.

9509. And did you not put your hand in your pocket in 1865?—I did to get a furore up for Mr. Waters, who I thought was ill-used, for he was a national rate man.

9510. In 1860, did you?—No, I did not.

9511. You are a known and experienced person with regard to elections, and it is possible that we may have to inquire into the two previous elections, and that with reference to them we may have to put some questions to you.—Very well; perhaps you will be kind enough to let me know whether it will be three or four months from this time, because if you will do that I will arrange my business accordingly.

W. Spurling.

WILLIAM SPURLING sworn and examined.

9512. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A publican and innkeeper.

9513. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

9514. What time in the day?—I think it must have been half-past 3 o'clock.

9515. Had you been canvassed?—No; I have always voted early in the morning.

9516. Have you always voted Tory?—Yes.

9517. Is yours a Tory house?—I am not visited by any parties of that description at all.

9518. Were there more people than usual on the day of the election at your house?—No, not at all. I was not at home till after dinner, and that accounted for my voting late.

9519. Were you out in the country?—Yes, I was. I did not get home till after 1 o'clock.

9520. Was anything offered to you for your vote?—No.

9521. Or the promise of any money?—No.

9522. Did you offer or promise any money to anyone else?—No.

9523. Were you canvassed?—No, not at all.

9524. Had you taken any part in any former elections?—No, never.

9525. You never voted before?—Yes, I have voted twice before.

9526. For the Tories always?—Yes.

9527. Had you taken any part yourself in canvassing?—No, not at all.

9528. What is your house rated at?—I think it is 20*l.*

9529. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you heard of any man having received money for his vote at this election?—No, nothing.

9530. They have been talking it over in your house, have they not?—No, I have seen nothing of it, except what I have seen in print.

9531. Have not people in your house been talking about the election?—That is generally talked of.

9532. Have you not heard them say so-and-so received money for his vote?—No, I never heard anyone say they had received any.

9533. Did you hear anybody say that anybody else had received it?—No.

9534. Had you not heard of people having paid money?—No; only what I have read. Mine is a very quiet public house. I never heard of anything of the kind.

ALFRED STOCKINGS recalled and further examined.

A. Stockings.

9535–6. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you at home yesterday?—I was.

9537. Do you know a man of the name of Alfred Perfect?—Well.

9538. Did you see him yesterday?—I did.

9539. Had you any conversation with him?—Yes.

9540. I will not trouble you with the conversation at present. You afterwards saw a person of the name of Murrell, did you not?—No.

9541. After you saw Perfect, what became of you?—I was in my shop for about half an hour.

9542. Where did you go then?—I went to my brother's and to my cousin's.

9543. Who are they?—My brother is a butcher living in St. Stephen's Street, and my cousin is a grocer living in St. Stephen's Street.

9544. How long did you stay there?—It might be 20 minutes or half an hour that I was there.

9545. Who did you see there?—There were several customers in the shop, but nobody that I know.

9546. What did you go there for?—I usually go down very near every morning.

9547. Did you see either your cousin or your brother?—Both.

9548. What time of the day was it that you went down to your brother's, did you go there first?—I had to pass my brother's to go to my cousin's.

9549. Did you call at your brother's first?—I think I called at my brother's as I came from my cousin's.

9550. You went to your cousin's first?—Yes, I did.

9551. What time in the day did you go to your cousin's?—Just before noon.

9552. What time had you seen Perfect?—In the morning, about half an hour before, as near as I can tell.

9553. When did you return to your home?—I was out about half an hour; I spoke to Mr. Daynes in the street.

9554. Where did you speak to Mr. Daynes?—Close by my cousin's.

9555. Were you coming from or going to your cousin's when you spoke to Mr. Daynes?—When I came out of my cousin's I saw Mr. Daynes and Mr. Crow speaking together, and I went and spoke to them.

9556. Did you come away straight from them home?—I spoke to my brother as I returned.

9557. How long were you at your brother's?—Not above three or four minutes, I should think.

9558. And then you went straight home?—I did.

9559. Now I wish you to be precisely accurate as to that. You say that you went to your brother's, that you were there three or four minutes, and then went straight home?—I was at my cousin's first.

9560. I mean coming away from your cousin's you saw Mr. Daynes and the other gentleman you spoke of, you then called at your brother's, were there three or four minutes, and then went straight home?—That is the truth.

9561. Did anybody serve in your shop during the time you were away?—No; unfortunately I was obliged to leave my wife to attend to the shop when I went out.

9562. Then there was nobody to attend to your shop during the time of your absence?—My wife was there, and she knew where I was.

9563. Now did you not see Murrell come into your shop?—Certainly not.

9564. I must caution you?—Certainly not.

9565. Did you see Murrell?—I saw him in the morning.

9566. What time in the morning?—I saw him in the morning, I think it was before breakfast.

9567. Did you never see him after breakfast?—I might, but I really cannot say.

9568. Do consider?—I do not know that I did, I might have seen him after breakfast.

9569. Did you not see him come into your shop?—No, I did not.

9570. He did not come into your shop?—Not to my knowledge.

9571. Did you see him at the shop door?—Yes, I was at the shop door when I saw him yesterday morning.

9572. After the time when you saw him in the morning, did you not see him at your shop door?—I might see him go down the street, but I do not believe I did.

9573. Are you sure that you did not see him at your shop door after you saw him in the morning?—I will swear I did not, to have any talk with him; I certainly did not.

9574. Did you go out again at all after you returned from your cousin's?—No, I was out before for about five minutes.

9575. You were out before?—Yes, I remember I went out yesterday morning.

9576. Then you did not go out after you returned from your cousin's and your brother's?—No, I did not; that would be about 20 minutes to 2, I should think between 20 minutes to 2 and 2. A lady was waiting to see me when I got home.

9577. Your wife, you say, was serving in the shop?—She was in the shop.

9578. She would remain in the shop during your absence?—No, I do not know that she would remain in the shop; my errand boy generally remains in the shop.

9579. Do you mean to say that Murrell did not come into your shop?—I did not speak to him in my shop to the best of my belief yesterday, nor have any chat with him; I believe I spoke to him in the morning.

9580. I will not ask you whether you spoke to him; do you mean to say that you did not see him in your shop in the course of yesterday?—Yes, I did.

9581. What time in the day?—I really cannot say for the time, but I did see him in the shop yesterday.

9582. You cannot say the time?—I would not swear to the time, for there was a great many persons coming in and out.

9583. Had you any conversation with him in your shop?—No.

9584. Did he come into your shop and go out without saying anything to you?—He might have said something, but there was no particular conversation.

9585. "He might have said something." That seems to be the stereotyped answer which we get in Norwich?—Of course he would say something.

9586–7. What did he say?—There were several persons in the shop, and I daresay there was the usual chat about the Commission.

9588. Can you not tell me what time of the day that was?—I will not swear; several persons were in my shop yesterday.

9589. But Murrell you know?—I could not swear to the time he came into my shop.

9590. Will you undertake to swear that he did not come into your shop after you had seen Perfect?—He came in last evening at 5 o'clock.

9591. Did he not come into your shop in the course of the ordinary business hours, after you had seen Perfect and before 4 o'clock?—No, I do not believe he did.

9592. Will you swear he did not?—It is so difficult to swear; it is an impossibility for me to swear such a thing as to people coming in and going out of my shop.

9593. You told me before you had only seen him once in the morning, when he was passing up the street?—I had seen him; he came past last night.

9594. I am not speaking about last night, you know that as well as possible. Do you mean to say that between the time that you saw Perfect and had a conversation with Perfect, and the closing of this court, you did not see Murrell in your shop?—No, I do not believe I did.

9595. I will not take the word "believe"?—I cannot help it, I will not swear to a lie.

9596. I am very glad to hear it. Is it not, therefore, true that you did?—I do not believe it, I don't believe that I did.

9597. It is impossible to believe that a person in your situation can say that, because your attention last evening was drawn to what occurred here beyond all question, and you had seen Perfect and had a conversation with him?—I had.

9598. Do you mean to say that you did not see Murrell in your shop between the time that you saw Perfect and had a conversation with him, and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon?—I do not believe I did.

9599. You do not believe. Is that all that you will undertake to say?—That is all I will undertake to say.

9600. (*Mr. Biron.*) It was only yesterday, you know?—Yes.

9601. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many people were in your shop in the course of yesterday?—I should think 200 or 300.

9602. Now I will take you to the conversation with Perfect. You saw Perfect going by your house yesterday?—I did.

9603. He had passed your house, had he not?—I think not.

9604. Did you beckon him in?—Yes.

9605. Why?—I asked him whether he had received a summons.

9606. Why did you ask Perfect whether he had received a summons?—I walked to the shop door; curiosity led me to do it, I really had nothing else in it.

9607. Do you mean to say that because you see a man, without knowing anything about him, that you beckon him in and ask him if he had received a summons?—He is a very good customer of mine.

9608. What made you think it was a likely thing that he had received a summons?—Because they are summoning everybody in the place.

9609. Not yet, Mr. Stockings?—Everybody in the fifth ward.

9610. What made you inquire of Perfect whether he had received a summons?—I asked him as a matter of course, as I asked several others.

9611. Did you think he was a likely man to have received a summons?—I should think very probably.

9612. Why was he a likely man to receive a summons?—He voted after 3 in the afternoon.

9613. Was that your only reason for thinking that he was a likely man to receive a summons?—Murrell told me he had received a bribe some long time ago, and I did not believe it.

9614. How did you know he had voted after 3?—According to the returns that were made.

9615. Do you mean to say that you recollect everybody who voted after 3?—The persons who voted after 3 o'clock were given in the evidence that was got up for the petition.

9616. Do you mean to say that now you recollect the names of every person who voted after 3?—I remember he was one.

9617. And that was your sole reason?—I had several others too.

9618. Was that your reason?—I will explain it. A gentleman stopped me on the hill last Monday morning and asked me the names of the persons, and he showed me the list after 2 o'clock. He wanted to know who they were. I told him as many as I could tell, and Perfect's name was amongst them.

9619. Who was that gentleman?—I do not know who he was. It might be a gentleman from Mr. Coaks' office. I should know him in a minute, and could swear to him if I were to see him.

9620. You called him in, did you?—No, I met him on the hill last Monday. He said I was just the gentleman he wanted to see.

9621. Do you mean to say you did not beckon Perfect into your shop?—I called him across the street.

9622. He came into your shop?—Well, he stood outside the shop. He did not come into the shop door at all.

9623. Do you recollect a few days after the election seeing Perfect?—I do.

9624. Did you go to his house?—I did.

9625. Did you say to him that you wanted to know whether he had received 10*s.* for his vote?—Quite right.

9626. Did he not tell you that he had not?—He did.

9627. Did you then say to him, "It is of no consequence, you can speak the truth to me; all I want to know is whether you received 10*s.*, because I am not going to have the money paid away unless I know you have received it?"—I said to him, "Murrell has been to my shop and asked me for 50*s.* that he has paid away for votes, and I don't believe that he has paid so much money away, I don't believe that he has paid any money at all away." I told Murrell that, and, more than that, I said, "Perfect is a customer of mine, and I will ask him."

9628. You believed that he paid something, but not so much?—Believed who paid something?

9629. That Murrell had paid away some money, but not so much as 50*s.*?—I beg you pardon; if I said so I made a mistake. I never mentioned any money at all. I said it in this way, that Murrell had come to me and asked me for 50*s.* that he had paid away during the election, and I told him I would not

pay him a copper, that I was not authorised to do it, nor would I do it. I was not going to be stupid enough to pay it out of my own pocket, and I did not believe that he paid it.

9630. The shorthand writer will read what you said before (*the shorthand writer read his notes of the previous questions and answers*)?—It is all a mistake of mine from the questions being asked in such a hurry. I will swear to the truth, that Murrell came to mine and asked me for 50*s*., and I said I would not pay a single farthing. This was three weeks or a month after the election.

9631. Murrell is an acquaintance of yours, is he not?—He is a member of the bowling green to which I belong, and he lives in St. Stephen's Street, and I have known him ever since I have lived there.

9632. He is, I suppose, a man with whom you are on comparatively intimate terms?—I don't know about intimate terms.

9633. You know him as an acquaintance?—I know him. I have met him on the green.

9634. And you know him as an ordinary acquaintance?—I should speak to him in the street, nothing more.

9635. What induced you to doubt that Murrell had paid away 50*s*.?—I did not believe that any money had been spent at all.

9636. Then if you did not believe that why did you go down to Perfect?—Perfect was a customer of mine, and I did not believe he would receive a bribe; I believed he was an honest, hard working man, a man who was above receiving a bribe.

9637. Do I understand that you went for the purpose of convicting Murrell of having told a lie?—Because I had been asked for money. I had no money to give him, and I told him I would not give him money.

9638. If you had no money to give, why did you go down to Perfect to ask him if he had received it?—I had the management of the fifth ward during the election, and if anything was mentioned to me, I said, "We are going to carry the election pure and straight, "and nothing has ever been named to me about "money, nor will I have it named to me."

9639. Did you not say to him these words, I will put them to you again, "It is of no consequence, you "can speak the truth to me, all I want to know is, "whether you received 10*s*., because I am not going "to have the money paid away unless I know you "have received it"?—Certainly not.

9640. Will you swear that you did not use those words?—Will you oblige me by reading them again?

9641–2. These are the words, "It is of no conse-"quence, you can speak the truth to me, all I want "to know is, whether you received 10*s*., because I "am not going to have the money paid away unless "I know you have received it"?—The latter part of the sentence I did not say, I will swear.

9643. Then you may have said the first?—I may have said the first; but the two contradicted each other, one said he had given 10*s*., the other said he had only received 5*s*., and I did not believe it at all.

9644. You believed that he had only received 5*s*.?—He said so.

9645. But then, you know, you had not seen Perfect at this time?—When I went to Perfect.

9646. Then you believed the man had received 5*s*. before, did you?—I did not believe the man had received anything.

9647. Then, what made you give me that answer now?—Because Murrell said to me that he had given him 10*s*.

9648. But how came you just now to drop that he had only received 5*s*.?—He told me so.

9649. I am speaking now, you know, of the commencement of this conversation. Now listen to it, and be careful, "It is of no consequence, you can "speak the truth to me, all I want to know is, "whether you received 10*s*., because I am not going "to have the money paid away unless I know that "you have received it." Will you undertake to swear that you did not say those words?—I did not say the latter part of the sentence.

9650. Which latter part of the sentence?—That I was not going to pay money away.

9651. Did you say, then, "I am not going to have "the money paid away"?—I did not.

9652. Or, did you say, "I am not going to have "the money paid away unless I know you have re-"ceived it"?—Certainly not.

9653. Nothing of that sort?—I certainly did not say that, nor anything implying the same.

9654. Nothing of that sort?—Nothing implying the same meaning.

9655. Or anything of the sort.—I really cannot say; this happened some time ago.

9656. Then you really may have said something of the sort?—I would not swear to it; it happened so long ago that I really do not know what I did say, but I will swear I did not say that.

9657. Not those very words?—I had no reason for saying so.

9658. I care not for your reason, but did you say so?—I will swear I did not say that.

9659. Did you not say just now that you believed he had only received 5*s*.?—That was the answer Perfect made to me.

9660. Murrell had told you then that he had paid him 10*s*., had he?—Yes.

9661. And you did not believe that he had paid 10*s*.?—No.

9662. Did you believe that he had paid 5*s*.?—I did not believe there had been anything spent at all.

9663. Then you thought that Murrell was coming to you, and telling you an atrocious falsehood?—I did not believe what he said, that he had spent money.

9664. You believed that your acquaintance Murrell was telling you an atrocious falsehood, is that so?—I did not believe what he said.

9665. Did you tell Murrell that you were going down to Perfect to ascertain that?—No, I did not; I told him I should have nothing to do with it.

9666. Then having nothing to do with it, and saying to him you would have nothing to do with it, why did you go down to Perfect?—I did not believe Perfect received anything. I knew the man as an honest, hardworking man, and as a customer of mine.

9667. But why should you go down to the man, having nothing to do with it?—I did not believe what Murrell had said.

9668. What induced you to go down to Perfect?—I had nothing else to induce me to go.

9669. Had you a book with you?—I believe not; but I might have.

9670. Had you not a little book with you in which there were names?—I wrote the names down on paper that he gave me, five names.

9671. Why, not believing Murrell's statement, did you write five names down upon the paper?—He gave me the names.

9672–3. But why did you write them down if you did not believe the story?—I did not believe it, and I intended to ask them whether it was true.

9674. Was that your only reason for taking the names down?—One of them, Gibson, was returned in the canvassing as promising for Stracey.

9675. Did you tell Murrell that you took these names down for the purpose of going to the men and ascertaining whether he was not telling a falsehood?—Certainly not.

9676. Did you put the names down for the purpose

of ascertaining whether that was true, and conceal from Mr. Murrell that you were going to make inquiries ?—Certainly ; I did not believe that any such thing had been done.

9677. Did you tell Murrell that you put these names down upon paper for the purpose of ascertaining whether it was true ?—I did not.

9678. Why did you not, if you intended to do that ?—He might have got there before me, and told them what he had said to me in my shop for aught I know. I did not believe what he had said.

9679. You did not believe what he had said, and you thought they might tell you lies ?—I did not.

9680. If you thought they would tell you the truth, what harm could there be in mentioning it ?—They did tell me. Perfect told me he had only got 5*s*., and the other said he had given 10*s*.

9681. You believed Murrell had not paid anything ?—My own belief was that there was not a penny spent.

9682. Was your belief that they had not received as much as 10*s*., or that they had not received anything at all ?—I did not believe that they had received anything.

9683. Not believing that they had received anything, in putting them down upon paper, why did you not tell Murrell that you were putting them down upon paper for the purpose of going to the men and ascertaining whether it was true that they had received anything ?—He might have gone and told them I was going to do so.

9684. Did you think the men would tell you a falsehood at the instigation of Murrell ?—I do not know, I would not say anything of the kind.

9685. Why did you distrust Murrell's word ?—Because I believed it was an impossibility that any money was spent.

9686. An impossibility in Norwich that any money should be spent ?—In the fifth ward.

9687. Is there anything particular in the fifth ward to prevent money being spent in it as in other wards in the city ?—The fifth ward always was a Conservative ward, and I had no reason to suppose that a farthing had been spent in it. Gibson's name was returned to me as promising to vote for Stracey, and his name being returned to me by Mr. Murrell as having had half-a-sovereign I did not believe it.

9688. Then it was Gibson's name which influenced your judgment ?—Because I remembered his promising to vote for Stracey.

9689. Did you go to Gibson ?—No ; after Perfect saying he had received 5*s*. I did not think of going to anyone else. I would not swear I did not, but I do not believe that I said another word to anybody after that.

9690. Will you undertake to swear that you had not the names in a little book ?—I had them on paper, and I believe it was put into my pocket book, not entered in the pocket book, but put down on a piece of paper. I put them down on the counter as soon as he was gone.

9691. How many names did you put down on that piece of paper ?—Four or five. I really think it was five, but I will not swear that. It was four or five.

9692. Were there not as many as 10 or 12 ?—Certainly not.

9693. Are you sure of that ?—I will swear to it.

9694. Where is the piece of paper ?—I haven't it, I tore it up.

9695. Was it not in your pocket book ?—Certainly not. It was in my pocket book, but I took it out, and went up into Crook's Place, and asked them.

9696. Did you ask the names of those people who were in your pocket book, and where they lived ?—I might have done. I believe I did.

9697. Did he say that he could not tell you ?—I cannot say.

9698. Being satisfied with his answer about the 10*s*., that he had only received 5*s*., and not intending to inquire further, why did you ask the names of the different people and where they lived ?—I am sure I cannot say. I do not remember that I even asked the five people.

9699. You told me just now that you did.—I said I might have asked them, or he might have asked them.

9700. What reason could you have had for that if you were satisfied with his answer ?—I was not satisfied, because one man said he had given 10*s*. and the other said he had only received 5*s*.

9701. If you will not contradict the man, we must take his statement, "He asked me the names of the "different people, and where they lived, and I could "not tell him." Now, taking that to be true, you will not say it is false, and, of course, we believe it to be true, what reason could you have had for such a statement ?—Probably if I had seen them I should have asked them.

9702. If you did not know them yourself, merely seeing them would not enable you to know them ?—But I did know Gibson.

9703. You asked where they lived ?—I believe I did.

9704. Then did you know these people ?—I knew Gibson well.

9705. Did you not know where Gibson lived ?—I did not. I knew where his son lived, but I did not know where the old man lived.

9706. Gibson is a voter, is he not ?—Yes. I knew that he lived in Crook's Place, but that is a large place.

9707. You knew where his son lived, did you ?—Yes, he keeps the "White Horse" or the "White Hart," in Crook's Place.

9708. That would be the natural place to go for the old man, would it not ?—I did not go there for the old man.

9709. But that would be the natural place in which you would inquire for him ?—No, and for this reason, Russell and Tillett had a meeting, I believe, at the house, and I did not go near it.

9710. Then when you heard that he had been paid 5*s*., I suppose you concluded that the other people had been paid likewise ?—I did.

9711. You have been examined before upon this inquiry ?—Last Saturday, sir.

9712. Did you then believe that these five men had been paid for their votes ?—Which five men ?

9713. The four or five men whose names were down in your book ?—I supposed they had after what the other man had told me.

9714. And you believed it ?—So far as believing it ; I did not know whether it was not to get money off me.

9715. You knew that Perfect had been paid it ?—He told me so.

9716. And you believed it ?—As far as this was concerned, I believed this was trying to get something from me as manager of the fifth ward.

9717. Do you mean to say you did not believe what Perfect had told you ?—I really think I ought to be represented by three or four counsel. I do not know what you mean. All I say is this, that one person came to me and asked me for 50*s*. for five voters. I go to one of them, and he tells me he only received 5*s*., and I won't trust either of them.

9718. I am not trying to fix you with having paid this, do not suppose that ; but you believed Perfect's statement, did you not ?—How could I believe either of them ?

9719. Was Perfect a person whose statement you would not believe ?—If one man tells you one thing and one another, which are you to believe ? One is as likely to be true as the other.

9720. You said you doubted whether Murrell had paid him 10*s*. ?—I did not believe that any money had been spent at all.

9721. But then you went down to the man and found that he had been paid 5*s*. ?—He said he had.

9722. And on your oath just now you told me that

you then believed that statement?—I do not remember that I said so; I may have said so.

9723. If you did say so, I suppose it is the truth?—We will take it for the truth.

9724. I then asked you whether you believed the other men had been paid?—All I say is this, one man telling me 5*s.* and the other 10*s.*, how could I believe which it was.

9725. If you did not believe Perfect's statement, why did you not go to the other people to investigate the matter?—If one man tells you one thing and another another which are you to believe.

9726. You told me just now that you did believe Perfect's statement?—I do not remember it.

9727. Did you believe Perfect's statement or not?—How could I believe either of them.

9728. (*Mr. Biron.*) You must know well enough whether you believed it or not?—I could not believe either of them.

9729. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you believe Perfect's statement or not?—How could I believe either of them.

9730. Did you disbelieve them both then?—One tells you 10*s.* and the other 5*s.*, what are you to do?

9731. Did you believe that Perfect had received 5*s.*?—How could I tell.

9732. You were investigating this matter with a view to satisfy your own mind?—I was.

9733. Now having gone there for the purpose of satisfying your own mind, did you believe that statement, as you swore you did, or not?—I could not believe either of them. One tells you 10*s.* and the other 5*s.*

9734. Then is what you stated before, that you believed that statement of Perfect's, untrue?—I do not remember that that question was ever asked.

9735. Did you believe it or not?—I do not remember that question being asked.

9736. Then let the shorthand writer read what you said. (*The shorthand writer read his notes of the witness' evidence upon this point.*) You concluded that the other people had been paid?—I could not swear that they had.

9737. You said that you concluded that the other people had been paid, and you heard it was 5*s.* each?—Undoubtedly, that something had been paid.

9738. Then you believed that they had been paid something?—Undoubtedly.

9739. It is the fact that when you heard what Perfect said you believed that Perfect and the other people had been paid something?—Something I believed had been paid, but one told me he had paid 10*s.* and the other that he had received 5*s.*, therefore I could not say.

9740. That was only a contradiction between 10*s.* and 5*s.*?—It is no contradiction of mine.

9741. But when Murrell told you 10*s.* and the other man told you 5*s.*, there was no contradiction except as to the amount. Did you not believe under these circumstances that they had been paid something?—They might have been paid something.

9742. But did you not believe it?—I will not swear that I believed such a thing as that.

9743. If you did not believe it, and you wanted to inquire whether it was the fact, why did you not go to the other people?—I did not bother about it.

9744. If you did not believe what Perfect told you, why did you not go to these other people?—It had nothing to do with me.

9745. You had taken the trouble to go to Perfect?—I knew Perfect well, because he was a customer of mine.

9746. If you distrusted in any way that statement of Perfect's, why did you not go to the other people?—Well, as far as I was concerned, I had a curiosity to know, but I had nothing to pay, and did not intend to pay anything.

9747. I want to know if you interested yourself about this question and wanted to know the truth; why did you not go to these other people?—I could not tell what I should get. One said 5*s.* and the other 10*s.*

9748. That is no answer to my question. Upon your oath, do you not now believe that Perfect and these other persons had received money?—I could not tell, sir, it is an impossibility for me to tell; undoubtedly they might have received money.

9749. But do you believe it?—You ask me to swear to it.

9750. I want you to swear to what you believe was the fact, and what passed in your mind respecting it. Did you not believe that statement of Perfect's?—I really cannot say. How was I to tell such a thing as that.

9751. Surely you can tell me whether you believe a fact or not?—How can anyone believe it, if one man tells you 10*s.* and the other 5*s.*

9752. Did you distrust the statement altogether, and believe that neither party was telling you the truth, or did you believe that Perfect was telling you the truth, and that he had received something?—It was impossible for me to believe that he had accepted 5*s.*, when the other man told me he gave him 10*s.*

9753. But did you believe that he got something?—I do not remember what I supposed at the time; it is an impossibility to tell what I supposed.

9754. I ask you whether you did not conclude, that these persons had received the 5*s.*?—You now want me to swear to things which one supposes, and I will not.

9755. I want you to speak to the state of your mind at that time?—I will not swear to what I supposed; it is an impossibility.

9756. Now listen to what you were examined about the other day. "Then you had no suspicion of anybody "who either received a bribe or was offered a bribe?—"I had none until after the election petition was "tried"?—I believe that is true; that was after the election petition was tried.

9757. Wait a moment. "You had no suspicion. "Have you heard of anybody since having received "a bribe?—I have not. Have you heard of anybody "since who gave a bribe?—I have not, only by the "papers according to the petition"?—Quite right, sir.

9758. Having heard that these people had received these bribes, and having those questions put to you, why did you not mention that in your reply to those questions?—In the first place, it was in the middle of a Saturday afternoon I was sent for in a hurry. I went away from my shop, and came up here. I had no one to leave; I had several customers in the shop; and really until I read that in the newspapers I had no idea that I had said it.

9759. When you were examined you really did not know what you had stated?—I beg your pardon; after I had read it I still firmly did not believe in the money that was given to these men. One man told me that he had given 10*s.*, and the other that he had only received 5*s.*; how could I believe it.

9760. The question was not whether you believed it, but whether you had heard it?—I did not remember it in the box on Saturday.

9761. The question was, "Have you heard of any-"body?" and you said, "I have not."—I did not believe that such a question had been asked me until after I read it in the papers.

9762. The question was not whether you believed it, but whether you had heard it. If you had heard it we might come to a conclusion as to whether you believed it?—If anybody had been placed in the situation I was placed in at that time, leaving my business at that hour in the afternoon, no one could remember everything that was put to him.

9763. Then why did you not come here, and when

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you found you had made an error at once proceed to correct it?—I did not find it out until Saturday night, and then I noticed it, and I mentioned it.

9764. Now, just let me put to you the further conversation with this man, and see whether you will contradict that, "He read those names to me, he said "that Murrell had given him a list of those names, "and he wanted payment for them." I supposed that Murrell had parted with his own money, and wanted the witness to refund that sum to him; that is how I understood it. Did you not read those names to him, and say that Murrell had given you a list of the names, and that he wanted payment for them; did you not say that to Perfect?—I might have said so.

9765. I know you might have said so, but did you not say so?—I might have said he had given me the names; I believe I did.

9766. Yes; and did you not say that he wanted payment for them?—Probably I might have said so, but I really cannot say.

9767. Did you not?—I really cannot say.

9768. Will you undertake to swear that you did not?—I mean to say that it happened seven or eight months ago, and it is impossible to recollect.

9769. I want to know whether you can positively undertake to say that you did not say that to the man?—I would not swear to it, but I do not believe it.

9770. Now yesterday morning you beckoned him into your shop, you know, and did he not say to you this, "When you came to my house you asked me "whether I had received 10*s*., and I told you, and I "spoke the truth; and then you asked me the "names of the other people; you said you wanted "to know how much money was spent, because you "did not believe that so much money had been "spent"?—I believe he said something similar to it.

9771. And was not the inquiry which you made of him whether he had been paid so much?—No, I believe not.

9772. Will you undertake to say that was not the inquiry which you made of him when you went to him?—I will not swear to it, but I do not believe it was.

9773. Now did you not say when you saw him, not yesterday, but upon this occasion originally, that the money had been subscribed by independent gentlemen?—Certainly not.

9774. Now, be careful?—Certainly not, sir; I had no reason or cause for saying so.

9775. You swear positively that you did not say that the money had been subscribed by independent gentlemen?—To the best of my belief I did not say so.

9776. Do you mean to say that you cannot tell me whether you did not say that this money had been subscribed by independent gentlemen?—I had no cause for saying so, and I do not believe I did.

9777. Then that is all you will swear?—I will swear to that.

9778. But not further?—I might have said such a thing, but I will not swear to it. I will just explain that: I might have said so to have known what he received, to see whether I could get the truth. I might have said so; he gave me the answer that he had received 5*s*.

9779. Would you tell a falsehood to extract the truth?—I tried to get the truth out of them.

9780. And you would tell a falsehood to do so?—I do not say I did say so. I might have said so, but I do not know whether I did.

9781. You would tell a falsehond to extract the truth?—I say this, I do not believe I said it, but I might have said such a thing.

9782. You might have told a falsehood to extract the truth?—I do not believe I did.

9783. But that is the conclusion you have come to, is it, that you might have told a falsehood to extract the truth?—I do not believe I said such a thing. I will not swear I did not, but I do not believe that I did.

9784. If you said so, was it true?—Certainly not.

9785. Then if you said it you told a falsehood?—If I said it I certainly did, but I do not believe I said it, and I would almost swear that I did not say such a thing; I had no cause for saying so.

9786. I think we can dispense with your further attendance?—Thank you.

HENRY HINDES sworn and examined.

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9787. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A rope, cord, and sack manufacturer, mixed up with my son, who was here yesterday; but I have very little to do with the business.

9788. You are a sleeping partner?—Yes.

9789. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

9790. You are a strong friend of his, I believe?—Yes, I have always been a supporter of the party.

9791. Were you on the committee?—No, I was not on the committee at all.

9792. Where do you keep your banking account?—At Harvey's.

9793. Did you draw a cheque upon the day of the poll?—Certainly not; not a penny.

9794. Or the day before?—No, nor yet a week before, nor yet a month before, nor yet a twelvemonth before.

9795. Well, your balance must be getting a splendid one?—Of course, we have money to pay out on occasions.

9796. Who draws the cheques?—My son draws the cheques.

9797. Did your son draw a cheque on the day of the election, do you know?—Certainly not. When our bills become due we have money to pay out; but as regards drawing money out, I have not drawn money out of the bank for certain purposes for years.

9798. Did anybody borrow money of you on the day of the election?—Not a farthing; not anyone.

9799. Is it your son who draws cheques for your business?—Yes.

9800. Do you yourself?—No, seldom, because, as I said before, the business rests with my son. I have not taken any profits out of the business for years. I have money in the business, but I have not taken a 5*l*. out of the business for years. The profits are with my son and for the good of the family. I have some means of my own without taking any money out of the business.

9801. Although you are entitled to a share of the profits of the business you do not draw it?—Certainly not.

9802. I understand you to say you have independent sources quite apart from the business?—I have.

9803. And they furnish you with sufficient for your wants?—Certainly.

9804. Did you receive the proceeds of any cheque that was drawn for the business or any other account?—Not one shilling.

9805. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You took an active part in promoting the election of Sir Henry Stracey?—Well, I certainly for two days went with two of the

younger Straceys, but on the morning of the election I did not take up a single voter to the poll. I simply went to accompany those gentlemen.

9806. You were canvassing with young Mr. Stracey?—Yes, I was.

9807. For two days previously to the election?—Yes; I think it was a day or two before the election, but I cannot say exactly the day.

9808. On the day of the election did you go to "St. Paul's" tavern?—Yes, I did.

9809. Is that kept by a person of the name of Samuel Severn?—Yes, that is right.

9810. Do you know a man of the name of Rizen Mollett?—I knew him very well, but now he is dead.

9811. Were you in there in a separate room?—I was in a room where I am in the habit of going once a week. We meet at that house of a Wednesday night, and I was in the room. It is a room which I frequent nearly every Wednesday night, with other gentlemen who live in the ward.

9812. This was in the middle of the day, was it?—About the middle of the day.

9813. Did Mollett bring several persons into the room?—No; not during the time I was there.

9814. Did Mollett stand at the bar while the persons were brought or came in?—Not that I am aware of; I never saw it.

9815. Did persons come to you into that room?—There were two or three persons came in and asked me if I would give them a day's pay for their day's work, and I said "Not a shilling or a pint of beer will "I give you."

9816. How many men came to you and asked you to give them money?—Two, I think.

9817. Do you know who those men were?—Yes; there is one man lives up at Philadelphia. I forget his name, but he wanted a day's pay, as he called it, and I said "I cannot give you a penny," nor did I give him a penny, or a pint of beer, or a promise of anything.

9818. Can you give me the names of the men?—No, I really cannot. There is one, but I do not know his name; he is a tenant of Mr. Jarvis, I think. He lives in Elephant Yard, but I do not know the man's name; he stepped up and very much wanted a day's pay, as he called it. I said to him, "My dear fellow, "I shall not give you a shilling nor yet a pint of beer," and I was firm to that. Not a pint of beer did I give to any single individual.

9819. Who was the other man?—He lives in Philadelphia; he is a very deaf man; he called out "I "want a day's pay;" and I hallooed out as loud as I could, "I shall not give you a farthing or a pint of "beer." His name is Cooper.

9820. John Cooper, of the "Red Lion," Magdalen Street?—No; this man is a labouring man; he had done jobs for me occasionally on a little land that I had.

9821. Were there only two men that came in?—That is all I am aware of. These two men came in to ask for what I have just named—a day's pay.

9822. Do you know a person of the name of Ribbons?—No, I do not.

9823. Did you go to the "Little Buck"?—No.

9824. Did you send any people to the "Little Buck"?—Certainly not. I do not know which "Little Buck" you mean, sir.

9825. Do you know a place called the "Little Buck"?—No, I really do not. I cannot call to mind such a sign. I do not frequent those places. There may be several "Little Bucks" in Norwich, but I really do not know.

9826. You may not frequent those places, but still you may have places pointed out to you?—I have no knowledge of any such thing. I am certain I did not send anyone there. I have this to tell you, if you will please to hear me: I have seven men in my employ, voters, and I never asked one of those men on the day of the election, or previous to the election, which way they were going to vote. It is true that I acknowledge to be a strong party man, but I thought I was come to that age that I might leave the younger ones to take a more active part than myself.

9827. You have always been a very active man at elections?—Yes, I acknowledge it, sir.

9828. Do not say you acknowledge it; it is no discredit to you.—I am proud of being a party man.

9829. Thinking that you had done your part in the world, as far as that is concerned, who did you get to take your place?—Not anyone.

9830. You got nobody to take your place?—No, not anyone, and I left it to those men who have the same feeling that I had to do justice to their party.

9831. Who were they that took an active part?—I do not know who they were.

9832. Did you go to the committee room?—No; I only went once to the committee room when the committee was about being formed, long before the election, when Sir Henry Stracey was required to come forward, but I was never at the general committee room after that time. I was at the committee room when Tillett and Russell came round with the carriage boasting about 600 majority in the forenoon. I was there then in the seventh ward committee room.

9833. I must ask you a general question, which becomes of the greatest importance, particularly after what we have heard from the last witness, to put to everybody indifferently, and that in the most definite form. Do you know of anybody having been paid for his vote at the previous election?—No.

9834. Have you paid anybody yourself?—Not a shilling, nor do I know of anyone who did give a shilling.

9835. Have you any belief as to money having been paid?—I was told there was money spent, and when I heard that I replied that I was sorry for it, because I thought Sir Henry Stracey did not require it. My impression was that he would have been better without the little trumpery money that was spent than with it.

9836. Then you believe that money had been spent?—Mine is mere hearsay. I have no right to believe it or disbelieve it.

9837. You hear people say things, but do not require them to be stated upon oath, I suppose, in order to believe them?—I give you my oath that I never paid money, or saw money paid, or anything of the sort, and I am an old man now.

9838. You heard, did you not, that money had been spent?—I had heard so, but it is merely hearsay. I never saw it.

9839. Not having seen it, but having heard it, from whom did you hear it?—I cannot tell, because people are walking about the streets, and that sort of thing, and they talk about it.

9840. When was it that you heard it?—I heard it on the day of the election.

9841. Can you not tell me of anybody who told you that money had been spent?—No, I am on my oath, and I cannot.

9842. I do not put it to you offensively?—The last time I was examined before a judge, he very much complimented me.

(*Mr. Biron.*) He thought you a good witness, and we think so too.

9843. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You used the words, "Upon my oath;" I did not put them to you, I only asked you whether you could recollect any money being spent on the day of the election?—I say again, I cannot, and I am on my oath, and I know it, but I cannot. It is merely talked about that money was afloat, and I said at the time I was very sorry for it; but I am on my oath, and I give you straightforward answers. I do not know the person who told it to me.

9844. Do you know where it was you heard it?—In different parts.

9845. In general conversation?—I cannot say where it was; it was quite at random that I heard it,

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9846. Did you hear at that time the name of any person who had been finding or spending the money?—No, I did not.

9847. Have your heard since how it was found?—No, I have not, certainly not. I do not know where a shilling of it came from.

9848. I am quite sure we can depend on your answers?—I give them straight, I assure you.

J. Snowley.

JOHN SNOWLEY sworn and examined.

9849. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A cord-wainer.

9850. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

9851. At what time of the day did you vote?—About 3.

9852. Do you recollect some time after that, that you went to Gibson's public house?—I went there the same day I voted; in fact, I was going home, and I met with him, and I went into there the same day. I had made up my mind not to vote at all, and I was going home because I lived close by there, and I was stopped.

9853. After that you went to Mr. Gibson's for some money?—No.

9854. What do you mean?—After I see Mr. Gibson I happened with Mr. Murrell, and he said he would give me so-and-so, you know. I had the money, but still I do not know who I had it of.

9855. You do not remember who gave it to you?—No, it was given to me. I went from there to the "Rose."

9856. But you do not recollect who gave it to you?—No, I do not. The money was put upon the table.

9857. You know both Murrell and Gibson by sight?—Yes.

9858. Are you certain that it was neither Murrell nor Gibson who gave you the *5s.*?—Yes, I can safely say that.

9859. But you cannot tell who it was?—No, I cannot.

9860. It was some one in the "Rose"?—Yes, I had the money. It neither came from Mr. Gibson nor Mr. Murrell.

9861. Where was the money given to you?—I told you at the "Rose" I received it. It was put on the table.

9862. After you had voted?—About an hour after I voted. I was then going home, and I had made up my mind not to vote at all.

9863. Then you saw reason to change your mind?—I was out the whole of the morning, and I kept my own company till I happened with these two.

9864. Where were you when you were first spoken to about the *5s.*?—I cannot say.

9865. Who spoke to you first about it?—There was no agreement made. I voted, and the money was put down upon the table.

9866. Who took you to the poll?—Of course Mr. Murrell see me go there.

9867. Was he with you?—He was not exactly, still he was near me.

9868. Was anybody else with you?—You will have another here, and I daresay he will state the same case.

9869. Who is that other one?—His name is Wiseman. Wiseman had the money. There was only two of us, and we was neighbours, and we were both of us going home, only unfortunately we happened that misfortune.

9870. As soon as you had voted you went to the "Rose," and there the *5s.* was put upon the table?—Yes, that is it.

9871. Was anybody else paid at the same time?—A few minutes after there was.

9872. Many?—Only one; there was only us two.

9873. (*Mr. Biron.*) That is, Wiseman and yourself?—Yes.

9874. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were there not a good many more with you?—I tell you candid and honourable, there was only us two.

9875. But you know of other people?—No, I told you that I kept my own company. I was alone a couple of hours, and I made up my mind I would not vote for either parties, and I was near home when this occurred.

9876. (*Mr. Biron.*) Who was in the "Rose" when the money was put down?—I cannot tell you; I know the money was received. That is all I can tell you.

9877. You can remember a little more about it?—To tell you the truth, I cannot.

9878. How long were you in the "Rose"?—I didn't stop only a few minutes.

9879. Why did you go there?—That was near the polling place.

9880. Was Murrell in the "Rose" when it was received?—No.

9881. Did you see Murrell give money to anyone else?—No, I only happened with him promiscuously. I had made up my mind not to vote at all. I met him near home.

9882. How did you know that the *5s.* were for you?—That was the agreement, of course.

9883. You had agreed with Murrell that you should have *5s.*?—I had the money.

9884. With whom did you agree?—I see both parties, Gibson and Murrell too. I cannot tell you from which I received the money.

9885. Did they both give you money?—No, not Gibson.

9886. Well, now we have got rid of Gibson. Was it Murrell who said you were to have *5s.*?—I cannot say. There was an agreement. I had the money.

9887. With whom was the agreement made? You know it wants two people at least to an agreement?—There weren't nobody, only me and Murrell.

9888. You cannot give me the name of anybody who was in the "Rose," but Wiseman?—He and I was the only two individuals that was there; he had to do with it all.

9889. Whereabouts in the "Rose" was it that the *5s.* were put down on the table?—It was in one of the low rooms.

9890. You took it up?—Yes, and I never see it put on.

9891. Did you shut your eyes?—I don't know.

9892. You looked another way?—It was put on.

9893. Did you see Wiseman take up his?—No.

9894. You looked another way, then?—No, I was out then.

9895. You took yours and went out?—Yes.

9896. You saw nobody else?—Nobody at all, only them two.

9897. Had you voted at the previous elections?—No, this was my first one, and I hope it will be the last.

W. Shields.

WILLIAM SHIELDS sworn and examined.

9898. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A tallow chandler.

9899. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

9900. For whom?—Stracey.

9901. Were you upon any of the ward committees?—I was appointed upon the committee of the fifth ward quite against my wish. I had not an opportunity to attend one meeting, and I did not.

9902. Did you canvass at all?—I canvassed twice.

9903. Did the voters you canvassed promise you?—There were some, but very few. In fact, I was out only about an hour and a half.

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W. Shields.

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9904. Do I understand that you found them hanging back, unwilling to say how they would go?—Some of them. We could get some promises, and the others were hanging back.

9905. For money?—I don't know that.

9906. You can form a pretty good guess?—One would suppose it meant that.

9907. Were you about the city on the day of the election?—Yes.

9908. Did you see any voters hanging back?—Yes, I saw one man in St. Stephen's as I was coming out in the afternoon. He was rather forward in drink. I got hold of him. I asked him if he had voted; he said, "No." I said, "Come and vote;" and I got him within 10 or 20 yards of the polling place. I thought I should persuade him to vote, but he said, "I want "a sovereign;" and then I cast him aside, and saw him no more.

9909. What is his name?—Clayton.

9910. Alexander Clayton?—I don't know.

9911. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) The fishmonger?—Yes.

9912. (*Mr. Biron.*) At what time in the day did you vote?—Between 2 and 3 o'clock; that is the nearest I can remember.

9913. Have you heard of any money being paid to voters for voting since the election?—No.

9914. You have heard of nothing except what took place before the election?—I have not heard anything further than what you may say common talk.

9915. You have not heard the name of any one individual who has received money for his vote?—No.

9916. Or the name of any individual who has given money for votes?—No.

9917. Do you know nothing whatever about the bribery which took place at the last election?—Nothing whatever.

9918. Did you see Parker on the day of the election?—Yes, at half-past 3 in the afternnon I happened with him.

9919. Did you say to him "What is going on?"—No.

9920. Did you say "You had better be careful "what you are about. You had better not pay these "men"?—No, that's not me.

9921. Did you give no information to Parker?—No.

9922. Did you have any conversation with him about the way in which the election was going?—None.

9923. You saw him actively engaged?—I saw him at about half-past 3 on the day of the election. He said there was a voter at the "Bell."

9924. Was he taking up voters?—I went with him down to the "Bell," and as we got to the "Bell" the voter was coming out. I did not speak to him. That is all I saw of Mr. Parker.

9925. He had been two or three times after that voter?—Yes.

9926. That was the ostler who was at the "Bell"?—Yes. I did not speak to him.

9927. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you ever voted at previous elections?—Yes.

9928. We have heard that there was a good deal of corruption going on at the elections in 1860 and 1865; that was so, was it not?—I am sure I don't know. I cannot go so far back.

9929. In 1865, the election before the one of last year, you can surely remember that?—I don't know at all.

9930. Did not you take an active part in the election then?—No, this is my first active part in electioneering.

9931. You do not know of anything irregular at those prior elections?—No.

9932. Do you know of any fund having been provided to pay expenses at the election?—No.

9933. You have not been asked to subscribe to any?—No.

William Lawrence sworn and examined.

W. Lawrence.

9934. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

9935. Have you ever been a voter before?—Yes.

9936. At the previous elections of 1860 and 1865?—1865.

9937. For whom did you vote?—Warner and Russell.

9938. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

9939. At what time in the day did you vote?—I expect about 3 o'clock. I don't know whether it was 3 or not; but I think it was somewhere about that time.

9940. How did it happen that you were so late at the poll?—Because I was busy at my business.

9941. What is your business?—A shopkeeper.

9942. What sort of a shop do you keep?—Everything almost; grocery, drapery, and everything.

9943. You keep what is called a general shop?—Yes.

9944. I suppose there were a good many people in and out of the shop that day?—A good many.

9945. Did you take any active part in the matter?—No.

9946. Did you ask people for a vote?—I might do after I had voted myself. I believe I did.

9947. When you asked people to vote, did you find that some of them were very reluctant to vote?—No, I don't know about that. I don't know whether they voted none the more for my asking them.

9948. Did they talk about a day's pay or anything of that sort?—No.

9949. Did you see any men loitering about the streets?—I was not about the streets till 3.

9950. You were at home engaged in your business?—Yes.

9951. Did you hear of any money being paid to the voters that day?—Not till after the election.

9952. How soon after the election?—Not above an hour or two, I should think.

9953. About an hour?—Yes.

9954. Did you hear about money being paid?—I heard Sir Henry Stracey was got in by bribery, but I did not believe it.

9955. Did they mention anybody who had done it, or say where it was done?—No; it was in the market that I heard of it. It was regular common talk.

9956. Was anybody spoken of as having done that?—No; I only know it was said he would not have got in if there had not been bribery.

9957. Have you heard of any money being given afterwards?—No, not a halfpenny.

9958. You received no money for voting?—No.

9959. Nor were you promised any?—No.

Benjamin Riches sworn and examined.

B. Riches.

9960. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—Gardener.

9961. At what time did you vote at the last election?—About 10 minutes to 4, I think, was the time.

9962. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

9963. What made you vote so late?—I was at work at my own garden. It was the only day I had to myself, so I took the liberty of doing my garden, and when I had done it I went and I voted.

9964. How far were you from the polling place?—100 yards—not more.

9965. Did anyone solicit you for your vote?—A gentleman came, and I said I would when I had done my garden.

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B. Riches.

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9966. Who was that gentleman?—A man who used to gather the rates. I don't know his name.

9967. Did anybody offer you anything for your vote?—No.

9968. Has anything been paid to you since?—No; it was not my principle. I should not take anything if they did.

9969. Have you ever voted before?—No.

9970. You are a new voter this time?—Yes.

9971. Have you heard of any money being given at this election?—I never heard of any.

9972. Have you heard of any being promised?—I never heard of any money being mentioned—not where I have been.

9973. Do you take much interest in elections?—I never had a vote before, so I didn't take much interest.

9974. Did you promise your vote?—I did promise the gentleman for it.

9975. Had you promised before the day of the poll?—No.

9976. Had you been asked?—They had been round soliciting me, but I had never been at home.

H. Archer.

HENRY ARCHER sworn and examined.

9977. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a broker and general dealer. I look after a shop for a nephew of mine. I attend to it.

9978. You are manager of a shop?—Yes.

9979. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Tillett and Russell.

9980. At what hour of the day?—The dinner hour.

9981. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, I never thought of such a thing.

9982. Were you promised anything?—No, certainly not.

9983. Had you voted at former elections?—Yes.

9984. Did you ever get anything for your vote on former occasions?—Certainly not. I did not look for anything of the kind.

9985. You always voted for the Liberals?—Certainly.

J. Stimpson.

JAMES STIMPSON sworn and examined.

9986. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

9987. Were you a voter at former elections?—Yes.

9988. Did you vote in 1860 and 1865?—I can't tell you.

9989. Have you voted upon more than two occasions previously?—I think I have.

9990. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

9991. What are you by business?—A broker.

9992. Do you know of anybody having received money for voting at this election?—No; I take very little interest in political matters.

9993. But you might have heard, you know?—I have never heard of any.

9994. Or that money had been paid or received?—Never heard anything of the kind.

9995. Neither at this nor at prior elections?—No; I don't take much interest in such things.

9996. Did you receive either money or the promise of money for voting at the last election?—No; I only had one gentleman call upon me and solicited my vote, and I decidedly told him no.

J. Hannant.

JOHN HANNANT sworn and examined.

9997. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—Carter.

9998. For whom do you work?—James Long, Dereham Road.

9999. Are you a voter?—Yes.

10,000. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

10,001. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Tillett.

10,002. What time in the day?—A quarter to 4.

10,003. What made you so late?—I was carting bricks at Thorpe Asylum till 3 o'clock.

10,004. At what time did you get back to the city?—At a quarter before 3.

10,005. What did you do when you got back?—I went and voted.

10,006. You took an hour to do that?—I was discharging bricks at Thorpe Asylum till 3 o'clock, and I left there and came and voted.

10,007. Had you been asked for your vote by anyone?—Yes, but I was not at home when they came to my house.

10,008. Had you promised your vote?—No.

10,009. Had anything been given to you to vote?—No.

10,010. Or anything promised?—No.

10,011. Have you heard of anybody else being promised?—No.

R. Fuller.

ROBERT FULLER sworn and examined.

10,012. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

10,013. Where do you live?—Crook's Place.

10,014. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

10,015. For whom?—Stracey.

10,016. When?—After dinner; I cannot say exactly what time.

10,017. How long after dinner?—It might be 3 o'clock. I was at work up to dinner time.

10,018. Why did not you vote before?—I did not leave off not till 1.

10,019. What were you doing from 1 to 3?—I was looking after my dinner. After dinner I went and give my vote, against the "Trowel and Hammer."

10,020. Who spoke to you about your vote?—Not anyone.

10,021. Had you promised your vote?—No.

10,022. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—No.

10,023. You saw nobody on the day of the election about it?—Not anyone.

10,024. Who went up with you to vote?—I went myself.

10,025. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

10,026. Have you received anything since?—No, not anything.

10,027. Do you know of anybody who has got money for voting?—No.

10,028. Have you heard of anybody receiving money?—No.

WILLIAM WHALL sworn and examined. *W. Whall.* 29 Aug. 1869.

10,029. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A smith.

10,030. For whom do you work?—On my own account, my own shop.

10,031. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

10,032. At what time of the day?—Well, I can't exactly say; I should think between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

10,033. What were you about all that day?—My work.

10,034. Did you never go out till 3 o'clock?—I went down in the yard twice in the course of the day. The voting place is opposite my yard.

10,035. Who asked you for your vote?—Mr. John Hardy and Mr. Hibbett, the stonemason, come after me. They asked me to vote, and I voted for them directly.

10,036. Did Mr. Hardy ask you to go up to the poll?—Yes, Mr. Hardy asked me to go.

10,037. Did he go up with you?—Yes, in Mr. Hibbett's pony and cart.

10,038. Did not you have a glass of beer?—No, nothing.

10,039. No money?—No.

10,040. Mr. Hardy is a very liberal man. Did not they promise you anything?—No, nothing.

10,041. Have they given you nothing since?—Nothing was mentioned, neither in the shape of money or beer, or anything else.

10,042. Had you promised your vote before?—No, I did not mean to vote for neither parties. I work for both of them, and I did not mean to vote for either party.

10,043. When Mr. Hardy came at 3 o'clock, you went up with him to the poll?—Yes, and Hibbett, the stonemason.

10,044. Did you know Hardy or Hibbett before?—I have known them for years.

10,045. Have you ever voted at elections before?—Yes, I have voted, but they never came after me before.

10,046. Which have you voted for, Whig or Tory?—Tory.

10,047. Always?—Yes.

10,048. Have you always voted at 3 o'clock in the day?—About 3 o'clock, as near as I can recollect.

10,049. You never promised your vote?—No, I never promised my vote, particularly. Before Mr. Fisher came after me I didn't know that I should vote at all. I work for both parties, and I did not think I should vote at all.

10,050. Have you ever had anything paid to you on former elections?—No, nothing.

10,051. Have you never asked for anything?—I never asked for it; never thought of such a thing.

REUBEN WOODROW sworn and examined. *R. Woodrow.*

10,052. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A bootmaker.

10,053. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

10,054. For whom?—Stracey.

10,055. When?—3 o'clock.

10,056. Why did you not vote earlier?—I could not leave before; I was engaged in my business.

10,057. Is it your own business?—No; I had some work I was obliged to finish.

10,058. Were you about the city at all in the morning?—No, I was not out till after 2.

10,059. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

10,060. Or any promise?—Not any.

10,061. Do you know of anybody who has had money for voting?—No.

JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR sworn and examined. *J. W. Taylor.*

10,062. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you by business?—Carpenter and cooper.

10,063. Are you a voter?—Yes.

10,064. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

10,065. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Stracey.

10,066. At what time in the day did you vote?—About 4 o'clock, a quarter before 4.

10,067. Had you been canvassed for your vote before?—I had not.

10,068. Had you never promised it?—Never promised it.

10,069. Where were you on the morning of the election?—At work.

10,070. Where?—At my shop. I was very busy, for I was contractor for the coffins for the city of Norwich, and I had three to get in that day. Therefore I was obliged to stand to my work till I had done them, and then I went out and voted.

10,071. Under those circumstances you could not vote till late?—That was the reason.

10,072. And the only reason?—And the only reason.

10,073. Did anybody speak to you about money that day for your vote?—No.

10,074. You received none?—I received none.

10,075. Do you know of anybody receiving money?—I do not, because I did not mix up with the election at all, only as going out to vote and returning home.

10,076. At the previous elections do you know of any money being paid or received?—I do not; I always voted in the same manner as I did this time.

HENRY WILBY sworn and examined. *H. Wilby.*

10,077. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

10,078. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey and Russell.

10,079. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

10,080. At what time in the day did you vote?—About a quarter to 3, as near as I can tell.

10,081. Who had canvassed you for your vote?—Both parties, but I did not promise any.

10,082. What made you vote so late?—I am a shoemaker by trade, and I thought I would work half a day; then I left off and took a walk round, and voted as I went past.

10,083. Did you hear at that time what was going on about the election?—I did not hear a word about anything of the kind.

10,084. Did anybody offer you anything for your vote?—Nothing.

10,085. You did not get a glass of beer anywhere?—No, I did not have a glass of anything till after the election was over.

10,086. Did any gentleman come to you on the day of the poll?—No.

10,087. Did anybody go up to the poll with you?—My father-in-law, but he had no vote.

10,088. Nothing has been promised or paid to you?—No.

10,089. Neither then nor since?—Never; nothing of the kind. I never asked anybody for any.

NINTH DAY.

J. Robinson.

28 Aug. 1869.

JAMES ROBINSON sworn and examined.

10,090. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A horse dealer.

10,091. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

10,092. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

10,093. How was it you did not vote before that?—Because I was busy after my business.

10,094. Looking after your business all day?—Yes.

10,095. Were you canvassed for your vote?—Not to the best of my knowledge. I was not at home at the time.

10,096. Did you promise your vote to anyone?—No.

10,097. Did you get anything for voting?—I should not have voted but for one person.

10,098. Who was that?—My wife.

10,099. The women seem to be good politicians here, and many of you men appear to be very fond of your wives?—I have loved her up to the present day.

10,100. You did not get anything for your vote?—No.

10,101. Except a kiss, I suppose?—I might get that. I should think that is very likely.

Adjourned to Monday next at 11 o'clock.

TENTH DAY.

Monday, 30th August 1869.

TENTH DAY.

C. J. Greene.

30 Aug. 1869.

CHARLES JEREMIAH GREENE sworn and examined.

10,102. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) I understand that you have a statement to make with regard to something that has been said about you?—Yes. I hold in my hand a paper. It is called a special edition of the *Norwich Mercury*, published on Thursday evening last.

10,103. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We take no notice of papers; but if you can allude to anything that appears on the shorthand notes, we will refer to it and read to you the notes, and you can say whether they are correct or not. If the notes are correct you may make any statement you like. To what part of the evidence do you allude?—It is a witness named Charles Cooper.

10,104. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You will hear the shorthand notes read by-and-bye. Had you anything to do with this election yourself personally?—I had.

10,105. In what capacity?—I was canvassing.

10,106. For which side?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

10,107. Were you about the whole of the day?—From the time Sir Henry declared himself a candidate I canvassed every day.

10,108. Were you very active on the day of the poll?—I was.

10,109. Did you bring up any voters yourself?—One only.

10,110. What was his name?—I think his name was Lingwood, he did not vote in the ward I was working, but he voted in the sixth ward.

10,111. Did you go and fetch him yourself?—No, he was introduced to me in the street.

10,112. Had you ever seen him before?—Never.

10,113. Are you aware of any money being offered during the election?—No.

10,114. Have you heard since of any money having been given?—Only what I have read in the paper.

10,115. You have no personal cognisance of any sums having passed?—Not one farthing.

10,116. Have you been engaged in previous elections?—Several.

10,117. Always on the same side?—Always on the same side.

10,118. At the previous election did you hear of any money being given for votes?—No.

10,119. At the last two elections?—I heard there was a good deal spent on both sides.

10,120. Nothing passed through your hands?—Only something out of my own pocket.

10,121. Do you recollect how much?—5*l.* or 6*l.*

10,122. In small sums to voters?—Yes.

10,123. At the election before?—Not a farthing, never before nor since, and nothing no more.

10,124. (*Mr. Biron.*) What did Waters give for votes? What was the average?—It ranged from 5*s.*

10,125. I thought it was a larger sum?—I don't know of any. It might be 2*l.*

10,126. How many votes did you get for your 5*l.* or 6*l.*?—I am not able to say.

10,127. About a dozen or so?—No. I daresay not more than 5 or 6.

10,128. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) This is the shorthand writer's note of Cooper's evidence to which you referred: "Were no names mentioned of persons "who were offering money, who tried to get up "voters by those means?—Well, I did not hear the "names. Are you quite certain you did not?—No, "I am quite certain I heard several names mentioned "that went to the 'Trumpet,' but I do not know "which of them offered money; I did not hear. They "were mentioned to you, and we ask you upon your "oath what was told you?—There was a Mr. Bacon, "a shoemaker, of the first ward, and there was Mr. "Greene, the tobacconist, in London Street, and "several more, but I have forgotten the names of "them; Mr. Hart can tell you more than I can." Is that what you object to?—It is quite different there from what it is in this report in the *Mercury*.

10,129. That which I have read is taken by the official shorthand writer?—That does not attack me at all; but here (*referring to the Mercury*) my character is attacked.

10,130. (*Mr. Biron.*) We can correct our own notes, but it is impossible to correct newspaper reports?—Seeing this in a public print I thought it my duty to come here to clear my character.

10,131. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How do you read it there?—Would you allow me to read it?

10,132. Yes, just for the purpose of seeing whether we have the right passage?—"I heard that a man "named Barnes and another named Greene were "bribing. I had a letter to that effect, which I will "fetch if you wish it." Then he says further on "Mr. "Greene lives in London Street."

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) This is the official shorthand note, and it shows the necessity for adhering to that, instead of trusting to anything else.

10,133. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is it true that you went to the "Trumpet"?—No.

10,134. Not during the day of the election?—Not at all. I don't know that I was ever in that house in my life. I stuck to my own ward.

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C. J. Greene.

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10,135. Were you getting up voters in that ward?—I never took only one up. I solicited them.

10,136. Were you trying to get them?—I was in the first ward.

10,137. And you went to the houses that you knew?—Yes. I went with some people that I did not know. I saw that they had not voted.

10,138. Did you go to persons that had not promised?—Many of them had not.

10,139. Had they been canvassed and refused to give promises?—Some we did not see when we canvassed.

10,140. Did anyone canvass with you?—Oh, several.

10,141. Who else?—Mr. J. B. Morgan some part of the day, Mr. Baker, Mr. Watson, the chemist, Mr. Cooper, Prince of Wales Road, and many of them.

10,142. Were any of these gentlemen offering money to any voters?—Certainly not, that I know of.

10,143. Not at any part of the day?—No.

10,144. How can you account for such an alteration in the polling between 3 and 4?—I do not think there was any.

10,145. There was a great alteration. Some say it was the workmen's most convenient time, some that one candidate was more popular with a particular class, and some that particular means were adopted. Can you offer any explanation?—Not any, only that Sir Henry Stracey was the popular candidate.

10,146. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Then how came he not to be ahead?—He was ahead at 9 o'clock in the morning. I have never seen that contradicted yet.

10,147. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Where was he at 1 o'clock?—I can hardly say, but I believe he was ahead then.

10,148. (*Mr. Biron.*) We happen to know that he was some 350 behind?—Their strength was all polled by 11 o'clock, whereas our people, the working classes, would not come to vote till the dinner hour. Many of them said "We shall make half a day and "come up to vote when we have done work."

10,149. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The great change was between 3 and 4?—It generally is.

10,150. But that is after the dinner hour?—Well, it is, a little.

10,151. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You do not know of any money having been spent for voting at this election?—Certainly not, not one penny.

10,152. Have you heard of any meeting?—I went to a public meeting at the "Norfolk" hotel just prior to the petition.

10,153. A public meeting?—Yes.

10,154. Were names put down for sums of money?—Yes, to defray the expenses of the petition. I think it was on the day previous to the petition.

10,155. Was there not something said about providing funds to bring forward Sir Henry Stracey's son in the event of Sir Henry Stracey being unseated?—I believe there was.

10,156. Are you certain that none of the money that was subscribed or mentioned then had any reference to the past election?—Certainly not. I put my name down myself for what I thought I could afford towards Mr. Edward Stracey's expenses in the event of his coming forward.

10,157. Do you know of any claims having been made by persons for services rendered voluntarily during the election?—Not one.

10,158. Have you heard of no claim such as those which were made upon Mr. Stockings, for instance?—None whatever.

10,159. You are aware that a claim of 50*s.* was made by Murrell for services rendered?—I have read that.

10,160. Do you recollect any transactions of that kind?—Not but what I have read in the paper.

10,161. You have heard the common talk of the town?—I never heard a single sentence of it or an instance of the kind.

10,162. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you never contribute anything towards any fund for the purpose?—Certainly not.

10,163. You never heard of a subscription by independent gentlemen?—I did not.

10,164. Were you a member of the committee in the first ward?—I was on the committee, yes.

10,165. Do you know who were the other members of that committee?—Many of those gentlemen that I have just named.

10,166. Who else?—Mr. Allen was one of the gentlemen, and Mr. Steward, of Tombland.

10,167. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a member of the Eldon Club?—No.

10,168. Or the Rampant Horse Club?—I belong to three conservative clubs, but to neither of those.

10,169. To what clubs do you belong?—We have several ward clubs. We have seven ward clubs. I belong to the first ward club, the second ward club, which is just established, and the seventh ward club.

10,170. Will you tell me who are the secretaries of those clubs?—Mr. Watson is of the first ward club, Mr. Downes, of London Street, is secretary to the second ward club, and I think, if I am right, the name of the secretary to the seventh ward club is Mr. Nunn.

10,171. Which of those clubs has been formed since the election?—The second ward club.

10,172. The two others existed previously to the election?—Yes; the first ward has been established for 10 years.

FREDERICK BROWN sworn and examined.

F. Brown.

10,173. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

10,174. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

10,175. At what hour of the day?—Between 2 and 3.

10,176. Why did you not vote sooner?—I happened to meet a gentleman in the market, and he persuaded me to vote.

10,177. Who was the gentleman?—Mr. Stanley.

10,178. How did he persuade you?—That is all I know of it.

10,179. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How did he persuade you?—He asked me whether I had voted, and I said "No." Then he said "Come along with me and "vote for Mr. Stracey."

10,180. And what did he give you?—Nothing.

10,181. Did he promise you anything?—No.

10,182. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

10,183. You are quite certain?—Yes; he never thanked me.

10,184. Did he not come to your house?—No; he met with me in the market.

10,185. What were you doing in the market?—I was walking about.

10,186. Had you been walking about the whole of the day?—The chief part of the day.

10,187. Doing nothing?—Yes.

10,188. And I suppose you were quite ready to receive money for your vote like a number of others?—No. I did not receive anything.

10,189. Had you ever promised your vote?—No.

10,190. You had been asked for it?—Yes.

10,191. And had you refused to give it?—I refused.

10,192. Why did you refuse? Did you want money?—No.

10,193. What did you want, then?—I did not want any money.

10,194. (*Mr. Biron.*) You wanted something or other. It is of no use evading the question.—No.

10,195. Did you not want a place for one of your sons?—No.

10,196. What did you want?—I did not want anything.

10,197. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is it not the fact that you wanted a day's wages?—A day's expenses.

10,198. A day's expenses?—Yes.

10,199. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you get them?—No.

10,200. Have you not received them since the election?—No.

10,201. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did Mr. Stanley say that he would see about it?—No.

10,202. Do not suppose that if you were standing out for your day's expenses and were picked up by a man in the market, we shall believe that you voted without receiving anything?—I have spoken the truth.

10,203. Did you not say you would have your day's expenses?—No, I don't think that I did.

10,204. What was the promise made to you?—Not any at all.

10,205. Do not tell us that. It is quite clear that you were promised something.—I was not promised anything.

10,206. We are here for the purpose of getting the truth if we can?—I have spoken the truth.

10,207. You have spoken portions of the truth, but you have not stated the whole truth. It is clear to us and to everybody in this court that you got something. Now let us know what it was or how it was?—I didn't get anything.

10,208. You were to get something, and you have not got it yet?—No; and I had not the promise of anything.

10,209. You were to have something, were you not?—No, nothing. I am not aware of it.

10,210. You were to have something?—No. I was not promised anything.

10,211. Were not you told, "Come on such a day, "and we will see whether we can make it all right," or something to that effect?—(*No answer.*)

10,212. (*Mr. Biron.*) What was said to you?—Something was said.

10,213. Was it something that persuaded you to vote?—He asked me to go and vote for Mr. Stracey.

10,214. What did you say to that?—I went along with him.

10,215. You said something about your day's expenses?—I did not. I never said anything about it. I have known Mr. Stanley all my lifetime, and he always behaved very well to me.

10,216. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) And he told you that he would behave well to you?—I thought if I wanted a job, perhaps he would let me have one; perhaps he might give it me.

10,217. If you wanted a job he told you to come to him?—He did not say so.

10,218. Did not you understand that if you wanted some work you could get it?—I thought, perhaps, he would give me a job if I wanted one.

10,219. Was it not more than "perhaps"? Were not you sure of it?—I have spoken the truth.

10,220. Did you not understand from Mr. Stanley that if you wanted a job he would find you one?—No, he did not say anything about that. I thought perhaps he would.

10,221. Standing out as you had been for your day's expenses, Mr. Stanley asked you for your vote; and you said, "I want my day's expenses"?—I wanted it, but I did not ask for it.

10,222. Did you not tell Mr. Stanley that you wanted your day's expenses?—I did not.

10,223. Did not Mr. Stanley say he would be a friend to you, or something of the sort, or that you could have a day's work when you wanted it, or when you asked for a day's work?—No.

10,224. What did occur? He may not have spoken, you may have have spoken; but it is quite clear that something did occur?—I have spoke the truth, what I know.

10,225. But not the whole truth?—Yes, I have.

10,226. There is something more?—I beg your pardon, there is nothing.

10,227. Something more must have passed?—That is all I know of.

10,228. Did not something pass between you and Mr. Stanley? You spoke to Mr. Stanley, or Mr. Stanley spoke to you about work?—No.

10,229. What passed between you? Come tell us.—I thought that perhaps he would give me a job if I wanted one. That is what I said.

10,230. That was said?—Yes.

10,231. Well, that was said?—No. That was not said. I thought in my own mind that he would give me a job if I wanted one.

10,232. Surely you conveyed that to Mr. Stanley, if you obliged him?—No.

10,233. Did not you say something of this sort: "Well, sir, you know if I vote for you, you must "give me a job when I want one"?—No.

10,234. If that was passing in your mind why did you not say it?—(*No answer.*)

10,235. You were standing out for your expenses. A gentleman comes up to you and asks you for your vote. Do you mean to say you went right to the polling place and polled when he asked you?—Yes, I did. I went up there.

10,236. Did you not say to him, "Perhaps, sir, if "I vote for you, when I want a job of work you will "give me one, or find me one"?—No.

10,237. Did he say it?—No.

10,238. What did he say, and what did you say? You know there is something that you are keeping back. From your manner it is as apparent as the sun in the sky?—Not anything.

10,239. Not a word?—No.

10,240. Do you really, upon your oath, mean to say that not a word passed between you and Mr. Stanley?—Not about anything about money.

10,241. You may feel that a sense of honour will prevent you from saying what Mr. Stanley said, but you are upon your oath, and that supersedes all those notions of honour and every other consideration. An oath is the highest consideration that you can have, and you ought to speak the truth simply, without fear of Mr. Stanley or anybody else.—I have spoke the truth.

10,242. What passed between you and Mr. Stanley? I have asked you two or three times.—I have told you.

10,243. Tell me what did pass between you and Mr. Stanley. If this matter were to be discussed before a jury they would decide it in a moment?—I say he met me in the market and asked me to go.

10,244. Did he come up to you and say, "Come and "vote," and did you go and vote without another word?—He asked me whether I had voted. I said "No." Then I walked up Saint Stephen's with him, and went and voted.

10,245. Did he not ask you for whom you were going to vote? Now consider.—Yes. He said, I think, "Come along with me and vote for Sir Henry "Stracey."

10,246. Did you say you wanted your expenses?—No.

10,247. Why did you not say you wanted your expenses, if you had been wanting them and thinking about them all day?—I never asked him for it. He never offered me anything.

10,248. Did you not say that you wanted your expenses?—No.

10,249. Did you say you wanted a day's wages ?—No.

10,250. Nothing of the sort?—I cannot say any more than what I have said.

10,251. I am quite sure it is far better for you to go and well consider, before you finally commit yourself to that statement. Now go and think it over. It is a great pity that you cannot answer in a straightforward manner ?—Sir, I have told the truth.

James Wiseman sworn and examined. *J. Wiseman.*

10,252. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A porter.

10,253. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Stracey.

10,254. At what hour in the day ?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock.

10,255. What had you been doing all the morning ?—I was at work.

10,256. Where were you working ?—Angel Street, Crook's Place.

10,257. When did you get away from work ?—Not till 3 o'clock.

10,258. Did not you go out to dinner ?—No.

10,259. Nor to breakfast either ?—Yes ; but not to dinner.

10,260. When you were out at breakfast you could have gone to the polling place ?—I got my breakfast between 9 and 10.

10,261. Why did you not vote then ?—Because I had not time. I had to go back and move the furniture.

10,262. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—Yes.

10,263. Had you promised it ?—No.

10,264. Who canvassed you ?—I don't know. There were too many come.

10,265. For whom were you canvassed — Tillett, Stracey, or Russell ?—I was canvassed for Tillett.

10,266. Were you canvassed for Stracey ?—No.

10,267. Nor for Russell ?—No.

10,268. What answer did you make when you were canvassed for Tillett ?—I was not at home.

10,269. On the day of the election did anybody come to you ?—Yes, Mr. Fisher came for me.

10,270. Did you go in a cab with him ?—No.

10,271. Did he walk down with you ?—No.

10,272. Did he offer you anything ?—No.

10,273. Did anybody else go up with you ?—Yes, an old gentleman living there in Crook's Place, six or seven doors from me.

10,274. (*Mr. Biron.*) Snowley ?—I think his name is Snowley.

10,275. Come, you were paid 5*s.* at the "Rose" you know, after polling ?—I went in and got a glass of ale.

10,276. You need not go into the glass of ale. You were paid 5*s.* for voting. That is the long and short of your story. Was it not so ?—It was so. Nobody gave me no money. It was laid on the table.

William Smy sworn and examined. *W. Smy.*

10,277. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ? — A horse shower and colt-breaker.

10,278. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Stracey.

10,279. At what time in the day ?—I suppose it might be a little after 3. It might be before 3, I cannot say for five minutes.

10,280. Why did you not vote earlier ?—Because I was not at home.

10,281. What were you doing ? — I was in the country after my business.

10,282. At what time did you leave in the morning ?—6 o'clock.

10,283. What part of the country were you in ?—Mulbarton.

10,284. That is about five miles off ?—Yes.

10,285. Who came to fetch you ? — Nobody. I fetched myself. My horse fetched me.

10,286. Had any messenger come to say that you were wanted ?—No.

10,287. Had you been canvassed before ?—No. I was never canvassed by no one.

10,288. What brought you up to Mulbarton ?—My business.

10,289. What sort of business ?—I had to take a horse over there.

10,290. What kept you there ?—I had to stop till the man met me that had to come and meet the horse.

10,291. Who was that ? — I cannot tell you his name.

10,292. Whose horse was it ?—A horse my governor had sold.

10,293. Who is your governor ? — Mr. Robinson. He is one of them. I have lots of different gentlemen I work for.

10,294. Who was the one that sent you out with the horse that morning ?—I went from Mr. Robinson with it.

10,295. To whom were you to deliver it ?—I was to give it to the man that met me. Who that was I don't know.

10,296. What time did you give up the horse to him ?—I cannot say. It might be 12 before he met me.

10,297–8. What did you do then ?—Came back again.

10,299. Where did you go then ?—I went home to dinner.

10,300. Did anybody call on you at dinner time ?—No, not a soul.

10,301. Did not anybody ask you to vote that day ?—No.

10,302. Had you promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—No.

10,303. When did you make up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Not till 3 o'clock time.

10,304. What occurred at 3 o'clock to induce you to make up your mind ?—Well, I did make up my mind then.

10,305. No doubt ; but how came you to make up your mind ?—I did not think of voting for neither party. I had got cards from all the parties, and I did not think of voting at all. That is the truth.

10,306. How came you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I made up my mind all in a moment, and I went and voted for Stracey.

10,307. What occurred to induce you to make up your mind ?—My mind made me.

10,308. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing at all.

10,309. What did you get after you voted ? — Nothing at all.

10,310. Did you not get anything from anybody ?—No, not a single soul.

10,311. Did not somebody promise you something ?—No, I wish they had.

10,312. You would have taken it fast enough if they had ?—I didn't get not a farthing ; not even a glass of beer, not before or after.

10,313. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You never were a voter before ?—No, never.

TENTH DAY.

WILLIAM CHILDS sworn and examined.

W. Childs.

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10,314. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

10,315. What is your trade or business?—A horse clipper and breaker.

10,316. For whom did you vote at the last election;—Sir Henry Stracey.

10,317. At what time in the day did you vote?—Some time after 3. I can't tell.

10,318. Why did you not vote before?—I was clipping a horse that day.

10,319. Where?—The "White Horse," in Crook's Place.

10,320. At what time in the morning did you begin?—About 8 o'clock. He was wanted at half-past 2. I promised Mr. Fraser he should have it at half-past 2.

10,321. Had you been canvassed before?—Yes.

10,322. By whom?—I cannot tell you.

10,323. On which side?—Only by the Tories.

10,324. Had you promised your vote?—No. I had not been at home. I had never seen anybody, not till the election day.

10,325. Had you never seen anybody about your vote?—No, they had called at my house, but I did not know. I had not seen them.

10,326. Have you ever had a vote before?—No.

10,327. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

10,328. Were you promised anything?—No.

10,329. Or have you been paid anything since?—No.

W. Varvel.

WILLIAM VARVEL sworn and examined.

10,330. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A butcher.

10,331. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey and Russell.

10,332. At what hour?—I think it was half-past 3.

10,333. What made you vote so late?—My business called me away that day.

10,334. Where were you?—In the country. I was obliged to go to a place called Newton that day.

10,335. How far off is that?—About seven miles.

10,336. Did you vote directly you came back?—No. I got my dinner. I did not intend to vote at all.

10,337. What made you vote at last?—I was asked by several persons, but I said I would not vote. I determined to do so; and I voted for Russell and Stracey.

10,338. Why? Had you customers on both sides?—I have very good customers.

10,339. Had you voted before?—No. That was the first time I had voted.

10,340. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You received nothing for voting?—No.

10,341. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

10,342. Were you promised anything?—No.

10,343. By either side?—No.

S. Allen.

SOPHIRA ALLEN sworn and examined.

10,344. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Will you tell us what you know about money which was provided for the last election of members of parliament for this city?—I cannot tell anything about it, because I know nothing about it.

10,345. You know nothing about money having been provided?—Certainly not. I do not think it is the province of a lady to know about money on these occasions.

10,346. Did you receive any money on the day of the election?—I received no money that I know of. I may have received a parcel, but no money that I know of.

10,347. You received a parcel?—I received a parcel.

10,348. Did you receive two bags?—Yes. The parcel consisted of two bags.

10,349. What did they contain?—I don't know. I did not ask. I was not told.

10,350. Were they heavy bags?—They were as heavy as shot bags.

10,351. They were heavy shot bags?—I should think they might be shot bags.

10,352. Have you any doubt that those bags contained money? I am speaking now as to your own opinion.—I did not think that I had occasion to make any inquiries about it. I was asked to take charge of a parcel, and I did not ask what it was for or what was in it, as I always do. I made no inquiries about it; and I had no occasion to do, because it was not my affair in the least.

10,353. Although you made no inquiry, they were heavy, like shot bags. You were asked to take charge of them; and it was not likely you would be asked to take charge of shot?—Yes, if my husband was not at home I might be asked to take charge of anything.

10,354. When you looked at the bags did you not know, or had you not an idea, of what was contained in them?—No, not the least. I did not open them. I could not tell what was in them without opening the bags.

10,355. Did you feel them?—No, I do not remember about feeling them particularly. Of course I held them by the cover, and of course I must have felt the cover.

10,356. It was very heavy?—Not extraordinarily heavy. It might have been samples of corn or anything. I cannot tell what it was. There were two bags.

10,357. Was it in brown paper?—No, I don't think so.

10,358. Was it in canvass bags?—I think they were like shot bags, such as sporting men make use of.

10,359. Were there two bags in brown paper?—No, there were two bags.

10,360. Were they tied together?—No, they were not tied together. They were two small bags.

10,361. Tied at the neck?—They may have been. I did not look into them. I knew they were fastened. I do not know what it was.

10,362. Where did you take them to?—I put one in my pocket, I think. I suppose I took them upstairs.

10,363. Where did you put them when you had got them upstairs?—I had one in my pocket. Of course I did not keep them. I gave them up.

10,364. To whom did you give them up?—You know, don't you?

10,365. Where did you put them upstairs?—I took them upstairs. I had one in my pocket.

10,366. One in your pocket and one in your hand?—Yes.

10,367. What did you do with them when you got them upstairs?—I gave them up.

10,368. Were you told to do anything with them?—I think I was asked to give them to a gentleman.

10,369. I suppose you can tell me the name of the gentleman?—Yes, I can.

10,370. What is his name?—Mr. Howse Allen.

10,371. After you had taken them upstairs did you give them to Mr. Howse Allen?—I gave them to him.

10,372. When did you give them to Mr. Howse Allen?—It was between our usual lunch and dinner hour. It was just after lunch.

10,373. How long had you received them before

you gave them to him ?—I gave them to him at once, directly.

10,374. You went upstairs directly and gave them to him ?—I went upstairs and gave them to him.

10,375. Who gave them to you ?—You know who gave them to me, do you not.

10,376. No, I do not ?—Mr. Webster gave them to me.

10,377. Who is he ?—He is a patient of my husband's.

10,378. Is he the landlord of the "Maid's Head" ?—Yes, he is.

10,379. Had you any communication with your husband about them before ?—No, not any.

10,380. You had no idea that they were about to be given to you ?—Not the least. My husband never consults me about anything of that kind. Supposing he had known anything about it he would not have told me. I cannot tell whether he knew anything about it at all or not.

10,381. When Mr. Webster gave them to you what did he say ?—He asked me to give them to Mr. Howse Allen.

10,382. Did he say anything besides ?—I do not remember the conversation, it is long ago. There was very little said. He gave me the parcels, and asked me to give them to Mr. Howse Allen.

10,383. Did he say you were to take care of them, because they were very valuable?—No, he did not. He was gone directly.

10,384. Was Mr. Howse Allen in the house at the time ?—He was lunching with us.

10,385. Did Mr. Webster ask whether Mr. Howse Allen was there ?—I forget entirely what passed. He was only there a moment. He gave me the parcels, and asked me to give them to Mr. Howse Allen. It is so long ago I could not remember. It was in November.

10,386. Have you any doubt that they contained money ?—I never make any useless guesses. I didn't intend to mix myself up with that affair. I did not want to guess. I do not know the least in the world. They might have been peas. I cannot tell what they were.

10,387. They did not feel like peas ?—They were about as heavy as good heavy peas would be. I cannot tell what they were. They might have been iron pills ; I cannot tell. It is imposible for me to say what they were. I should not wish to make any guess about it. I have nothing to do with elections, and I did not mix up with it.

10,388. Did not you form an opinion in your own mind ?—I might have thought about half a hundred things, but I do not wish to take up the attention and time of the court about it.

10,389. You did think, did you not, that they contained money ?—I have already said what I intend to do about it.

10,390. You did think that they contained money ?—I have already said what I intend to do. I did not inquire at all.

10,391. Did not you think they contained money ?—If I had wished to know I should have asked Mr. Webster ; but I did not wish to know anything about it. It was no affair of mine.

10,392. (*Mr. Biron.*) You did not wish to know ?—That has nothing to do with it ; it was not my affair and I did not ask. At any time if any parcel was brought and I was asked to take care of it I should not ask what was in it.

JOSEPH ALLEN sworn and examined.

J. Allen.

10,393. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you take an active part in the last election ?—I did.

10,394. Will you be good enough to tell me what you know about the proceedings on the day of the polling ?—I canvassed voters, and successfully so.

10,395. Were you going about the whole day ?—Yes.

10,396. Going to different voters' houses ?—Yes.

10,397. I think you accompanied some voters to the poll ?—I met a lot of persons that day.

10,398. And you took a good many voters to the poll yourself ?—I did.

10,399. Did you go with them on foot ?—One or two I went with on foot, and others I took in a private carriage.

10,400. Can you tell us how many you took up in the course of the day ?—I do not know how many ; a great many, as many as I could.

10,401. Were those men that you had canvassed before ?—Yes, many of them were.

10,402. Men who had promised ?—Of those I took up the larger number were men who had promised.

10,403. But there were a good many men who were doubtful too ?—There always are at every election.

10,404. Do you know a gentleman named Howse Allen ?—Yes.

10,405. Is he a relation of yours ?—No, none at all.

10,406. Was he at your house on the day of the election ?—He was.

10,407. Do you recollect what part he took in the election ?—I saw him there, and he was taking an active part.

10,408. Did you give him any instructions what to do ?—I told him he was to work and to do all he could.

10,409. In what way was he to work ?—By bringing up voters.

10,410. Do you know that Mr. Howse Allen received some money ?—I do not know.

10,411. Did he receive a parcel ?—I do not know.

10,412. He was lunching in your house, was he not ?—He was.

10,413. Are you not aware that he received a parcel ?—No.

10,414. Two parcels or two bags ?—That I do not know. I never saw him receive any.

10,415. Are you not aware that two bags were handed over to him ?—I have only heard it by report, I cannot speak to the fact myself.

10,416. You were in court just now, were you not ?—Yes.

10,417. And you heard the evidence that was given by Mrs. Allen ?—Yes.

10,418. I suppose that that evidence is correct ?—I should be a brute if I did not believe my wife.

10,419. You were aware before, were you not, that these bags were handed over to Mr. Howse Allen ?—How should I be.

10,420. You had heard it before, had you not ?—I had heard reports.

10,421. Had you heard that in conversation at home ?—No ; we do not talk of electioneering matters at home.

10,422. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do let us have a little candour. What instructions did you give to Mr. Howse Allen about the money which he received ; that is a straightforward question, and we expect a gentleman in your position to answer it with perfect frankness and fairness ?—I can only speak as to facts, I cannot speak as to surmises ; as to instructions which I gave to Mr. Howse Allen, they were simply that if he had some money he was to distribute it. I will not speak to anything except facts.

10,423. You told Mr. Howse Allen that if he had some money he was to distribute it ?—Certainly.

10,424. Had you any idea that he was going to receive money ?—I had an idea of it.

10,425. How did you arrive at that idea ?—From arrangements which I had made myself.

10,426. What arrangements were those ?—The arrangements were that Mr. Howse Allen was to receive 200*l.*

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10,427. With whom did you make that arrangement?—With Mr. Edward Stracey.

10,428. And did you make arrangements accordingly that he should have the 200*l.*?—Certainly.

10,429. What arrangements did you make?—I understood that Mr. Webster was to bring 200*l.* to my house.

10,430. Do you recollect the money being brought?—No.

10,431. You say that you gave Mr. Howse Allen instructions to distribute the money; how was he to distribute it?—He was to give 100*l.* to Mr. Robert Wiseman, 40*l.* to Mr. Hulme, and 60*l.* to a man of the name of Bunn.

10,432. I suppose that that was for the purpose of bribery?—For stirring up the voters.

10,433. When did the first communication about the money take place?—It was between 12 and 1 o'clock, I fancy; that was with Mr. Edward Stracey.

10,434. I suppose you were not at home when the money was brought?—No, I was not.

10,435. Was anybody there besides Mr. Edward Stracey when he spoke to you upon the subject?—There were several gentlemen standing about. I spoke to him in the street.

10,436. Where was it that the conversation took place; was it in the committee room?—No. I spoke to Mr. Edward Stracey first in the street about it, and then we stood by the "Maid's Head" and spoke about it; but the money was not procured then. There was no money procured at that time.

10,437. In what room was it in the "Maid's Head"?—I think it was in the yard that I spoke to him, or it might be outside in the street; but Mr. Edward Stracey did not feel anxious to do anything of the kind at that time.

10,438. He was reluctant, and felt a hesitation about it?—Yes.

10,439. Did you speak to him again then?—Yes; we inquired how the polling was going on. We did not know whether it would be necessary to spend money. We thought we might do without it, but we wished to be perfectly sure.

10,440. Where did the second discussion to which you now allude take place?—I saw him again near the "Maid's Head" a second time.

10,441. You had been in the committee room in the meantime, had you not?—No.

10,442. Then it was when you saw him the second time in the street that the arrangement was made?—Yes.

10,443. You had spoken to other people, I suppose, in the meantime?—I had seen Mr. Howse Allen; I met him in the street.

10,444. And did Mr. Howse Allen say it was necessary to spend money?—We thought it was advisable.

10,445. When did you get the state of the poll which induced you to speak a second time to Mr. Edward Stracey?—We heard of it in the market place.

10,446. Was Mr. Edward Stracey with you then?—Yes; he went with me into the market place, and then I saw it again.

10,447. Was anybody else present?—There were lots of people in the market place.

10,448. But was anybody taking part in the conversation?—The conversation was principally between myself and Mr. Edward Stracey.

10,449. That implies a little more than a conversation merely between Mr. Edward Stracey and yourself?—Mr. Howse Allen was there part of the time.

10,450. And did he join in the conversation?—I think he saw Mr. Edward Stracey, but whether he spoke to him or not I do not know. The conversation, as I have told you, was chiefly between Mr. Edward Stracey and me.

10,451. And who else was there?—We inquired of several people, but did not tell them anything about money.

10,452. Did you not consult any other persons as to whether it was necessary or expedient to spend money, or did you act upon your own responsibility?—I acted upon my own responsibility. I urged it upon Mr. Edward Stracey. I thought we should cap the election.

10,453. Do I understand you to say that you did not speak to anybody else and consult them?—I saw other parties about.

10,454. Who were the other parties to whom you spoke, and with whom you consulted as to whether it would be necessary to spend money or not?—The only other person that knew anything about it, but who did not do anything, was Mr. Arthur Bignold.

10,455. He did not take any active part in it?—No.

10,456. But he knew about it?—Yes.

10,457. Did you speak to him about it?—Yes, I spoke to him about it.

10,458. And what did he say?—He thought it was not a bad idea, but thought it was a dangerous one.

10,459. You were very active afterwards in the course of the day?—Yes, all electioneerers are.

10,460. You were, in fact, a very warm supporter of Sir Henry Stracey's?—Yes.

10,461. You went about afterwards getting up voters as fast as you could?—Yes.

10,462. It was, in fact, the pinch of the matter?—It was necessary to go to work directly; we found that they were getting ahead. We began to work at 11 o'clock, or at 10 o'clock perhaps.

10,463. You found a number of men, did you not, who wanted a day's pay?—Some of them did, and some only wanted a glass. I do not think that anybody wanted half a sovereign; I never heard them say so. Some wanted just a glass of beer, or at least a glass of beer would make them vote if they had it. They did not all ask for it.

10,464. Almost a feather, in fact, would turn the scale with them?—No, they were all for Sir Henry Stracey, but they look upon an election day as a jollification day, and that they are out for a spree.

10,465. And they wanted something in the shape of money?—They wanted something to wet their whistles.

10,466. Some of them wanted their day's wages, did they not?—Several did; they did not want any more. They wanted to be paid for their loss of time.

10,467. And 5*s.* was amply sufficient for them?—Yes, amply sufficient.

10,468. That you found by the manner of the men?—Yes, by their manner more than by anything they said.

10,469. There was a reluctance to promise?—They were quite willing to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, but we were afraid that they would vote too late; the object was rather to urge them to go up to the poll in time. We had no doubt at all about their voting for Sir Henry Stracey, but we were afraid that they would go up too late.

10,470. What they were to have was to be used, in fact, as a sort of spur?—Certainly.

10,471. I believe that in the course of the day you used your own spurs?—Yes.

10,472. How many men did you spur?—I did not give any man any bribe.

10,473. But you said they should have it?—No.

10,474. Not a bribe, but a spur?—No; I did not promise any man anything. I told them I could not.

10,475. Did you tell them where they could get it?—No, certainly not.

10,476. You say that you spurred men; how did you spur them?—I told them to go up and vote.

10,477. That is not spurring them?—The people that I took up were not people who wanted any coin, they simply wanted to be looked after. There are a

great many people who will go and vote if you will only drive down for them.

10,478. The men that you took up wanted a little douceur ?—Not any of those, I think, that I took up myself.

10,479. You persuaded a good many to go up and vote, did you not ?—I saw a lot of voters standing about, and I told them to go up and vote. I talked to them, and some of them began to stir, and they would soon find out, if there was any money, where it was.

10,480. Did you indicate to them in any way where it was ?—No, it was left for the other parties to do that.

10,481. Were you at the "Bull and Butcher" on the election day ?—Where is that ? Is that where the Conservative committee room was ?

10,482. Yes.—I just looked in there.

10,483. Were you not there several times ?—No, I only just looked in there.

10,484. Did you see Mr. Stanley there ?— No, I do not think I saw him the whole day.

10,485. Had you no conversation with him on that day ?—Not that I recollect.

10,486. Do you know Inspector Clarke ?—Yes.

10,487. The inspector of nuisances ?—Yes.

10,488. He was very active with you, was he not ?—He was not with me that day ; he was a very active man.

10,489. Do you know John Allen, of the "Evening Gun" ?—Yes.

10,490. Did you call upon him in the morning ?—I did.

10,491. Did he tell you that he wanted a little money ?—He did not tell me so, but I could see from his manner that he did, because he half promised to come and then slipped out.

10,492. And got away ?—Yes.

10,493. You perfectly understood what he wanted ?—Yes ; his wife wanted him to come and vote.

10,494. Do you know a person named Huggins, a decorator ?—Yes.

10,495. And a man named Taylor ?—Yes.

10,496. Did you not speak to him about Allen ?—No.

10,497. Did you not mention to anybody that he wanted some inducement to vote ?—No, because I saw him, I should think, between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, and I had not then contemplated doing anything.

10,498. But later in the day, did you not speak to somebody about Allen ?—I have not the slightest recollection of doing so. I never saw Huggins that day, I think, and Taylor I only saw as he was going up to poll.

10,499. Did you see Allen afterwards that day ?—Not that I can recollect.

10,500. Did not you hear that he got half a sovereign ?—I heard about the time of the election petition that he had been circulating tales, and had been telling a lot of lies.

10,501. Did you not hear at that time that he had got half a sovereign for voting ?—No ; and I never knew of anyone getting half a sovereign. I never heard that he had a single farthing. I do not know whether he voted or not.

10,502. Although you may not have mentioned it to Taylor, did not you mention Allen's name to anybody ?—I do not think I did ; if I did I have forgotten it.

10,503. You may have mentioned it and forgotten that you did so ?—Yes, but I do not think I did.

10,504. Do you know Mackley, of the "Marquis of Granby" ?—Yes, I know him by sight only.

10,505. You went there that afternoon, did you not ?—I went there just before 4 o'clock.

10,506. There were between 40 and 50 voters there, were there not ?—No, it was nearly empty ; there was one man, or there might perhaps be two men in there. One man, I think, had not voted, and he would not vote, and I left him, finding it was no good talking to him.

10,507. Did you pay for any beer at the "Marquis of Granby" that afternoon ?—No.

10,508. Did you not pay for some beer that had been had or that was to be had ?—No.

10,509. Did you promise to pay for any ?—No.

10,510. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you leave any money there ?—No. I had no money in my pocket, and I did not know the people well enough to order beer ; in fact it was a Radical house, and I dare not order them to put up anything. They would go and split directly.

10,511. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You thought it would not do to do that personally ?—Certainly.

10,512. You were too prudent for that ?—I hope so.

10,513. Did you pay or promise to pay for any beer on that day, or have you since paid for any ?—I have since paid for some beer.

10,514. At what places have you paid for beer ?—I paid for some beer in St. Martin's at Palace, at the "Cupid and Bow," in Palace Plain, and I paid for some beer at Warnes', at the "Horse Shoes."

10,515. Any other place ?—I do not think I did. I went into the "Ribs of Beef," and paid for something for myself. I think those I have mentioned were the only two places.

10,516. The "Three Pigeons" ? — I know the "Three Pigeons."

10,517. Did you pay for any beer there ?—No.

10,518. What did you pay at the first of those places ?—I think it was about a sovereign.

10,519. And how much at the other ?—I forget ; it might be 3*l.* or 4*l.*

10,520. That was for beer supplied to voters on the day of the election ?—Yes. I did not know of it at the time, but they came afterwards, and I paid it. They knew that a small amount like that I should reimburse them for ; they did it of their own accord ; they knew me well enough for that.

10,521. And there are a great number of other gentlemen in Norwich, I suppose, they would know in the same way ?—I do not know ; I should hope so.

10,522. You have also had a number of claims made upon you besides those, have you not ?—No, I do not think so.

10,523. Since the election have not people come and asked you, as one of the party, for sums of money to pay for beer supplied to electors, or for money paid to electors, and so forth ?—The only one that I think I paid was Mr. Taylor, on Palace Plain.

10,524. What is he ?—He is a carpenter.

10,525. What did you pay him ?—Between 4*l.* and 5*l.*

10,526. What for ? — I do not know ; for work done.

10,527. (*Mr. Biron.*) For work done on the election day ?—He simply asked for the money, and he had it.

10,528. For making things smooth ?—Yes, I hope so ; planing them up.

10,529. Was that the only claim ?—Yes, as far as I recollect.

10,530. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You know Warnes' house, the "Ship," in Cowgate Street, do you not ?—No.

10,531. You know the house kept by Warnes, do you not ?—No, I do not recollect it.

10,532. Do you not recollect being at a house in Cowgate Street about 3 o'clock on the election day, a public house kept by a person you perhaps do not know, when Inspector Clarke was there ?—No, I never saw Inspector Clarke that day that I know of.

10,533. I call your attention particularly to this house.—I do not think I was in any public house in Cowgate Street at all ; I was in that street about 4 o'clock. The only public house that I went into

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was the "King's Arms," and there was nobody there.

10,534. But going into the "King's Arms" and finding nobody there, did you not go into another house, a house kept by Warnes?—No; I occupied myself in watching young Mr. Tillyard, who, I thought, was trying to influence a voter, and I said to the voter, "You may jnmp into this fly and go and "vote, and I will not go up with you, but you shall "go and vote free." My impression is that he would have gone, but young Mr. Tillyard was looking at him very hard, and I thought I would stay there to see that he should not go and vote unless he voted free.

10,535. You went into Warnes' house about 3 o'clock on the day of the election?—What is the sign?

10,536. The "Ship," in Cowgate Street.—I never went in.

10,537. Do you know a person of the name of Stamp?—There was a young man of that name. I think that he went to Manchester, but I do not recollect anything about him on the election day; he used to be at Mr. Gedge's office. He is the only man that I know of that name.

10,538. Did not you bet five to one with some men that they would not vote for Stracey?—No.

10,539. You heard some people doing it, did you not?—No, I do not think I did; not the whole day.

10,540. Not at all?—Not at all.

10,541. Did you hear a bet made about the election?—I do not think I did; if so it was between two gentlemen as to whether Sir Henry Stracey would win.

10,542. Did you not hear of odds being offered that men would not vote for Stracey?—No.

10,543. Do you know a person named Jonathan Flowers?—Yes.

10,544. Did you say anything to him about beer on that day?—No. He was with me when I went into the "Ribs of Beef," but I said nothing to him about beer.

10,545. Possibly you may not have said anything to him about beer, but did you not say at the "Ribs of Beef," that the men were to have some beer?—No, I do not recollect that I did. I do not think that I said so at all.

10,546. Did you not, in his hearing, say something about it?—No, I have no recollection of it.

10,547. Flowers was with you?—He was in the street, and just called me in to speak to these men. I found they wanted beer, and then I left. I thought they were coming, but they did not come.

10,548. How many men were there?—Two or three.

10,549. Not more?—No, I think not; it is a very small room.

10,550. Flowers called you in?—He said he saw there were some people there, and he said, "Let the "Doctor come in."

10,551. You went in and saw the men, and found they wanted beer?—Yes, and Flowers came out with me.

10,552. Did you not say to Flowers, when you had got some little way, that they might have some beer, and did not Flowers go back?—No.

10,553. Just consider?—I am certain I did not; it wants no consideration.

10,554. Did you see the man Allen at the "Ribs of Beef"?—They were altogether in the room, sitting on the sill drinking some beer.

10,555. Do you know a man named Bond?—I do not recollect him. I may know a man of that name.

10,556. Do you recollect being in a cab with young Mr. Stracey when you met Captain Crow?—No. Young Mr. Stracey was not with me when I met Captain Crow.

10,557. Do you recollect being in a cab with young Mr. Stracey?—Yes; young Mr. Stracey and I went up into the market place in a cab, but we did not meet Captain Crow. I met Captain Crow on the hill.

10,558. Do you recollect two voters getting into the cab with young Mr. Stracey, you remaining behind and speaking to a man named Lingwood?—No. The market hill was where I met Captain Crow, and when I went with young Mr. Stracey no voters got into the cab with him.

10,559. Did you see him put any voters into a cab?—No, I did not.

10,560. Do you recollect seeing a man named Lingwood?—No; I do not know that I know the man.

10,561. Did you not give him something?—No; I never gave a man anything that day.

10,562. Are you certain of that?—Certain; not in the shape of a bribe.

10,563. You went to the "Pigeons," you say?—At Charing Cross. Yes, I went there.

10,564. Did you see Mr. Hulme there?—Yes.

10,565. Had he not a bag of money with him?—No.

10,566. Did you take one?—No; I went for him to come to my house for the money that he was to have.

10,567. He was at the "Three Pigeons," was he?—Yes; that was their committee room.

10,568. And you went to tell him to come and get the money?—Yes.

10,569. Did you tell Mr. Wiseman too?—Yes.

10,570. And the other person?—Yes; I ordered Mr. Bunn to come up to my house.

10,571. I want to know whether you know, besides what you have told us, of any man being paid a bribe for voting at that election?—I have only heard reports.

10,572. But besides reports has anybody given you information as to any person who has been paid for voting on that occasion?—I have only heard the ordinary reports, casual reports.

10,573. Beyond mere report have you not heard anything with respect to this very sum of 200*l.*; did you not hear how the money had been distributed?—No; I never ask those kind of questions.

10,574. It is hardly prudent to do so?—It would be most imprudent to ask a question like that.

10,575. It is the best way to keep those things quite quiet?—Yes, perfectly quiet.

10,576. Did you hear of any voter receiving money from anybody?—I have heard reports about the Liberal side.

10,577. What reports?—I have heard that the beer score at the "Marquis of Granby" has been paid for since the petition, and that it was paid by Mr. Womersley. I heard that there was a large beer score, and that that was rectified in some way or other

10,578. Did you hear the amount mentioned?—I heard that there were two barrels.

10,579. Have you heard anything else?—I heard that young Mr. Tillett was very busy on the Quay side.

10,580. Did you hear the names of any person mentioned in connexion with his having been busy?—I think there was a person named Clarke; I am not certain.

10,581. Was he a person operated upon or operating?—Operated upon.

18,582. Anybody else?—I have heard that Mr. Tillett himself promised some one the Old Man's Hospital.

10,583. From whom did you hear that?—I do not recollect now, but I have heard it confidently reported and confidently believed.

10,584. Can you tell me the name of any person who has been promised?—I do not recollect any name now.

10,585. What is the entire amount of claims which have been made against you, or sums which you have been requested to pay on account of the election?—I

think I have told you all. There might have been a few shillings elsewhere, but they were not spent for voters, just a little beer some women had.

10,586. Have you told us all that you paid that you recollect at present ?—Yes, all the claims; those are the only claims I have had made since.

10,587. Did any man come and ask you to pay anything for having voted ?—No.

10,588. (*Mr. Biron*) None of those men you took up to the poll ?—No.

10,589. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have they not come and asked you to pay them something for what they did for you on the election day ?—No, and if they did, they have not had anything. I do not recollect it; they may have said they had done the party good, and hoped they would be remembered some day if there was a job for them.

10,590. You do not recollect, all you can say is that they may have said it ?—Yes.

10,591. Nothing has been paid them ?—No.

10,592. Had you any consultation, or anything of that sort before the polling day, as to the mode in which the election was to be conducted ?—It was understood that it was to be carried on upon pure principles. Sir Henry Stracey distinctly stated so.

10,593. Was any provision made, or was there any suggestion about what should be done in case of an emergency ?—No, there was no provision at all, this 200*l.* was an impromptu thing ; I believe none of the heads of the parties knew of it until long after, and that simply by rumour.

10,594. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Not until after the poll was closed ?—And not even then. They did not know of it until perhaps they hear it now ; they may have heard rumours, but they certainly were not cognisant of anything.

10,595. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was it not talked over between you and anybody else as to what should be done in the event of there being a pressure ?—We did not think we should want it.

10,596. But there might have been, you could not be certain. Was there not some conversation as to whether some provision should be made for it, or that the party should be ready to meet it ?—No, I mentioned it to Mr. Arthur Bignold ; it was just mentioned, but no provision was made.

10,597. You had before the election day mentioned that matter to Mr Arthur Bignold ?—Just privately.

10,598. Of course that was a matter which would be kept private. If there was a pressure, you said you ought to meet it ?—No, I said " We ought really to " have something," and he said it was too dangerous a game to play.

10,599. Was anybody present besides Mr. Arthur Bignold when that was spoken about ?—No.

10,600. I am speaking of before the election ?—Yes.

10,601. Was it a Saturday when that matter was discussed ?—I am sure I do not know what day it was.

10,602. Did the conversation occur in your house ?—Yes, in my house. I saw Mr. Arthur Bignold.

10,603. It was understood, I suppose, that it was necessary ?—No, it was not at all.

10,604. It was talked of between you and Mr. Arthur Bignold ?—Yes.

10,605. You do not know what day ?—No.

10,606. Do you know that Mr. Arthur Bignold after that went up to London before the election ?—I believe he went up to London. I understood he was there.

10,607. And he came for the election ?—I do not know.

10,608. He was down at the election ?—Yes.

10,609. Do you know what he went up to London for ?—No, he has business in London; he is always backwards and forwards.

10,610. Was not the Carlton Club mentioned between you ?—No, never.

10,611. Was it not suggested that means could be got in London to meet that ?—No, I do not know that it was.

10,612. Just reflect; you know that Mr. Arthur Bignold did go up to London ?—Yes, I know he went up to London.

10,613. And made provision for it ?—No, he had not any money with him, and there was no provision.

10,614. Do you not know that there was a sum provided ?—No.

10,615. Have you not heard it ?—It has been talked of since idly, a sort of idle talk ; since you have been here and asked about the Carlton it has created some conversation about it, but I never heard about the Carlton before you have asked about the Carlton, and it appearing in the papers, people have imagined it was provided.

10,616. Have you not heard that Mr. Arthur Bignold had some means provided ?—No.

10,617. Did you hear the contrary ?—No, I have heard nothing.

10,618. You both agreed in the expediency of having some provision against such a contingency ?—We thought it was advisable, but we thought it was dangerous.

10,619. How it was to be made he did not mention to you ?—No.

10,620. You say you settled some claims ; were you asked by anybody to settle them, or was it arranged that you should ?—No, it was arranged with no one, it was my own money.

10,621. Was it not arranged between yourselves that those claims should be paid ?—Only between myself and these men.

10,622. Nobody else ?—No.

10,623. Did not other people say they would bear their quota of what you paid ?—No, not a single soul.

10,624. It came out of your pocket without any understanding with anybody else ?—Yes, any good electioneerer should not mind paying a small claim of that kind.

10,625. He might not, and other people who were warm supporters provided something in the same way, I suppose ?—I know nothing of other people's business.

10,626. You furnished it out of your own pocket ?—Yes, entirely.

10,627. Do you know of any monies being paid beyond those mentioned for the purpose of the election ?—No.

10,628. Do you know of any other money being found for the purpose ?—Yes.

10,629. What other money do you know of ?—I myself have found some more money.

10,630. Did you make a contribution to the fund provided by some independent gentlemen ?—No.

10,631. Then what money did you find besides ?—I gave a cheque that day for 10*l.*

10,632. To whom ?—To Mr. Furse, of Queen Street.

10,633. For what ?—I let him dispose of it.

10,634, Was Mr. Furse making application to different individuals for a like sum ?—No.

10,635. How came you to give it to Mr. Furse ?—I thought him a useful man.

10,636. Was it for the election ?—It was on the day of the election.

10,637. What time in the day ?—A little after 3, or about 3.

10,638. Do you know of any other sum ?—I had a sovereign in my pocket, and I gave that also to Mr. Furse, making 11*l.*

10,639. Do you know of any other sum being provided by anybody else, or by yourself?—There was 10*s.* more, that I gave to some one ; he had no money, and I gave him 10*s.*; it was some man that was working.

10,640. Who was that ?—A man of the name of Bolton, he lives close by me.

10,641. Was he a voter ?—He was a voter, but he

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did not want money for his vote, he had been working, and he said, "I have no money in my purse, lend me "a shilling or two," and I gave him 10*s*.

10,642. (*Mr. Biron.*) For disbursements out of pocket, cabs and so on?—Yes.

10,643. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of any other money being provided by anybody else?—No, I do not think there was. I think I have told you all. I do not think that any money was provided elsewhere. I think the 200*l.* and what money I have told you I expended myself was all that was spent; I do not think you will find that there was much more money spent in the city.

10,644. That 200*l.* was done impromptu?—Yes, entirely impromptu, because we knew that Mr. Patteson, and Sir Samuel Bignold, and all those would set their faces against it.

10,645. Are you a member of the Eldon Club?—Yes, certainly.

10,646. Can you give me a list of the members?—The Chairman can give you that.

10,647. Was there any discussion between any members of the Eldon Club as to money being provided?—No.

10,648. Or as to the mode of conducting the election?—Mr. Hulme is a member of the Eldon Club, and he is the only member who would know about it. We do not make those things public.

10,649. Of course not, but you might have had a discussion amongst the members of the club. There are secrets, and secrets which are of course not made public at the time, but which must be made public when the witnesses are called here?—Every man would keep his own secret, I should think.

10,650. When you talked the matter over about providing the fund with Mr. Arthur Bignold, and he said he thought it desirable, did he say whether he would consult with anybody else?—No.

10,651. He did not mention anybody?—No.

10,652. Do you know of his having consulted anybody?—No, I do not. I do not believe that he had provided anything, because there was no money when we wanted it.

19,653. Your conversation with Mr. Edward Stracey was about 1 o'clock?—It was a little after 1; I should say about 1 o'clock; there could be no money got till 3 o'clock. Hulme and this man did not get their money till 3 o'clock.

10,654. That is what I wanted to know; after your conversation with Mr. Stracey did you go off at once for Hulme?—I should think it was nearly half-past 2 before I got to Hulme's.

10,655. After your conversation with Mr. Stracey, and when you had made the arrangement, did you go to see Hulme yourself at once; and send him up?—Yes; the arrangement was not completed till half past 2 or nearly 3 o'clock, because we were afraid, or at least I was afraid, that we were too late to do anything, and I do not think there was much done. I think it was nearly too late for money to get afloat.

10,656. Have you had any account of how the 200*l.* was spent?—No.

10,657. You went and saw Hulme and Wiseman, and the other man?—Yes.

10,658. And told them to come up to Howse Allen?—I told them to come up to my house.

10,659. And ask for Howse Allen?—Yes.

10,660. Did you see either of the three at your house?—I do not think I did; I might have, but if I did I took no notice. I was off elsewhere.

10,661. That arrangement was made close to the "Maid's Head"?—Yes, or at the "Maid's Head," just close by.

10,662. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you ever been repaid the sum you advanced on the day of the election?—No, and I never expected it.

10,663. You do not know to whom to look for it?—No, I should not have looked to anybody for it.

JOHN HOWSE ALLEN sworn and examined.

J. H. Allen.

10,664. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you by profession?—A manufacturer.

10,665. Were you a voter at the last election?—I was.

10,666. And voted, I believe, for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, I did.

10,667. Did you take an active part in furthering his candidature?—I did, but purely from a personal interest. I am not a violent partisan, nor do I take any particular interest in politics.

40,668. You were active on his behalf?—I was acting purely with the wish to see Sir Henry Stracey returned.

10,669. Were you about the city on the day of the polling?—Yes.

10,670. And actively engaged in getting up voters?—Yes, I might say I was.

10,671. Did you see Mr. Allen, the doctor, about 1 o'clock, or thereabouts, in the day?—I should think it was about 1 o'clock that I saw him.

10,672. Before lunch time?—Yes, before lunch time.

10,673. I believe you went to his house for lunch?—I did.

10,674. Before that, were you present when he had an interview with Mr. Edward Stracey?—I do not think I was.

10,675. Did you see him talking to Mr. Edward Stracey?—I might have done; I cannot call to mind. I only saw Mr. Edward Stracey, that I remember, once that day.

10,676. When was that?—That, I should think, was about 1 or somewhere about that time.

10,677. Where was that?—Against the "Maid's Head" gate.

10,678. Did you yourself have any conversation with Mr. Edward Stracey?—Yes, I did.

10,679. What was it?—I said to him I thought there were men hanging off for money; he said "Indeed! well, I dare not do anything of the kind, "for if I did my father would never forgive me."

10,680. What did you say to that?—I said nothing more.

10,681. What did you do then?—I did nothing specially then that I can tell you of.

10,682. Did you see Webster at all?—No, I was in the house that day, but had no conversation with him.

10,683. Was it after that you went to Dr. Allen's to lunch?—Yes.

10,684. When there did Dr. Allen tell you that some money would be found?—Yes, he did.

10,685. And he told you if it were brought to you what you were to do with it?—Yes, he did.

10,686. Did he tell you how much money would be found?—He did not name the sum; he said two bags would be given to me.

10,687. Did he tell you how to divide it?—Yes.

10,688. What did he say you were to do with it?—One bag I was to give to Mr. Wiseman, the other bag I was to divide between Mr. Hulme, the chemist, and Mr. Bunn.

10,689. Was it in his own house that he told you this, when you had gone there for lunch?—Yes, it was.

10,690. After lunch were you upstairs?—Yes.

10,691. Were two bags brought to you?—Yes.

10,692. Brought in by Mrs. Allen?—Yes.

10,693. Did she put them down or hand them to you?—I really cannot tell you; I think she gave them to me in my hands; at any rate they came from her.

10,694. They passed from her to you, and I presume she did not say anything?—No, merely that she was instructed to give me those two bags.

10,695 What time of the day was that?—I cannot

tell you to a minute, of course, but I should imagine it was a very little while before 3 o'clock; about five minutes to 3 o'clock, or something of that kind.

10,696. Having got the bags what did you do?—I gave one of them as I was directed to Mr. Wiseman.

10,697. In Dr. Allen's house?—Yes, in Dr. Allen's house.

10,698. How soon after the time when you received it?—Not more than five minutes, I should imagine.

10,699. Was he waiting there?—Yes.

10,700–1. In the same room in which you were, or downstairs?—In the same room as I was.

10,702. What did you do with the other bag?—The other bag I divided.

10,703. Between whom?—Between Mr. Hulme, to whom I gave 40*l.*, and Mr. Bunn, to whom I gave 50*l.*

10,704. Was the money in the bag in half sovereigns?—I only opened one bag.

10,705. I mean the one you opened?—I think it was, but I am not certain.

10,706. The two bags were alike. You did not open the one you gave to Wiseman. You gave that to him intact?—Yes.

10,707. And the other you opened was full of half sovereigns?—Yes.

10,708. What did you do with the other 10*l.*?—Will you allow me to refer to a memorandum?

10,709. Yes, certainly. Was that a memorandum you made that day?—No.

10,710. When it was fresh in your memory?—No, it is a memorandum I made just before I came into court.

10,711. Never mind if it was done to refresh your memory?—It was. I have given you the one bag and 50*l.* to Bunn and 40*l.* to Hulme; after that I gave 2*l.* to a Mr. Townsend.

10,712. Who is he?—A whitesmith, living on Elm Hill.

10,713. Did you tell him what it was for?—I told him it was for the purpose of procuring voters by whatever means he could.

10,714. He was to do what he could?—Yes, surely. I gave 20*s.* to a man of the name of Traxton for the same purpose.

10,715. Where does he live?—I believe he lives in the Close.

10,716. You told him to use it in the same way?—Yes, quite so. I then went down to the Quay side, where I knew there were several men who had not voted, and I saw Richard Buttle, and asked him if he had voted, and he said, "No." I said why had he not, and he said, he did not know. I asked him if there were any voters about his neighbourhood, any persons that had not voted, and he said, "Yes," there were, and he thought he could get some; and I said, "Well, if you could get them for 5*s.* "each, do so," and he said he could not do it. I think he went away first, and came to me afterwards, and then said, he could not do it, they would not vote for less than 10*s.* I said, "Give them 10*s.*, "and come to me at my office in the morning, and "whatever you have disbursed I will repay you," and he came in the morning, and I said, "What do "you want?" He said, "I have five votes, and "I want 50*s.*," and I gave it to him. Then I gave a man of the name of Freeman 20*s.* for his vote; before that I have a memorandum here of 2*s.* 6*d.* I lent to a man; he wished to have it lent to him, and I did not see any objection to that.

10,717. He was a man of a delicate organisation?—Yes, he was. I lent it to him; it was paid through another person.

10,718. It has never been paid back again, I presume?—I believe it has.

10,719. Who was the man. I should like to know him?—I do not know his name; he was a gardener, and he was in rather a foggy state that day. I did not inquire his name.

10,720. Do you remember who it was that you lent it to him through?—Yes, a Mr. Furse; that makes 6*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*. Then there is 20*s.* I gave to a Mr. Howard. I think he is a carpenter.

10,721. Do you know where he lives?—He did live in Princes Street, I think, at that time, that is in the first ward; that is all I can tell you. I disbursed no more. I should have done more, I promise you, if I had had time.

10,722. It got to be near 4 o'clock?—Yes.

10,723. So much for that money. Out of your own funds did you provide any money that day?—None at all.

10,724. Not earlier in the day?—No.

10,725. Do you know of any other money being spent except what you have told me?—No, none at all. I have told you all I know.

10,726. Do you know the name of anybody except what you have given me that was bribed that day?—No.

10,727. Do you know of any money that was given or promised that day, except what you have told me?—No.

10,728. Did you pay for any beer that day?—Not that I can call to mind; not a pint of beer.

10,729. Were any accounts sent in to you afterwards?—No, certainly not.

10,730. I may take it in the broadest form; have you told all you know about irregular practices at the last election?—I have done so.

10,731. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of any other money having been provided to pay expenses, or any other monies that were laid out at the last election?—No, none.

10,732. I am not speaking of that which arose out of the general meeting, I am striking that out of consideration; but have you been asked to subscribe to any fund provided by independent men?—No, certainly not.

10,733. Do you know of any secret which people are unwilling to divulge about the election?—No, I do not at all.

10,734. Were you present at any meeting of the committee or some of the supporters of Sir Henry Stracey at which any suggestion was made as to finding money?—No, certainly not.

10,735. I need hardly tell you that, after the manner in which you have given your evidence, we shall be happy to give you a certificate which will absolve you from any consequences for the part you took upon that occasion?—I am much obliged to you.

WILLIAM WEBSTER sworn and examined.

W. Webster.

10,736. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You keep an hotel in this town?—Yes.

10,737. Do you recollect, in consequence of a conversation you had with Mr. Edward Stracey, drawing a considerable sum of money?—Yes.

10,738. What sum of money?—Mr. Edward Stracey asked me if I would lend him 200*l.* and leave it at Mr. Allen's house.

10,739. You drew that money at Harvey's bank and took it yourself to Allen's house?—Yes.

10,740. And handed it over to Mrs. Allen?—Yes.

10,741. In two canvas bags?—In two bags.

10,742. Did you tell Mrs. Allen anything about it?—No, nothing at all.

10,743. You said nothing at all?—No; I merely placed it in her hands and came away.

10,744. You did not even say whom it was for?—I said merely, "I was requested to leave this with "you," and then I came away.

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W. Webster.

30 Aug. 1869.

10,745. Did Mrs. Allen say anything?—Not a word.

10,746. She went upstairs with the money and bags, I presume?—I cannot say; I was just in the house, and that is all.

10,747. Did you say what was in it?—No.

10,748. Did you not say anything about Mr. Howse Allen to her?—No.

10,749. Do you know of any other sums of money used in this election for improper purposes?—No.

10,750. Are you quite certain?—Yes.

10,751. Have you yourself, either directly or indirectly, taken any part in bribery at this election?—No.

10,752. Have you made any promises?—No.

10,753. Have you paid no money since?—No.

10,754. Did you lend any further sum to Mr. Edward Stracey?—No.

10,755. Has he ever paid you this sum?—No.

10,756. You look to him for it?—Yes, of course I do.

10,757. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you yourself pay any money to any person to vote at this election?—Not a shilling.

10,758. Or promise anybody anything?—No; I am no electioneering man. I never took any interest in it.

10,759. You took no part in the election as an active supporter of Sir Henry Stracey's?—No.

10,760. (*Mr. Biron.*) You have known Mr. Edward Stracey some time, I presume?—Yes, quite well.

10,761. And of course were ready to lend him money if he asked you for it?—Yes.

10,762. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What hour was that conversation with Mr. Stracey when he asked you to lend him the money?—I think it was just between 1 and 2.

10,763. And where did that conversation take place?—In my house.

10,764. Was anybody else present?—No.

10,765. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You went to Harvey's bank, got the money, and brought it to Doctor Allen's?—Yes.

10,766. They could fix the exact time at which you received it?—Yes, I suppose so.

10,767. Did Mr. Stracey tell you in what coin he wanted it?—No, not at all.

10,768. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) He asked for it as coin and not notes?—He merely asked me if I would lend him 200*l.*

10,769. If you go to a bank for 200*l.* they would generally give it to you in notes; they would say, "How will you take it"?—I was asked that, and I said "Gold."

10,770. Mr. Stracey said nothing to you about it?—No, he said nothing; he merely asked whether I would lend 200*l.*

10,771. You asked the cashier at the bank for gold?—Yes, but I did not ask for half-sovereigns.

J. H. Hulme.

JOHN HUGHES HULME sworn and examined.

10,772. (*Mr. Biron.*) You are a chemist, I believe?—Yes.

10,773. Are you secretary to the Eldon Club?—I am chairman of the Eldon Club.

10,774. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—No.

10,775. Were you an active supporter of his?—Yes.

10,776. Did you canvass for him for the election?—No.

10,777. On the day of the election did you employ yourself in bringing up voters?—No.

10,778. Did you not do anything in the early part of the day?—No, not in bringing up the voters.

10,779. What did you do?—I was manager for the second ward. I managed the room where the marking-off sheet was, and where the people passed in and out to look at the register.

10,780. You were responsible for a correct record of what was going on in the second ward?—Yes, certainly.

10,781. You were at the committee room the greater part of the day?—I was at a room called the committee room, but we had no committee.

10,782. You were there at the beginning, middle, and the end?—Yes.

10,783. Did Dr. Allen send for you towards the middle of the day?—No, he came to me.

10,784. Was that at the "Three Pigeons"?—Yes.

10,785. What did he say to you?—He came about 2 o'clock, and he said, "How are you getting on;" I said, "We are doing pretty well; keeping up." I said, "A few of them, I think, are hanging back and "do not come up;" he said, "If you want anything, "if you go down to my house and ask for Mr. Howse "Allen you can have 50*l.*;" he said 50*l.* first, and afterwards he said 40*l.* That was about two hours, I should think, after 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

10,786. I suppose they were hanging back?—Parties came and said so, but of my own knowledge I cannot say.

10,787. There were reports to that effect brought in?—Yes.

10,788. They wanted a day's pay?—Yes, that is what, I believe, they wanted.

10,789. After you had this conversation with Dr. Allen, did you go down to his house?—I went down to his house.

10,790. What time did you get there?—I should think it would be nearly 3 o'clock when I got there.

10,791. Had you to wait there at all?—When I got down I could not find Mr. Howse Allen, and I went from there up to the first ward committee room, at the corner of Queen Street.

10,792. Did you ask for him at Dr. Allen's?—I think I did ask one of the servants if they had seen Mr. Howse Allen, and they said, "No," and I went from there to the first ward committee room, and when I got there I could not see anything of Mr. Howse Allen. I walked down again to Mr. Allen's, and then I saw Mr. Howse Allen.

10,793. What time was that?—That would be a little after 3, or about 3 in the afternoon, getting towards that time.

10,794. Did Mr. Howse Allen give you anything?—He gave me 80 half-sovereigns.

10,795. Was anybody present when he gave them to you?—No.

10,796. What did you do then?—I then went back to my ward and distributed these half-sovereigns amongst men who were active, and I supposed knew how to apply them.

10,797. Can you give me the names of the men?—Mr. Thomas Mackley.

10,798. How much did you give to him?—He was rather more active than the rest, and I gave him 15*l.*

10,799. What Mackley is that?—He is the man at the bottom of St. Gregory's Church Alley.

10,800. What is he?—A publican.

10,801. Is he the "Marquis of Granby" man?—No, I think it is the "Alexandra" tavern he keeps.

10,802. To whom else did you give any money. I gave to John Houghton and William Houghton 5*l.* each.

10,803. Who are they?—They are both dyers; William Houghton works for Mr. Gedge.

10,804. They are active partisans?—Yes, they are active men.

10,805. They knew where the money could be used?—Yes, just so.

10,806. They were both second ward men?—Yes.

10,807. To whom else did you give any money?—I gave to John Hart Bowgen another 5*l.*

10,808. Where does he live ?—At the "Hop Pole," down St. Faith's Lane ; he is now in the first ward.

10,809. He was a voter for the second ward ?—Yes ; he was a voter for St. Lawrence parish, in the second ward.

10,810. He was a man whom you could trust to be useful in the second ward on that day ?—Yes.

10,811. Now there is 10*l.* more to get rid of ?—I stayed a bit, expecting to hear what they had done, but they made no report; it was a very little time from the close of the election, and the other 10*l.* remained with me.

10,812. Had you any more men in the second ward that you could have trusted ?—These were the only men that I did trust.

10,813. Do I understand that you had no other men that you could have trusted ?—I would not say that.

10,814. Were those the only men you came across that you could at the moment trust ?—Those were the only men I did anything with.

10,815. The other 10*l.* was not used ?—Except in this way : in the evening we had a band, after the election, some three or four hours. I paid the expenses of the band, and a number of men who had to go to protect the band.

10,816. Did you give any men any money except those you have told me ?—No.

10,817. Do you know Robert Boast who lives in Lord Howe Yard ?—No.

10,818. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you pay any men at the "Pigeons" money besides those you have mentioned ?—No.

10,819. Just remember ?—I paid no men any money at the "Pigeons" beyond what I have told you.

10,820. I have the names of three men here, Robert Boast, of Lord Howe Yard, William Simpson, of the same place, and John Crotch, of Westwick ?—I only knew John Crotch, for this reason, he came in the room after the election was over, when the band was going out, and he wanted to go round with the band, and I said "No, I will not have anything to do with "your going round with the band. I have got as "many men as I can afford to pay for." I believe he did go round, and afterwards he wanted me to give him half a crown for going round, and I refused, because I said I did not give him the order, and I said I would not pay anybody I did not give an order to.

10,821. You did not give any of those men any money ?—No.

10,822. What did you pay for the band ?—I think we paid three guineas for the band.

10,823. Since the election have you paid anybody for having voted ?—No, not anyone since the election.

10,824. Or for beer ?—No, nor for beer.

10,825. You have not paid any publicans ?—No, we had very little beer, because I kept all the beer out of the room.

10,826. I do not mean at the "Pigeons" but elsewhere ?—No.

10,827. Have any claims been brought to you by publicans for beer supplied in the second ward ?—No.

10,828. Or elsewhere ?—No, nor yet elsewhere.

10,829. No claims have been made upon you ?—No.

10,830. Without calling them "claims," have any publicans asked you to get money for them for beer supplied ?—No, I do not remember anybody asking me. I particularly told them that all beer they brought without my orders, or anything else, I would not pay for, and therefore it was not likely I should have any bills brought up to me. I rather fancy there is about half a gallon of beer owing for at the committee room that we sent for, but I have not had any bill of it.

10,831. I do not mean that. Knowing that you were engaged in the second ward, it might very well be that publicans supplying beer would ask you to get the money for them ?—No, they have not.

10,832. Have any individual voters come to you since the election and asked for money for having voted ?—There was one old man, by name of Crome, came to me ; he had formerly been employed at the election of candidates as card collector, and said he would like to have his guinea or whatever it was. He said he was very much distressed, but I told him I had no means of doing anything of that sort ; we were not allowed now to pay voters. I could not pay him anything, and he has not had anything. Since then, I believe, he is dead.

10,833. Did anybody else come in a similar way ?—No, I think not.

10,834. That is the only man ?—That is the only man.

10,835. About the Eldon Club, can you give me a list of the members ?—Yes, I can furnish you with a list.

10,836. I do not mean from memory ?—I could do it from memory, I dare say, but it would occupy too much time.

10,837. Let us have the list to-morrow morning ?—I will do so.

10,838. Did you take any part in the former elections ?—Yes, I took part in the last election—Waters' election.

10,839. Were you one of Waters' supporters ?—Yes.

10,840. There was money going then ?—Yes, there was a little money then.

10,841. Did you have any of the management of it ?—Yes, I managed the second ward then.

10,842. I will not ask the details about it, it may be that we shall not have to go into it. How much about was it you had ?—I think I had 70*l.* then.

10,843. That was used for the election ?—That was used before noon time.

10,844. Used in your ward ?—Yes, used in my ward.

10,845. Had you any later that day ?—No, I went for more money, but it was no use, the election was lost, and there was no more money.

10,846. Except what you have told me do you know of any money having been found for the purposes of the last election ?—No.

10,847. Do you know of anyone being given money for voting at the last election except what you have told me ?—No.

10,848. Do you know of anybody who gave money to persons for voting ?—No, except what I have told you.

10,849. Have you told me everything you are aware of as regards irregular practices at the last election ?—Yes, everything I am myself aware of at the last election.

10,850. Are you aware of any fund having been subscribed for to promote the election ?—No.

10,851. Do you know of any subscription having been entered into since ?—No, nor yet since ; there was a fund subscribed for towards the expenses of the inquiry, but not any towards the election.

10,852. Was there not a fund subscribed for paying the expenses of the election during the time of the election or immediately after it ?—No.

10,853. Were you never asked to subscribe anything towards the payment of the election before the public meeting ?—No.

10,854. Did you not hear of any subscription being on foot for such a purpose ?—No.

10,855. Were you present at any meeting on the day or about the day of the election at which the providing of money was at all discussed or talked about ?—No, on the day of the election I went about 6 o'clock in the morning to the room at the "Pigeons." I had the marking off sheet, the check cards, and other things brought to me over night, and took them at 6 in the morning to the room, and I never left the room till I went down to Mr. Allen's in the afternoon ; there was no meeting or anything of the kind.

TENTH DAY.

J. H. Hulme.

30 Aug. 1869.

10,856. You never heard of any meeting? — I never heard of any meeting for paying Sir Henry Stracey's election expenses.

10,857. Have you heard of persons connected with your party having a secret which they were determined not to reveal?—I have not heard of it. I have always advised my men to speak the truth.

10,858. Have you not heard persons say that there is a secret which they are determined not to reveal? —I have heard persons say that they would not split or tell. I cannot say whether there is a secret or not. It has only been in general conversation that they have said it; but I have always told them it would come out; that I knew you were in possession of information which would bring it out; and, therefore, I advised them to make a clean breast of it.

10,859. You have heard people talking in that way? —Yes, I have heard people talk in that way.

10,860. Can you call to mind anybody who said that?—No; it has been in general conversation. I did not pay much attention to anybody who said it at the time. Some people said, "They will never get "the truth," and I said, "Oh yes, they will, they will "have it all out, and there is no use in keeping it in." I cannot give you any particular names.

R. Bunn.

ROBERT BUNN sworn and examined.

10,861. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I believe you are a voter in this city?—No.

10,862. Were you at the last election?—Yes; I was in Norwich on the day.

10,863. What were you employed about in the early part of the day?—Well, I was using my time walking about, and seeing what was going on in the former part of the day.

10,864. Were you trying to get up voters?—No.

10,865. Were you a person paid for your work?—No.

10,866. Did you find a considerable number of men who wanted a day's wages, or some consideration to induce them to vote?—No.

10,867. You did not find anybody?—Well, I did not employ my time in that way.

10,868. Were you watching the other side, then? —No, I was not watching either side.

10,869. Well then, how did you employ your time? —Well, in walking about, and seeing what was going on.

10,870. You, I believe, had been active in former elections?—Well, I was a little active.

10,871. Was that in 1865?—Yes, I believe it was.

10,872. You had spent some money then?—A small sum.

10,873. Do you recollect Dr. Allen coming to you on the election day?—No.

10,874. Did you see Dr. Allen?—Yes.

10,875. At what time in the day was that?—Well, I should think, as nigh as I can guess, about half-past 2; I cannot say to half-an-hour. I did not make a note of it.

10,876. Did he tell you to go up to his house?—No.

10,877. Did he tell you to go and see Mr. Howse Allen?—No.

10,878. What did he tell you?—He did not tell me anything, not until I saw him at his house.

10,879. You went to his house?—Yes.

10,880. Then when you saw him at his own house what did he say to you; who gave you 50*l.*?—Well, I cannot say the gentleman. The gentleman I saw gave me 50*l.*

10,881. You do not know who it was?—I do not.

10,882. Do you know Mr. Howse Allen?—I do not; the gentleman I saw I do not know that I ever saw before.

10,883. Then did you see him at Dr. Allen's house?—I saw him at Dr. Allen's house.

10,884. How came you to go to Dr. Allen's house? —Well, I was walking through the "Rampant "Horse" yard, and Mrs. Figg, I think it was, it might be one of the waitresses, but I believe it was Mrs. Figg, told me that there was a gentleman who wanted to see me at Dr. Allen's.

10,885. At what place was that?—The "Rampant "Horse."

10,886. Then did you go up to Dr. Allen's?—Yes.

10,887. What did you ask for there?—I did not ask for anything.

10,888. Did you simply go and present yourself? —Yes; I went to open the door, and Dr. Allen stood at the door, and as soon as he saw me he ordered the servant to introduce me to some gentleman in another room.

10,889. Dr. Allen was then at home, was he?—Dr. Allen was then at home.

10,890. Did you see this other gentleman?—Yes.

10,891. And did he give you 50*l.*?—Yes.

10,892. Was that in half-sovereigns?—I believe it was.

10,893. What were you to with that?—Well, he did not say what I was to do with it.

10,894. But you understood what you were to do with it?—Well, I believe that I knowed what I was to do with it.

10,895. And you proceeded to do what you believed you ought to do?—Well, I do not know exactly. I do not think I made myself so officious as I ought to have done on the subject considering.

10,896. How many men did you pay?—Well, I do not think I paid anybody not to vote, not one, I don't think.

10,897. What did you think that money was given to you for?—I thought it was to lay out on the election.

10,898. That was to induce people to vote?—Well, I suppose it was.

10,899. Then having received it for that purpose, you proceeded, I suppose, to use it?—Well, I did not make myself very officious.

10,900. But you did proceed to do something with it?—I did.

10,901. You had done it on previous occasions?— Some of it I did.

10,902. Now, just let me know how you laid out that 50*l.*, or a part of that 50*l.*?—Yes; you want me to give an account of it?

10,903. Yes.—Very well, sir, I will endeavour to tell you. I received the money, I think, rather late in the day, and to a man that lived opposite me, a Mr. Durrant, who has had to do with elections and different affairs, I gave 16*l.*

10,904. I suppose that was to enable him to go and operate?—I suppose so. The gentleman who gave me the money did not say what I was to do with it.

10,905. But you quite understood what you were to do with it?—Yes.

10,906. You are not so blind as that you cannot have understood?—Well, sir, I think not.

10,907. And I suppose Mr. Durrant is as understanding a man as yourself; he understood what it was for?—I believe he did, sir.

10,908. Well you have given us the 16*l.* to Durrant; was there anything else?—Well, I gave a man of the name of Read two sovereigns.

10,909. What is he?—He is a harness maker, living in the market; he is not a voter, but he said he knew a voter or two requiring something.

10,910. Who else?—I think I went on to Crowfield, and I saw a man there, and he said he wanted something to pay some expenses, and I gave him 30*s.*

10,911. Can you tell me his name?—I think his name is Bacon.

10,912. Where does he live?—I believe he lives on the Dereham Road.

10,913. Was that for himself, or for himself and companions?—It was not for himself, I believe it was for other parties.

10,914. To whom else did you give money?—I do not think anybody else; I think I hold the balance now of that.

10,915. Was that all that you disposed of?—I think so, it is all I can recollect.

10,916. That is 19*l.* 10*s.*—Yes. I beg pardon, sir, I think after the election was over I gave another man 7*s.* 6*d.*

10,917. Who was he?—I think his name is Harman; he is a blacksmith.

10,918. That was for voting?—Well, he asked me for it, and I gave it to him about a fortnight after.

10,919. Where does he live?—I am sure I don't know; he is a blacksmith, and that is all I know.

10,920. (*Mr. Biron.*) Is it Harman or Harmer?—Harman, I think, but I do not know exactly his name.

10,921. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you not lay out any more money that day?—That is all I laid out, to the best of my knowledge.

10,922. That is only 19*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

10,923. Did you not lay out more money with anybody?—I do not recollect anyone; that is every shilling, to the best of my knowledge.

10,924. There were numbers of people standing about who wanted a few shillings for their votes; did you not get any of them?—Well, I should not deal with any of them.

10,925. You have been mixed up in it before?—Well, very slightly.

10,926. What was the slight extent to which you were mixed up with it before?—Well, in the 1865 election I had some two or three sovereigns, or something of that sort.

10,927. Not more than two or three?—Two or three, or five to the extent.

10,928. Did you lay that out all amongst the men?—Well, I think I laid some of it out.

10,929. Has anyone come to you since the election for part of this money?—Not that I am aware of.

10,930. Do you not recollect any persons who have come and asked you for money, because you had some money provided?—Not that I am aware of, sir; I do not recollect such a thing.

10,931. You have not parted with any more, then?—That is all I have parted with, sir, up to the present, in fact I did not know the man that I took it of. I did not know who the rightful owner was, and therefore I have it in my possession at the present time.

10,932. 19*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* out of 50*l.*! Surely you must have spent more money than that?—I am not aware, if I did.

10,933. "Not aware." Just refresh your memory; have you not spent more than 19*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*?—I do not recollect it sir; I think not.

10,934. Are you sure you did not give it over to some other body?—I think not, sir, I do not recollect it. I don't think I parted with any more; I might, perhaps, spend half-a-sovereign or a crown, or something on the day, but I do not recollect giving anyone anything in the shape of money.

10,935. Are you sure you did not give money?—I have told you the truth, and nothing but the truth, to the best of my ability, the best of my knowledge, and the best of my recollection.

10,936. You need not apprehend any consequences from telling us that you did so, because you will be entitled to be relieved from all responsibility in respect of it if you have told us the truth?—I am quite aware of that, sir, but I have told you the truth and nothing but the truth, to the best of my recollection.

10,937. Have you not said that you took as many as 17 persons out of one house to the poll?—No.

10,938. Did you not take any persons to poll after 2 o'clock?—I never took anybody at all during the day.

10,939. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you never made any inquiries who you were to return that balance to, the 30*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*?—No.

10,940. (*Mr. Biron.*) You got it, you say, at Dr. Allen's house?—Yes.

10,941. Did it not suggest itself to your mind that having got the money at Dr. Allen's house, you might carry back the balance that you had not used, and leave it there?—No, I did not think of any such a thing, because I did not know the man that I took it of.

10,942. But you knew where you got it?—I knew where I got it.

10,943. And you knew that Dr. Allen came and told you where to get it—No, I did not know that, because Dr. Allen never did so.

10,944. At all events it is quite enough for me that you knew you got it at Dr. Allen's?—I knew I got it there.

10,945. And it never came across your mind that inasmuch as you had only used 19*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, you might just as well give back the other 30*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*?—I never took it back.

10,946. It never suggested itself to you at all?—No.

10,947. Were you at the committee room on the day of the election?—I never went in there at all.

10,948. Did you not see Mr. Hulme, the chemist, at the committee room on the day of the election?—I do not think I did.

10,949. Did you not see Mr. Holmes there?—No, I did not, to the best of my knowledge.

10,950. Where were you when the message came to you to go to Dr. Allen's?—Well, I believe some one told me outside the committee room door that I was wanted at the "Rampant Horse."

10,951. Outside of which committee room?—Well, I believe it was at the "Swan."

10,952. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Dr. Allen is about the city, is he not, in his profession?—I believe so.

10,953. You constantly saw him, did you not?—Yes, I generally saw him.

10,954. He introduced you to the gentleman who paid you the money, did he not?—Well, he did not introduce me. I went to the door, and I saw him.

10,955. He opened the door, and he showed you the gentleman?—I think the servant opened the door.

10,956. Yes, but you saw Dr. Allen there, did you not?—Yes.

10,957. And he showed you the gentleman who gave you the money?—No, the servant showed me.

10,958. You told me before that it was Dr. Allen; but you saw Dr. Allen there?—I saw Dr. Allen at the door.

10,959. And he was there when you went in?—I believe he was in the hall, but I believe the servant opened the door, and when I went into the house Dr. Allen walked away, and the servant showed me where the gentleman was that I spoke of.

10,960. Did it never occur to you to ask Dr. Allen who the gentleman was that handed you the 50*l.*?—No.

10,961. It never occurred to your mind?—Never.

10,962. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) On other occasions when you have been trusted with money have you repaid the balance?—I never had anything except about 5*l.*

10,963. (*Mr. Biron.*) But you got a little the last time?—It was a very slight trifle; if it was half-a-sovereign that was the outside.

10,964. You said you got 5*l.* and spent 3*l.*?—You see, sir, I did not make a note of these things; you are liable if you take a 5*l.* note, there is a little expense attached to it.

10,965. Pardon me, you are not indeed liable to anything of the sort.—Well, I do not know that you are, but money is a temptation.

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Benjamin King sworn and examined.

B. King.

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10,966. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A miller.

10,967. Who did you vote for at this election?—Russell and Tillett.

10,968. At what hour in the day?—About 3 o'clock, I think.

10,969. Who canvassed you? who asked you for your vote?—I came up with Mr. Chandler.

10,970. Had you promised your vote?—No, I had not.

10,971. What made you vote so late?—I could not get up before, not without walking it, and that I did not wish to do.

10,972. Did anybody offer you money for your vote?—Not at all.

10,973. Have you heard of any money going at this election?—I have not.

10,974. You have neither offered any yourself or been offered any?—Certainly not.

10,975. You have heard nothing of the sort?—Nothing of the sort.

10,976. Have you voted at former elections?—No, never.

D. Morse.

David Morse sworn and examined.

10,977. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am employed at Eaton.

10,978. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Russell and Stracey.

10,979. At what hour in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

10,980. How came you to vote for Russell and Stracey?—Well, I did not feel interested in particular in any of them. I might have voted for one or another; it did not make any difference to me.

10,981. People were pulling you both ways?—No; not any person in the course of the day asked me to vote for anybody.

10,982. That was really your reason?—Yes.

10,983. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

10,984. Or any promise of anything?—No.

10,985. Did you get anything after you had voted?—No, not a penny of anyone.

10,986. Were you canvassed before the election?—No.

10,987. Nobody asked you?—No.

10,988. What were you doing all the day of the election?—I did not come up until just before dinner; my wife was very bad, and I was obliged to be at home until well up to dinner time.

10,989. And you voted after dinner?—Just between 2 and 3.

10,990. You are not much of a politician, I suppose?—No.

10,991. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I suppose this was the first election at which you had been a voter?—Yes.

R. W. Mitchell.

Richard Ward Mitchell sworn and examined.

10,992. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A wheelwright.

10,993. Are you a voter?—Yes.

10,994. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

10,995. For whom?—For Stracey.

10,996. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3, or between 3 and 4.

10,997. Where had you been all the day?—After my employment.

10,998. In your employment?—Yes, my business called me another way the fore part of the day.

10,999. Where did your business call you to?—Called me to Earlham.

11,000. How far is that from Norwich?—Two miles, I suppose.

11,001. What time did you go there in the morning?—Five o'clock.

11,002. What time did you get back?—About half-past 1.

11,003. Were you there during the whole of that time?—Yes.

11,004. Were you offered any money for voting?—No.

11,005. Were you paid any money for voting?—No.

11,006. Nothing?—Nothing at all.

11,007. Have you received anything?—Not anything at all.

11,008. Do you know of anybody having received money for voting?—No.

11,009. Has not anybody said that he got money or something for voting?—I have never heard of it.

11,010. I suppose you were a voter for the first time at this election?—Yes, for the first time.

W. Robertson.

William Robertson sworn and examined.

11,011. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A miller.

11,012. What time in the day did you vote?—I think it was a little after 3, or about 3.

11,013. For whom did you vote?—For Tillett and Russell.

11,014. What made you so late in voting?—I could not get away before. I could not leave my work.

11,015. Where do you work?—At Mr. Colman's, of Cringleford.

11,016. How far off is that?—Two miles.

11,017. Then you did the best part of your day's work before you came away to vote?—Yes.

11,018. Had you promised your vote?—No, I had not promised my vote.

11,019. Did anybody ask you for it?—Yes, there was a gentleman came down canvassing, but I did not promise him. I told him that I did not know that I could get over.

11,020. Had you money for your vote?—No.

11,021. Or beer?—No; I was out of pocket by that.

11,022. Have you been promised anything?—No.

11,023. Have you ever voted before?—No.

11,024. Do you know of any money going this election?—No; I was not away above 10 minutes or a quarter of an hour, and then I went away home.

G. F. Parker.

Granville Frederick Parker sworn and examined.

11,025. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A merchant's clerk.

11,026. Did you vote at the last election?—No, I had no vote.

11,027. Did you do anything about the election?—Well, I carried up several voters.

11,028. Who did you carry up?—Most of the men in the employ of the firm.

11,029. Who instructed you to do that?—Well, I took my own responsibility as regards carrying them up.

11,030. They were not very ready to come, were they?—Yes.

11,031. All of them?—Yes.

11,032. For whom did they vote? — Sir Henry Stracey.

11,033. What time in the day did you bring them up?—Most of them between 9 and 12.

11,034. Did you give them any breakfast, or anything of the sort?—No, nothing.

11,035. Did you give them any dinner when you got home?—No, I did not.

11,036. Did you not stand any beer?—No, not any.

11,037. Did you not give them anything?—No, not anything.

11,038. Did not any of them ask you for anything?—No, not any of them.

11,039. Did you give them their day's pay?—I took them up, and carried them back again to business directly. They did not lose any time.

11,040. Whereabouts is your place?—Trowse.

11,041. How far off is that?—About a mile from the market.

11,042. How long were you in taking them from Trowse to the poll? — Perhaps about half an hour.

11,043. When did you start? — I began in the morning, about half-past 8.

11,044. And took how many at a time?—Two or three.

11,045. Had you canvassed them before?—They had been canvassed. I did not canvass them.

11,046. By whom?—Some gentleman who came down to the city.

11,047. How did you know who to take?—I asked them in the morning whether they were going up to vote.

11,048. Did you ask for whom they were going to vote?—No.

11,049. Did you take any of Tillett and Russell's men?—No.

11,050. Did any vote for Tillett and Russell?—No.

11,051. They knew better than that?—They all voted, barring three, I think, for Sir Henry Stracey.

11,052. How many men in your employ voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—They all did, I think, barring three.

11,053. Who is the head of the firm? — Mr. Reed.

11,054. Is he a supporter of Sir Henry Stracey's?—He voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

11,055. Did he canvass the men?—No, he did not; he never asked any of them.

11,056. Were you present when they were canvassed?—No, I was not.

11,057. Do you know Trumbetta?—No.

11,058. Who asked you to take these men to the poll?—Not anyone.

11,059. Whose trap was it you took? — Mr. Reed's.

11,060. Did he lend it to you for the purpose?—Well, he did not know I had taken it, because I did not see him at the office in the morning.

11,061. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were not your men promised something if they would vote?—No, not a farthing.

11,062. Not money?—No, nothing at all.

11,063. (*Mr. Biron.*) Not a single thing, either to eat or to drink?—Nothing at all.

11,064. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you shut up your works that day?—No.

11,065. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you bring these voters back after they had voted?—The majority of them, and they went on with their work.

11,066. Then they did not lose any day's wages?—No.

11,067. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know Parker, the grocer?—Yes; he is an uncle of mine.

11,068. Did you canvass with him?—No, I did not.

11,069. Did you do anything on the election day by his directions?—I drove him from All Saints' Green to Scole's Green.

11,070. Is that all that you did by his directions that day?—That is all that I did by his directions. I drove him there, and I drove him back again to the polling place on All Saints' Green.

11,071. Who did he call upon on all Saints' Green?—He called at two houses.

11,072. I suppose you stayed with the horse then?—I stayed in the gig the time he went inside.

11,073. So that you did not hear what occurred when he was inside?—No, I did not.

11,074. Did you see either of the men whom he called upon go up to vote?—No.

11,075. You drove him back?—I drove him back again on to All Saints' Green.

11,076. Had you any conversation with him about how the men were to be got to vote?—Not any.

11,077. Did he not tell you that he had great difficulty in getting the men up to vote, that they wanted money for their day's work?—No, he did not breathe a word about it. The man that he called upon, he said, would not come up, and that is all the conversation he and I had together.

11,078. Did he not say that they wanted money?—No, he did not. He did not breathe it.

11,079. Do you know three men of the name of Bullen, Debbage, and Custance, or any one of them?—No, I do not know any one of them.

11,080. Do you know that Parker, the grocer, brought up those three men?—No, I do not; I only saw him about half-an-hour from the time I went from All Saints' Green on to Scole's Green and back. That is all I saw of him during the day.

11,081. Did you not have any conversation with him as to how you were getting on; you were taking an active interest in it?—Yes, we might have a little conversation about how the Liberals were getting on.

11,082. Did he not tell you that he had considerable difficulty in getting persons to come up to the poll, for they wanted to be paid for their day's labour or wanted something to come up?—No; I do not remember his breathing a word about that.

11,083. What time in the day was it that you went to All Saints' Green?—Well, I should think it would be about 11 in the morning, as near as I can remember.

11,084. Did you do anything after 2 o'clock in the day?—Yes, between 2 and 3.

11,085. What did you do then? — I brought up either one or two more voters, I think.

11,086. Who were they?—Men in the employ of Mr. Reed.

11,087. Can you give me their names? — Neave was one, and the other was Forman, I think, but he was not in the employ of Mr. Reed.

11,088. Whereabouts did they live?—One lived in Trowse and the other in King Street.

11,089. Did you go and fetch them?—I went into the mills and the places where they were at work.

11,090. Did they tell you that they wanted something for their day's wages?—No, they did not say a word of the sort.

11,091. Did you hear from them that they had got something or had been promised anything?—No.

11,092. How did you get them to vote; it was very late in the day then?—I got them, because I thought we wanted them.

11,093. Of course you would not get them unless you wanted them, but how did you persuade them to vote? These men had been hanging back, and you understood why they had not voted before, I suppose?—Well, Neave did not vote, because he was busy and would not lose his time.

11,094. Did he want to be paid for his time?—

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G. F. Parker.

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No, he was busy stone-dressing, and could not spare the time to come up and vote.

11,095. Half-a-sovereign, I daresay, would have overcome that scruple?—Well, he had no half-sovereign or anything else.

11,096. These two men were difficult to get up to the poll between 3 and 4 o'clock in the day. Did you understand from that that they had hung back for money?—No.

11,097. Had you seen your uncle in the interval between 1 o'clock and your going after these men?—I never saw him from the time I left him on All Saints' Green.

11,098. Who was it sent you for these men?—Do you mean between 3 and 4 o'clock?

11,099. Yes.—Not anyone.

11,100. Who suggested that you should go?—Not anyone; I knew they had not voted, and I went for them on my own responsibility.

11,101. You heard that there was money going, did you not?—No, I did not.

11,102. Had you not?—I had not heard it the whole of the day, and I did not hear until the next day that there were any cases, and then I heard some of them say that such was the case.

11,103. Then you gave no money?—No, I did not, because I could not afford it.

11,104. Did you give a little beer?—No.

11,105. Did you say that they should have some beer?—No, I never gave them anything.

11,106. Did you not say that they should have it?—No.

11,107. Did you promise them?—I did not promise them anything.

11,108. Are you sure of that?—Quite sure.

R. Wiseman.

ROBERT WISEMAN sworn and examined.

11,109. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where does your father live?—St. Martin's.

11,110. He is very ill, I believe?—He is.

11,111. On the day of the election did you hear from him that he had received a sum of money to get up voters?—I believe I heard something about it.

11,112. What time of the day was it that you heard that?—At 20 minutes past 3 or a quarter past.

11,113. That was very late in the day for such work as that, was it not?—That was the time.

11,114. I suppose your father was in a hurry to make use of it?—No doubt about that.

11,115. There was no time to be lost?—No.

11,116. And you thought he could not do better than put part of it into your hands?—He did so.

11,117. How much did he put?—25*l.*

11,118. What did you do with the 25*l.*?—I gave 5*l.* to a man of the name of White.

11,119. Where does he live?—He lived in St. Martin's.

11,120. What is he?—He is a pedestrian.

11,121. A professional pedestrian?—Yes.

11,122. What did you do with the rest of it?—Kept it, sir.

11,123. Do you mean to say that you kept the rest yourself?—Yes, there was no time to spend it. This White knew St. Martin's better than I did, and therefore he took this 5*l.* to do as he thought proper with; he went to certain places, and did what he thought proper with the 5*l.*

11,124. Do you know what places he went to?—I believe he went to the "Royal Oak," and I think he went into Mr. Clarke's.

11,125. Where is Clarke's?—A beerhouse in St. Martin's, but what he did there I am not able to say, I did not go in with him.

11,126. Did you not try to get up some men?—I stood outside.

11,127. Did you go and stand outside while he went in?—Yes.

11,128. At these two publics?—Yes.

11,129. Did you see that he got some men up?—Yes.

11,130. Do you know the names of any of the men he got up?—I do not; that is the very reason why I let him have the money, because I did not know who were voters.

11,131. You went down to see that he was active about it?—I saw him go into the house, and I saw the men go out again.

11,132. How many men did he take from that one house?—Four from the first house.

11,133. How many from the other?—I think it was three.

11,134. No more?—I believe not, there was one picked up at the corner of St. Mary's Plain, and the last four that went up to vote were too late, because there was such a crowd round the poll that they could not get up to it.

11,135. You had been active before that in the course of the day, had you not?—Yes.

11,136. Do you know a man of the name of Barber, of Baldwin's Yard, St. Martin's?—No.

11,137. Do you recollect giving 10*s.* to a man to vote?—No.

11,138. Did you not give any money to a man to vote?—Certainly not; the money I parted with was to this man White.

11,139. Do you know Nobbs, of Tooley Street?—Yes.

11,140. Did you not give him half-a-sovereign?—Certainly not.

11,141. Be sure now about that?—I am sure, sir.

11,142. Were you there when anybody gave Nobbs some money?—No.

11,143. Did you not give Nobbs any money, or see any money given to him?—Certainly not.

11,144. Nor was any money given to a man of the name of Barber?—No, I do not know the man.

11,145. Do you not recollect giving some money to Nobbs, taking out your watch, and telling him it was a quarter past 3, and he must lose no time?—Certainly not. I am quite aware of the evidence you have in front of you, it was before Baron Martin; but my words are all truth, I never spoke to the man on the day of the election, nor was I near him. Nobbs, the bricklayer, is the man you are now talking of.

11,146. It is an uncommon name you know, George Nobbs, of Tooley Street?—Yes, that is right.

11,147. Do you know Hardiment?—Yes.

11,148. Did you go into Clarke's beerhouse with him?—I don't know whether I went in with him or no, I might possibly see him there.

11,149. Did you go into Clarke's beerhouse?—Oh, yes.

11,150. How many time during the day?—Oh, perhaps two or three times.

11,151. Did not Hardiment go in with you once?—He never went in with me.

11,152. Did you see him in there?—Possibly I might, I would not swear that I did. I saw him several times in the course of the day.

11,153. Did you not see Hardiment call some voters into a back room?—No.

11,154. Did you not see Hardiment pay some money there?—No.

11,155. Did you hear him talk about money then?—No.

11,156–8. Did you not go on the box with four men in a cab from Clarke's beerhouse?—I believe I went as far as St. Mary's Plain; there was three men in, and one they took up at the corner of St. Mary's Plain.

11,159. Had not Hardiment taken these men into a back room with him?—Not that I am aware of; I did not see him.

11,160. These were the men that you say White paid?—They were the men that White paid.

11,161. You went, did you, in a cab from Clarke's beerhouse?—Yes.

11,162. Did you know that there were men down at Clarke's beerhouse who were waiting for money?—Oh, yes, everybody knew it, I should think.

11,163. How many men were there down at Clarke's beerhouse?—I should think at one time, perhaps, there might be a dozen.

11,164. And was that the case with a number of other public houses?—Well, yes, I should think it was.

11,165. Did you pay for or order some beer at Clarke's beerhouse?—Well, I believe there was such a thing as a quart or two ordered, but nothing more than that.

11,166. Surely there was a little more than a quart or two?—No, sir, not at my expense.

11,167. Do you know Morse, Mills, and Cutlock, or any one of them?—No.

11,168. Do you know a man of the name of Platfoot?—No, I do not know the names of anybody living in St. Martin's.

11,169. James Michael Platfoot?—No.

11,170. Do you know a man of the name of Colman?—No.

11,171. Do you recollect having a conversation with Platfoot on your road to the "Royal Oak"?—I do not know the name, possibly I might recognise the man.

11,172. Did you go into or to the "Royal Oak" with another man?—I do not think I went into the "Royal Oak" at all. White was in the "Royal Oak," but I do not think I went in. I think that is the house; the house next to Clarke's.

11,173. Did not a man of the name of Platfoot go with you?—No.

11,174. Was there no man who went with you to the "Royal Oak"?—Only White that I am aware of.

11,175. Did not Platfoot say to you something about a money bag?—No, I do not recollect anything of the sort.

11,176. Did no man speak to you about a money bag?—No, I do not recollect anything of the sort.

11,177. You do not know the names of the men who were too late?—No, I do not.

11,178. Would you know them if I told you them?—I should not know the names.

11,179. Do you know the "Buck"?—Well, I believe I know the "Buck," but I do not know much of it.

11,180. Were you in it that afternoon?—No; that was the morning when we were there.

11,181. Were you not there in the afternoon?—I believe not.

11,182. Did you not say to the man who was driving the cab, "There is a nest of 10 men there, "I must have the whole of them"?—Well, I do not remember making such a remark. I might possibly do so.

11,183. Did you know there were men in the "Buck"?—I do not remember anything about it at all. There were four men taken away in the morning; I do not know whether it was from the "Buck" or no.

11,184. But in the afternoon did you not go into the "Buck," and get some of the men there to vote?—In the afternoon all the money that was spent was spent by White in those two houses.

11,185. Will you undertake to swear that upon that day you gave nobody else any money?—Certainly.

11,186. Nor got anybody else to pay any money?—Not a penny.

11,187. You say there were four taken from the "Buck" in the morning?—Yes.

11,188. What did they have to vote?—Nothing at all.

11,189. Who took them away?—White.

11,190. The very same man that you gave the money to afterwards?—White was with me all day.

11,191. Did White get money elsewhere?—Not that I am aware of; I believe not.

11,192. How came White to do this unless he was paid for it?—I do not know, sir; he knew the people perfectly well by living in the ward; he knew them individually.

11,193–4. White is one of those persons who are not likely to do anything without money?—I do not know what he had for it.

11,195. Did he tell you that he was going to have some money for it?—No.

11,196. Did he tell you that he had given the men any money?—Oh, yes, of course he did.

11,197. I am speaking now of those four in the morning.—No, certainly not; there was no money to be had then.

11,198. You inquired whether there was any money to be had?—No, I did not inquire, but I had an idea that there was none then.

11,199. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You say you paid for one or two quarts of beer?—Yes.

11,200. That was for the voters, I suppose?—I do not know whether they were voters or no; they all drank out of it.

11,201. You did not drink it yourself?—Certainly not.

11,202. Did you order any beer at the other places?—I daresay I did; perhaps they had the same quantity at each of the places; there is no doubt about it.

11,203. Was there a good deal of drinking going on at the "Buck"?—I do not know. I did not stay longer at the "Buck" than anywhere else. I cannot speak to that particularly.

11,204. Do you know of anybody else receiving money at the "Buck" during the day?—I cannot speak to that, but all the people who were interested had to spend some money. I should doubt your getting out of a public house without doing it.

11,205. You had not done it?—No; I spent no money.

11,206. Do you know of any claims made by beer-sellers for beer sold in that way?—No, I do not.

11,207. Did you pledge your credit?—Certainly not.

11,208. (*Mr. Biron.*) What has become of the other 20*l.*?—I took it home along with me.

11,209. That was only for the day; what has become of it since?—I believe some of it is there now.

11,210. And the rest?—I daresay the rest I spent myself.

11,211. You did not ask your father who it belonged to?—No.

11,212–3. You gave 5*l.* to White, and held your tongue?—Oh no, he knows as much about it as I do. I told him all about it.

11,214. Did you tell him you had spent the 20*l.*?—Certainly.

11,215–6. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you tell Dr. Allen you had spent it?—No.

11,217. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you know whether your father gave money to anybody else besides you?—I do not know. I daresay he did.

11,218. Have you another brother?—No.

11,219. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter?—Yes.

11,220. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

11,221. (*Mr. Biron.*) Who else did your father give money to?—Well, I am not able to say.

11,222. Do you not know?—No.

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11,223. You have talked it over with him; you know all about it?—Possibly I might.

11,224. Well, tell it.—I believe that Mr. Green had some money.

11,225. Who is Mr. Green?—Mr. Green, the plasterer; and I think Mr. Mackley had some money, but I do not know individually who had it.

11,226. But have not you heard from your father?—I have heard him speak about this.

11,227. Anybody else?—Well, I believe there were two or three men, but I cannot remember them now. I think a Mr. Lake had some.

11,228. Did a Mr. Dowson have some?—I believe he had.

11,229. Do you know what Lake had?—No, I do not.

11,230. Do you know what Dowson had?—I do not know what any of them had.

11,231. Do not any other names suggest themselves to you?—No, they do not; if I knew any more, and they came readily to my memory, I would tell you in a moment.

11,232. Who is Lake?—Lake is a baker.

11,233. Where does he live?—Opposite St. George's Church.

11,234. Do you know what became of the 75*l.* that your father had?—No, no further than I have told you.

11,235. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know how much the people you have named had?—No, I do not.

11,236. Or, at least, have you heard?—Well, I believe one had 10*l.* and the other 5*l.* I cannot speak to what each had, but those are the amounts.

11,237. Consider whether you can recollect any other person?—Well, no, sir, just now I do not recollect any other; I believe there were some more though.

11,238. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did Keddington, the bootmaker, get any?—I do not know, he was active on the day of the election, but whether he had any or not I cannot say.

11,239. Did you see him with your father on the day of the election?—Well, I saw him in the committee room.

11,240. Who else was in the committee room when you got the 25*l.*?—Only me and father.

11,241. But just before?—I cannot say, there were several people there.

11,242. Cannot you give me any of their names?—No, I cannot. No doubt there were several of the names I have now mentioned to you there, but I cannot say that.

11,243. And you cannot call to mind anything your father has told you since except what you have told us?—That is all.

11,244. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did a man of the name of Freestone get any?—I believe not.

11,245. Do you know Freestone?—Yes.

11,246. Did you give him anything?—Certainly not.

11,247. Did you see him that day?—Yes.

11,248. Where?—Several times in St. Martin's.

11,249. What is Freestone?—A baker.

11,250. Do you know whether he gave anything to voters?—Well, I have heard so, but I do not know it.

11,251. Did he tell you so?—No.

11,252. Who told you so?—I have heard it from several different quarters.

11,253. Can you not recollect one?—It was casual talk; I cannot say who told me, but it was general talk.

11,254. Did Benfather tell you?—No.

11,255. Have you heard that he gave money to voters?—No.

11,256. Have you not heard casual talk about that?—No.

11,257. No talk at all?—I have not heard a word mentioned about Benfather; I don't know the man, though I have heard the name before.

11,258. Do you know Worledge?—Yes.

11,259. Did you see him about on the day of the election?—Yes.

11,260. Do you know of his giving money to voters?—Only what I have heard talk about it.

11,261. He did not tell you about it?—No.

11,262. Or speak to you about it?—No.

11,263. You know of nothing that he has done?—Certainly not, not the slightest.

11,264. Do you say that you know nothing about the matter except what you have told us here to day?—Certainly.

11,265. You have made a clean breast of it?—Certainly, every word I have spoken to you is the truth, I know nothing else.

11,266. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you receive instructions from anybody except your father?—No.

Adjourned to to-morrow at half-past 10 o'clock.

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Tuesday, 31st August 1869.

ELEVENTH DAY.
J. Houghton.
31 Aug. 1869.

JOHN HOUGHTON sworn and examined.

11,267. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

11,268. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

11,269. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Stracey.

11,270. You were an active supporter of Sir Henry Stracey's, were you not?—Not much.

11,271. Do you know Mr. Hulme, the chemist?—Yes, I know him quite well.

11,272. Did you see him on the afternoon of the polling day?—Yes; I saw him two or three times.

11,273. Is your brother's name William?—Yes.

11,274. Was your brother William with you when you saw Mr. Hulme?—No; I saw my brother very early that day.

11,275. When you saw Mr. Hulme on the afternoon of that day did he not give you 5*l.*?—He made a mistake if he said he did; he gave me 5*s.*, that is 4*l.* 15*s.* short of 5*l.*; that is what he gave me.

11,276. He gave you 5*s.*, you say?—Yes.

11,277. For what purpose did he give you 5*s.*?—I made a demand upon him for that 5*s.*

11,278. For what?—This was about half-past 4 or 5 o'clock.

11,279. How came you to make a demand upon him for 5*s.*?—I saw a man in the street and he said to me, "John, I should like to get enough to pay for "a day's work." I said, "What do you want?" and he said, "A crown." I said, "Very well;" and we went and had a pint of beer, which I paid for, and gave him the change.

11,280. You gave a man 5*s.* to vote, and Mr. Hulme gave you that 5*s.* back?—That is it, but I did not pay the man till half-past 5.

11,281. Do you mean on your oath to swear that

Mr. Hulme did not give you 5*l.*?—I have told you that before. I did not receive it. I never saw it.

11,282. But did you feel it?—I did not see it, nor yet feel it.

11,283. This is a very serious matter and not a fit subject for laughter, did you feel it, sir?—No.

11,284. Do you mean to swear that you had nothing but 5*s.* given you by Mr. Hulme that afternoon?—I have told you so before.

11,285. Will you take your solemn oath that you did not get 5*l.* or any sum beyond 5*s.*, from Mr. Hulme that evening?—I did not get a farthing more.

11,286. Did you see Mr. Hulme a week ago?—Yes.

11,287. What conversation had you with him then?—We had a lot of conversation, and he said just as you say about my having 5*l.*

11,288. Could you have received 5*l.* and put it in your pocket and then have forgotten it?—No, I never had it.

11,289. You had a conversation with Mr. Hulme a week ago, and he told you you had had 5*l.*?—Yes.

11,290. And what did you say to him?—I asked him when I had it.

11,291. How came you to ask Mr. Hulme when you had it?—He said that I had it and I asked him when.

11,292. How came you to ask when it was that he gave it to you?—Well, he said he had given it to me and I asked him when.

11,293. Why did you ask him that question?—I do not know; the man never gave it to me. I say that I never had 5*l.* in my pocket.

11,294. Perhaps you did not put it in your pocket; you gave it to some one else?—I never took it in my hands, nor gave it to anyone else.

11,295. Where did Mr. Hulme have this conversation with you?—I do not know. I often see him and speak to him.

11,296. Did you go to Mr. Hulme a week ago?—I do not recollect it.

11,297. But you recollect having a conversation with him, in the course of which you asked him when he gave the money to you?—Yes, I asked him.

11,298. Did you not go to him for the purpose of having that conversation?—I did not go to him for that conversation at all.

11,299. You swore just now that you asked him when he gave you the 5*l.*?—He said he gave it to me and I asked him when.

11,300. How came you to speak to Mr. Hulme about 5*l.*?—I never spoke to him about 5*l.* not till yesterday, when I saw my name stuck in print for 5*l.*

11,301. But you said that Mr. Hulme said you had had 5*l.*, and upon his saying that, you asked him when he gave it to you?—I did ask him that when he said I had had it. I said, "When had I it, I never had it "in my life."

11,302. The question was not then whether you had got it, but when you had got it?—I never had it.

11,303. How came you to swear just now that you never knew anything about his giving you 5*l.* until you read it in the papers?—I say so now; that man never gave me 5*l.*

11,304. You swore just now that you knew nothing about 5*l.* until you read it in the paper yesterday; how then came you to go to Mr. Hulme a week ago and ask him when he gave it to you?—I say I never had it.

11,305. (*Mr. Biron.*) You may say that as long as you like, but you must answer the question that is put to you?—Do you wish me to stand here and swear that I had 5*l.* when I had only 5*s.*? I never had 5*l.*

11,306. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You swore just now that you never knew anything about this 5*l.* until you read it in the paper yesterday, and I ask how came you to go a week ago to Mr. Hulme and ask him when he gave you the 5*l.*?—I never went to him to ask him that question; it was Mr. Hulme asked me about this 5*l.* and I asked him when he gave it me.

11,307. Then you had heard about the 5*l.*?—Never till then, about a week ago.

11,308. Did you not go to his house and ask him when it was that he gave you the 5*l.*?—No; he asked me about the 5*l.*

11,309. Just tell me what you say he asked you?—He asked me whether I could give any account of the money. I said, "What money?" He said, "You "know what you had," and I said "All I had was 5*s.*" "Oh," says he, "you must say different to that; you "must say 5*l.*;" that is what he said.

11,310. And that you heard a week ago?—Yes.

11,311. Did you pay any money on that day to anybody?—Only one man.

11,312. Then did you stick to the rest of the money?—No. I never had none. I had not a farthing.

11,313. (*Mr. Biron.*) You know Mr. Hulme has sworn that you had?—He may swear what he likes. I never had it.

11,314. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you canvass for Sir Henry Stracey?—A little, and a very little.

11,315. Who did you canvass?—Only people just in our lane.

11,316. How many men did you canvass?—I do not suppose I canvassed above ten or a dozen.

11,317. Did you promise any of them money?—No.

11,318. Do you know Bishop?—No; I had nothing to do with no Bishop.

11,319. Did you canvass Bishop?—No.

11,320. Did you canvass Brooks?—No.

11,321. Did you canvass Parker?—No.

11,322. You know the men I mean?—Yes, I know them quite well.

11,323. What is Bishop's name?—I do not know; there are several Bishops living in our parish.

11,324. I am speaking of the Bishop you know?—I know two Bishops.

11,325. Did you canvass either of the Bishops?—No, neither of them.

11,326. Where do they live?—One lives in St. Swithin's Terrace, and the other lives down in what they call Eagle Yard.

11,327. Do you know Brooks?—Yes, well.

11,328. Where does he live?—By the "Hampshire Hog" yard.

11,329. And Parker?—Yes.

11,330. Where does he live?—Just by.

11,331. Did you not tell Bishop, Brooks, and Parker, or one of them, that there would be some money on the election day for them, for their votes?—No.

11,332. Will you swear that you said nothing of the sort to them?—Nothing of the sort; I did not.

11,333. Not to one of them?—Not to one of them, and I never canvassed one of them.

11,334. Did you not say it to any other man you canvassed?—No, I did not say to any other man I canvassed that there would be money. I never said no such words.

11,335. Or that they could get some money?—No.

11,336. Or anything like that?—No, nor nothing like that, for I had none, or very little indeed.

11,337. Where were you at the time of the inquiry before Mr. Baron Martin?—At Stalham.

11,338. How far is that from here?—About 14 miles.

11,339. Did you go there for the benefit of your health?—Sometimes I do. I shall go out now for a week as soon as you have done with me.

11,340. Do you mean to say that you went there for your health?—I went because I was asked to go.

11,341. By whom were you asked to go?—By my brother.

11,342. Does your brother live there?—No.

11,343. You both went together, did you?—Yes.

11,344. What did you do when you got there?—Nothing; walked about.

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11,345. How do you get your living?—I am a dyer by business.

11,346. You were at this place for a fortnight?—I think it was rather more.

11,347. You were there during the whole of the inquiry?—Yes, I think so.

11,348. And you returned immediately after it was over?—A day or two afterwards I think I did, but I could not say to a day.

11,349. How came it that you went away during that time?—I could not tell you.

11,350. Do you mean to swear that you do not know why you went away?—Because my brother wished me to go.

11,351. Why did he wish you to go?—I do not know.

11,352. Do you mean to say that you went away a distance of 14 miles because your brother wished you to do so, without any reason being stated for it?—He had a reason.

11,353. What was his reason?—To get me out of the way of the inquiry.

11,354. And why did you wish to get out of the way of the inquiry?—I had no particular wish myself. I was wished to go, that is all.

11,355. But why did you wish to get out of the way of the inquiry?—My brother wished me to go.

11,356. Why did he wish you to go?—I do not know.

11,357. Do you mean to tell me that you have not the slightest notion why he wished you to go?—I had no object in going; it was a very slow time with me.

11,358. You told me just now that you went away because your brother wished you to go?—Quite right.

11,359. But you say you do not know why your brother wished you to go?—He wished me to go because I should be out of the way of the inquiry.

11,360. Why did he wish you to be out of the way of the inquiry?—I do not know.

11,361. If you had received 5*l.* to bribe voters with there was good reason why your brother should wish you to be out of the way; was not that the reason?—No, I never had the money.

11,362. Had you the promise of 5*l.*?—No.

11,363. You received no more than 5*s.*?—No more than 5*s.*

11,364. And you cannot give us any reason why your brother should want you to get out of the way?—No, I cannot tell you, no otherwise than that he said, "John," says he, "you had better get out of this inquiry," and I thought it might answer my purpose; and I put my bills and circulars about, which I often do when I go from country to country.

11,365. You have been on your oath all this time?—I know it.

11,366. Do you mean now, upon your oath, after these questions have been put to you in this court, to tell the people here that you did not receive anything more than 5*s.* from Mr. Hulme?—I have said so many times.

11,367. I caution you?—I am much obliged to you for your caution. All I have to say is that I never had any more.

11,368. Who paid your expenses when you went away?—My brother paid most of them.

11,369. How came your brother to pay most of the expenses?—Because the money, I believe, was given to him for that purpose.

11,370. Who gave the money to him?—Mr. Dawson.

11,371. When did he give him money for the purpose of getting you out of the way?—That I do not know. Yes, I do, stop, he gave it to me on the Saturday morning.

11,372. When did you go away?—On the Saturday.

11,373. Then they came and got you out of the way on the Saturday afternoon?—Yes; it was the forenoon, I think, when I went away.

11,374. Had you ever been away before for the same length of time walking about?—I often go out for a week and more, especially if it is wet.

11,375. Had you been away before for the same length of time?—No, I am not aware that I have.

11,376. Perhaps you never had the same cause for going away before?—No, not such a cause as that.

11,377. Did you read the evidence that was given in the paper last night?—Yes.

11,378. Who called your attention to it?—A man in the street.

11,379. Who was that man?—That I could not say. I do not know his name. I should know the man if I saw him. I saw him here a little while ago.

11,380. Did you see him in the court here?—Yes.

11,381. Who came to you before that?—No one.

11,382. Did nobody speak to you about it before that?—No; that was the first man that spoke to me about it, and he told me that he had heard my name called over in court.

11,383. Did you see Mr. Hulme last night?—Yes; I went and asked him what authority he had to do what he had done.

11,384. Mr. Hulme said that you had had the 5*l.*, did he not?—Mr. Hulme did not tell me so.

11,385. Do you mean to tell us that he did not say you had had the 5*l.*?—No, certainly not. I said he had no business to do such a thing.

11,386. When Mr. Hulme gave you the 5*s.* was anybody present?—No, I do not think there was.

11,387. Where was it that he gave you the 5*s.*?—At the "Three Pigeons."

11,388. At what time in the day?—I should think it was about a quarter or 20 minutes after 4, or it might be half past.

11,389. Was it not 20 minutes after 3?—No, it was after 4.

11,390. Did you take up any men to poll?—Only one.

11,391. Where did you take him from?—He was just by in the street; he had been carrying a board.

11,392. Where did you take him from?—Just by the door of the "Pigeons."

11,393. Did you take nobody from the "Pigeons" that afternoon?—No.

11,394. Was that the only person you went up with to the poll that afternoon?—That is the only one.

11,395. Will you undertake to swear that you did not go up with several men to the poll in the afternoon?—I will swear that I did not; he was the only man I walked with to the poll.

11,396. How came you to apply to Mr. Hulme for 5*s.*?—Because I saw he was chairman; I saw him sitting with a book, and I reckoned him to be chairman.

11,397. Did you go into the room then and ask him for 5*s.*, because he was secretary to the committee?—I told him that I had given a man 5*s.* or had promised him 5*s.* and I wanted it, and he gave me the 5*s.*, and we went and had a glass of ale together, and I gave the man the change.

11,398. You went into the committee room and got 5*s.* from Mr. Hulme saying that you had paid it for the purpose of bribing a voter?—Quite right.

11,399. How did it happen that being an active man at the election, you did not give a few other men 5*s.*?—I do not know; I had no money so I could not give it to them.

11,400. If you had no money how could you give that man the 5*s.* which you say was not paid to you till afterwards?—I suppose I had left sometimes half a crown or a crown of my own in my pocket.

11,401. But where did you get the 5*s.* that you gave to this particular man?—I had that 5*s.* in my pocket and more. I had 7*s.* or 8*s.* in my pocket.

11,402. Who was the man to whom you gave the 5*s.*?—His name is John Crotch.

11,403. Where does he live?—He lives somewhere in St. Swithin's or St. Margaret's, I do not know which.

11,404. What time in the day did you give it to him?—I gave it to him about five minutes before four.

11,405. You did not hand over any more coin to any other man about that time, did you?—No.

11,406. Only to the man you took to the poll?—Yes.

11,407. Meeting Crotch outside the "Pigeons" at about 10 minutes to four, you gave him 5*s.* for his vote?—He said he wanted a day's work and I gave it to him.

11,408. How came you unless you were provided with funds to enable you to do it, to be giving him 5*s.*?—Because I had two or three little bets about it.

11,409. How did it happen you did this 10 minutes to 4 o'clock, and that you never did it before?—I had never done anything of that sort before.

11,410. (*Mr. Biron.*) Had you a bet with Mr. Hulme about it, or with whom did you bet?—I took one of Mr. Daynes.

11,411. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What was the bet?—He laid me 10*s.* to 2*s.* they would return Russell and Tillett.

11,412. What time in the day did you make that bet?—It was made a week before, and the money was drawn on the Saturday after.

11,413. What other bets had you besides that?—I am sure I cannot tell you. I had 1*s.* and I had 2*s.* on.

11,414. You won your bet you know?—Yes, I did.

11,415. And were you paid?—Yes.

11,416. You knew the men to go to, to get paid?—Yes.

11,417. Can you not tell me who it was?—Yes; Mr. Rix was stakeholder for Daynes' money.

11,418. Who was the man with whom you made the other bet?—I do not know; he was in the "Pigeons" on the day in question, and I laid a shilling along with a young man named Hall who lives somewhere in Union Place.

11,419. What was the bet?—He laid an even shilling that they elected Russell and Tillett, and I took that bet.

11,420. What time in the day was it that you took that bet?—I suppose that bet was made a week before.

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11,421. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you been in court this morning?—I was in about a minute and Mr. Gorcham ordered me out.

11,422. Have you heard your brother examined?—Yes; a few words.

11,423. Are you a voter?—Yes.

11,424. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

11,425. Where do you live?—At Lower Westwick, St. Swithin's.

11,426. Do you recollect taking up voters?—Yes.

11,427. How many of them?—Four or five.

11,428. What did you promise them?—What did I give them? I give two of them 5*s.* each; two of them half a sovereign each; at least I did not give it to the men. I gave it to the women.

11,429. Can you give us the names of any persons to whom you gave it?—John Kennington, Abel, ——the other name has loosed my memory.

11,430. What were the names of the women?—Mrs. Beckett and Mrs. Bygrave.

11,431. Where do they live?—St. Margaret's. The three men live in St. Swithin's, Church Alley.

11,432. What time in the day was it that you got these men up?—Just before four. I never saw the two men what I asked; the women all got them up.

11,433. You know they voted?—Yes, I know they voted.

11,434. You did not pay the money till you knew that?—Yes, I did.

11,435. You trusted what the ladies said to you?—That they would ask their husbands to vote—yes.

11,436. Did you know those people before?—Yes, years back.

11,437. At elections?—Yes.

11,438. Did you know that they were waiting to get a day's wages?—One was only just up, and one had not been home all the day, because one of them, Bygrave, is a watchman.

11,439. Had you ever canvassed them before?—No, I don't know that ever I did.

11,440. What is Bygrave's christian name?—William Bygrave.

11,441. What other people did you take up during this day?—Oh, I and Mr. Hart, we went to the workhouse with a cab, and got one up; and we went and got two more people up out of St. Margaret's that could not walk, we had to take a cab for them.

11,442. Who were they?—Mr. Leman was one, and I think Mr. Turner was the other, up in the Lord Howe yard. I think that is his name.

11,443. At what time was this?—Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

11,444. Did you see Mr. Hart give anything to those voters?—Not a halfpenny I did not, and I did not see Mr. Hart.

11,445. Did you make any promise?—No. The women asked us for something to drink. I said I had got nothing to give away; so did Mr. Hart.

11,446. How soon in the day was it that you had something to give away?—A quarter past 3.

11,447. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Hulme.

11,448. How much did he give you?—Thirty shillings; three half-sovereigns first of all.

11,449. After that, how much?—Half a sovereign when I went back.

11,450. How much after that?—Nothing.

11,451. Has he given you anything since that day?—Two halfcrowns separately.

11,452. When was that?—A week or two after the election.

11,453. What is the whole amount that you received from Hulme?—The whole amount I received from Hulme was 2*l.* that day, and two halfcrowns since. I have had a glass of ale with him at different times.

11,454. Is that all the cash that you received from Mr. Hulme?—That is all.

11,455. Does he owe you anything now?—No, I don't reckon he owes me anything.

11,456. How much did you spend out of the money that was handed over to you by Hulme?—1*l.* 15*s.*, and I spent the other in drink.

11,457. For yourself and the voters?—The voters had some, and I had, and other people had it as well as me. I did not put it in my pocket.

11,458. What was your brother doing on that day?—I don't think I scarcely spoke to my brother the whole day; I know I did not.

11,459. You do not know much of your brother, do you?—No, I never scarcely spoke to my brother the whole day of the election.

11,460. At other times do you see much of him?—I cannot help seeing him; his dye offices is in the yard where I live. Of course I must see him. He comes to my house, and he is very good to my children, as far as that goes, always nursing them and so on.

11,461. Do you recollect him stopping at Stalham at the time of the election inquiry?—Yes, quite well. We did not stop there all the time.

11,462. Where did you go to?—To East Rosson, and stopped at his brother-in-law's.

11,463. Where else?—We took a walk to Aylesbury and thereabouts.

11,464. You did not come to Norwich during the inquiry?—No, we did not want.

11,465. You knew very well that your brother did not want?—No, he did not want. We done very

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well; we drunk very well, and ate very well, and slept very well.

11,466. Who paid so well for it?—I paid part of it myself. His brother-in-law paid the chief of it.

11,467. Where did it come from?—We had not much money.

11,468. Where did the money come from?—I mean to tell you the truth. You want to hear the truth?

11,469. Yes?—Mr. Dawson gave us *5l.* to start with, then he sent us *2l.* more; Mr. Samuel Dawson. Then after we came home, after being away 19 days, he treated us with another sovereign. There, sir, that is the money we had.

11,470. Is that all?—Yes.

11,471. Why were you keeping out of the way?—Because they said we should get this and that done to us if we were not out of the way. Mr. Hulme was the man who sent for me on New Year's night. I was going out to a party that night, and he sent to me to know if me and John would be so good as leave Norwich. I was just next door; I was at the party.

11,472. I suppose you thought that because you had been engaged in this bribery that you have mentioned, it was time for you to be off?—He asked me if I would leave Norwich.

11,473. You knew what his reason was?—Of course I did.

11,474. What was your brother's reason?—I cannot tell you my brother's reason; I must leave that to him. I cannot answer for him; all I can do is to answer for myself.

11,475. You knew what his reason was?—I suppose it was the same.

11,476. You knew that your brother had been putting money about?—I don't think he had much.

11,477. You knew he had some from Mr. Hulme?—Not but very little. He once told me he did not get a sovereign.

11,478. Cannot you tell me how much he got?—I never saw him on the day of the election.

11,479. But afterwards you saw him?—He was a man that never told me anything what he did.

11,480. He is a very discreet man?—That I assure you.

11,481. He never talked to you about the election after you got to Stalham?—We never talked about the election; we had something else to pass away our time.

11,482. Do you mean to tell me you never knew what your brother did on the day of the election?—Upon my oath I never knew what he did.

11,483. Do you know whether he got any money from anybody to put about that day?—I heard that he got a little money from Mr. Hulme.

11,484. How much did he say it was?—He never told me.

11,485. Are you sure he did not get *5l.*?—No; if he did he is a story teller. He always told me that he never got a pound; he said he had got but a very few shillings.

11,486. How many?—I will be on my oath, he never told me. He said he never got a pound.

11,487. Did you ever tell him what money you got?—No; and he never heard what I got till this minute.

11,488. You never told anybody?—Not a soul, though Mr. Hulme wanted me to come and swear that I got *5l.*

11,489. When did Mr. Hulme see you?—Yesterday.

11,490. What passed between you?—He and I went to have a glass of ale together.

11,491. Where?—Nearly opposite what they call the old workhouse.

11,492. Did he call you in, or did you speak to him?—I was going past, and he stopped me.

11,493. Was anybody else there?—Yes, there come a man in with an order to attend here directly.

11,494. Did he stop in the room?—No, he give me a paper and out he went.

11,495. What did Mr. Hulme say?—He said, "Have a glass of ale with me?" I said, "I don't "care if I do." He says; "you know what I told "you to say, you and your brother John, you say you "had *5l.* of me and likewise your brother John; and "do you see John and tell him;" but I never see John to tell him any such thing, because I would not breathe it to him; that I can assure you. I was not coming to tell you I had got *5l.* when I only got *2l.*; and I laid it out.

11,496. Did you tell Hulme you would not tell your brother?—No.

11,497. You knew that your brother afterwards went to Hulme?—Yes, because my brother told me so.

11,498. When?—This morning.

11,499. You have been talking to your brother this morning about this matter?—Of course we had the little affair over.

11,500. You agreed upon what sums you were to tell us that you had received?—No, I never agreed upon anything. I told him I would tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

11,501. You have never told anybody what you had received?—Not to a soul. I was going to tell Mr. Hulme how I laid out the *2l.* that he gave me, but he said he did not want to hear anything about it.

11,502. When was that conversation?—Just after the election.

11,503–4. How came you at this election in the first instance to see Mr. Hulme?—We have always seen one another for many years past at elections.

11,505. You have acted for him?—I generally do run about for him.

11,506. You put a little money about?—No.

11,507. You know you have?—No.

11,508. Will you swear you have not put any money about at the elections at Norwich before?—I won't swear such a thing as that.

11,509. Will you swear that Mr. Hulme has not given you money at former elections?—I won't swear that.

11,510. How much has he ever given you?—I cannot recollect. I am no scholar. I cannot put anything down.

11,511. You have acted for him more than once before?—Yes.

11,512. He has had the greatest possible confidence in you?—I don't know why he should not.

11,513. Did he ever doubt your word before?—No, I should say not.

11,514. Or ever quarrel with you about your account?—No.

11,515. You have generally told him how you spent the money?—If I had any money to spend.

11,516. You always satisfied him that you spent it correctly and it was all on the square?—Whatsoever I might have if I had any of his money.

11,517. This time there is a difference between you as to the amount?—I received three half-sovereigns first and then half a sovereign. He told me to say I had got *5l.*

11,518. Will you swear that you had not *5l.*?—Yes. Upon my oath I had not.

11,519. Did you get nothing for yourself out of the transaction?—I never had a halfpenny in my life, not for voting.

11,520. When this money was first given you, did you go to him for it, or did he send for you?—I was there in the room. He called me on one side and gave it to me.

11,521. Who was present in the room?—There was a lot of people present, but they did not see nothing of that because we went just outside the door.

11,522. Who were the people present?—I cannot tell you; there was a lot.

11,523. You had been acting for that party?—I had been out and in the room the whole day.

11,524. You cannot remember who was there?—I cannot tell you.

11,525. Try and remember?—There is so many goes and comes it is impossible for me to remember. It is no use my telling you a story. I cannot recollect.

11,526. You cannot call them to mind?—No; the room was partly crowded. I am sure I cannot tell you; a lot of strangers, one and another.

11,527. Did you get money from anybody else except Mr. Hulme?—No.

11,528. Not on this or any other occasion?—No.

11,529. When was the first time that you heard Mr. Hulme had said that he had given you *5l.*?—I never heard nothing said about it till Mr. Hulme told me to say so himself.

11,530. When was that?—About a fortnight back; somewhere about a fortnight since.

11,531. What led you to go to Mr. Hulme a fortnight ago?—I see him when I go past. If he is standing in the door and that like, he asks me to go and take a glass of ale with him, and I go and take a glass with him.

11,532. It is a fortnight ago since he first spoke to you about the *5l.*?—Yes.

11,533. Did you mention that to anybody?—No; it wern't likely, not till last night, and then I told a gentleman of it in the market place.

11,534. Whom did you tell in the market place?—Mr. Greene; and he is now in court I see.

11,535. Do you know what time it was that it was first mentioned to Mr. Hulme about your brother?—No.

11,536. Are you certain of that?—I did not know what my brother was going to say not till Mr. Hulme told me yesterday. He told me that me and my brother was going to say that we had *5l.* each; but I had no faith in it, not that I was going to say it.

11,537. The first conversation was about a fortnight ago with you?—Yes, he requested me to say that I had *5l.*, what I never had.

11,538. The next conversation was last night?——About 1 o'clock yesterday, the same time he was sent for to come into this court.

11,539. Did you see your brother yesterday?—Yes, several times.

11,540. At what time?—Yesterday morning I saw him before breakfast.

11,541. What other time?—After breakfast. I saw him several times during the day.

11,542. Did you see him about 1 o'clock?—No, I don't recollect seeing him about 1 o'clock. I saw him yesterday, last night when he came to lock up his place, take his things, and so on.

11,543. Did your brother come to your place yesterday to see you?—Yes, he did come down, but I was not there not at the time he did come there, but I was there before he went away, and I was there when Mr. Goreham came and brought the order to come up here.

11,544. Your brother was there then?—He was there then.

11,545. At what time in the day was that?—Half-past 3.

11,546. Then you had seen Mr. Hulme at 1 and had a conversation with your brother at half-past 3, and you had another conversation with Mr. Hulme in the evening?—I had another conversation with my brother.

11,547. What did he say to you?—He said, "You want to see me," I said, "No, I don't want to see you, I only asked if you were there as I come past." That is all the conversation we had.

11,548. In the evening you saw Mr. Hulme again?—Yes, and I went and treated him with a pint or two of beer.

11,549. You still stuck to the same story about the money?—I never mentioned the money at all.

11,550. Not in the evening?—No, I never breathed it.

11,551. Did you breathe nothing about what you were going to say here to-day?—No, I don't recollect breathing such a thing as that. If he brought it up to me I told him I did not want to hear nothing at all about it. I told him so again and again, lots of times, when he brought it up. I said I did not want to hear nothing about it. That is the way I talked to him about it. He and I have had the greatest falling out two brothers could have. I never would have no conversation with him about it.

11,552. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You have been concerned in other elections, have not you?—Oh yes, a little.

11,553. About how much money did you have at the former election?—I cannot tell you.

11,554. One hundred pounds?—No.

11,555. Twenty pounds?—Nor 20*l.*

11,556. Ten pounds?—I have had as much as 10*l.*

11,557. At which election had you as much as 10*l.*?—1865; Waters', I think it was.

11,558. What had you at the election before?—None at all.

11,559. You can recollect that?—Yes, I recollect that.

11,560. What did you do with the 10*l.* at the former election?—I laid *5l.* of it out and gave *5l.* of it to Mr. Hulme back again.

11,561. When?—The same day, the election day, directly we found that we had lost the election.

11,562. You lost that election?—Yes; directly Mr. Waters was no use the election was turned up.

11,563. Upon what did you spend the *5l.*? How many men did you bribe?—I gave that to one man.

11,564. Who was that man?—Mr. Jarvis in Pottergate Street.

11,565. Was that the only man you spoke to about money or gave money to?—Yes.

11,566. How came you to give him *5l.*?—Because he said Mr. Hulme promised him *5l.*, and he sent it up to me.

11,567. What did he send the other *5l.* for?—To go and give it to another man. I could not find the other man.

11,568. That is how you came to return the *5l.*?—That is why I returned the *5l.*

11,569. You say that Mr. Hulme gave you two sums on the day of the election?—Yes.

11,570. At what time in the afternoon did he give you the first sum, the 30*s.*?—At a quarter past 3, or half-past 3 it might be.

11,571. At what time did he give you the second sum of 10*s.*?—I dare say a little more than a quarter to 4.

11,572. What did you do with the money?—Went and got three men up to vote.

11,573. Where did you pick up the three men?—In St. Swithin's Church Alley.

11,574. Did you see any other men in St. Swithin's Church Alley?—I think I did.

11,575. Whom else did you see there?—I think two or three men. I cannot tell you now. I know I see some men there. I am sure I cannot tell you.

11,576. Had you given or promised no money to anybody else?—I went and offered a man *5s.* and he would not take it.

11,577. Who was that man?—Sam Holl, a freeman.

11,578. Where does he live?—In the Church Alley.

11,579. That was after you had paid the three men in the Church Alley?—Yes.

11,580. And before you had got the other 10*s.*?—No, that was after I had got the 10*s.*

11,581. You did not get the 10*s.* till just before 4?—That was just before 4, because they were the last men that voted and the books were closed as soon as they had voted. That you will find.

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11,582. Did you take up any more men besides the three men that you have mentioned, and the other man?—The last man, Mr. Holl, would not go and vote.

11,583. The man to whom you offered the 5*s.* was a grocer was he not?—He was a shoemaker. They were all shoemakers I think.

11,584. What time do you say you offered the man 5*s.*?—Just before 4; there was just time to vote.

11,585. You did get another man to vote?—Yes, I got three.

11,586. Yes, but afterwards?—No, I never got another man after that.

11,587. Then for what reason did you go for the 10*s.*?—Because I had not enough money. I gave the first two half-sovereigns to two women. Do you understand me?

11,588. Yes. What next?—Then I went up and see them men come up, and then I went up and see Mr. Hulme again and he gave me another half-sovereign.

11,589. You went away just before the election inquiry?—Yes.

11,590. And your brother went with you, did not he?—Yes.

11,591. Did you remain away together from the time you went away till you returned?—Yes.

11,592. Who persuaded your brother to go?—Well, I believe I did. I told him Mr. Hulme had been after me, and he wished us to leave Norwich for a time till after the inquiry.

11,593. Did you tell him why Mr. Hulme wished you to leave Norwich?—No, I did not tell him why, because he knew what was meant.

11,594. How did you know that?—I left that to him.

11,595. But you were going to convey to him the message of Mr. Hulme and to persuade him to leave Norwich?—No, I did not persuade him to leave.

11,596. You did not persuade him?—No. I told him what Mr. Hulme had been and said on New Year's night. He said, "Very well," and the next morning I had a man come down to my works, saying I was wanted up at the "Bull," at the Market Place.

11,597. Then you did not persuade him to leave Norwich?—No, I did not persuade him.

11,598. Did not you ask him why Mr. Hulme wanted him to leave Norwich?—I did not know nothing at all what he had done with Mr. Hulme.

11,599. You were going to arrange with him to go away from Norwich?—Yes.

11,600. Do you mean to say that you never asked your brother why Mr. Hulme wanted him to leave Norwich?—I judged what that was for.

11,601. Do you mean to say that you did not talk the matter over with you own brother?—Those are all the words we talked.

11,602. Was that all that was said during the whole of the time that you were away during the election inquiry?—I do not recollect talking about the election affair but very little indeed.

11,603. Did not your own brother tell you what money he had had?—No.

11,604. Did not you ask him?—No, and never thought of such a thing.

11,605. Having yourself received money what would prevent you from asking your brother what he had received?—Because if he had asked me I should not have told him, and I did not want him to tell me.

11,606. Why did you scruple to tell your own brother that?—I am not so wrapped up in my own brother as all that. I don't want him to know my private affairs. What I do I do myself. I don't want my own brother to interfere with it.

11,607. Do you mean to say you would not speak to your own brother about the money you had received?—No, I should not.

11,608. You cannot trust him?—I would not speak to him about any such thing.

11,609. You cannot trust even your own brother?—I would not tell him. What I would not ask him to tell me, I would not tell him.

11,610. Would not your own brother trust you?—I don't know; I never asked him the question.

11,611. You knew Mr. Hulme said that?—Mr. Hulme told me yesterday that I had 5*l.* and I knew I had not.

11,612. When you were talking with your own brother yesterday, and you knew it was alleged that he had had 5*l.* and he said he had not had 20 shillings, do you mean to swear you did not say to him, "How "much had you"?—Not till last night; never before.

11,613. Did you not ask before, when he told you that?—He never told me that, not till last night.

11,614. (*Mr. Biron.*) We are talking of last night?—He told me how he had been to Mr. Hulme and given him a blowing up.

11,615. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) My question was, When your brother told you that he had not received a pound from Mr. Hulme, how came it that you did not ask him how much he did receive?—I would not do it.

11,616. When it was talked about all over the place?—I would not ask him that. He never told me.

11,617. Did not you ask him yesterday?—No; I was not going to ask him such a thing as that, because if he had asked me a question like that I would not have answered him.

11,618. What time last night was it?—When we were having a glass of ale.

11,619. You think he would not have told you the truth?—He would have told me to mind my own business, the same as I would have told him.

11,620. What time did you see him last night?—Nine or 10 o'clock.

11,621. You had read in the paper what had occurred here?—I had not. I cannot read at all.

11,622. Had anybody read it to you?—Yes.

11,623. And you have talked over this very same thing this morning?—Yes, I think we have.

11,624. You and your brother?—I believe we have.

11,625. Did your brother never tell you this morning what he received?—No, nor I never asked him. I should not ask him.

11,626. You were discussing whether he had received 5*l.* Do you mean to say that your brother never told you what he had actually received?—My brother said he had not received a pound; never.

11,627. That is all he told you?—That is all he told me.

11,628. Who was it that read the paper to you?—Oh, lots of people.

11,629. Just mention one of the lot?—My son read it to me.

11,630. Who else?—Mr. Cotton, where I go and get a glass of ale in the evening. He read it to me. I took every night's sheet last week, so I have done the whole way throughout.

11,631. You say you went some time ago and spoke to Mr. Hulme about this?—I never went at all, only as I have been going past, Mr. Hulme has called me in when he has been standing at the door, and asked me to have a glass of ale.

11,632. A fortnight ago Mr. Hulme did speak to you about the matter?—About a fortnight back about the money?

11,633. Yes?—Yes, about my saying I had received 5*l.* what I never had.

11,634. How did the conversation begin?—He says, says he, "You know when this inquiry takes place "you and your brother will be examined. Your "brother is going to say that he received 5*l.* and you "will have to say the same."

11,635. "Your brother is going to say that he "received 5*l.* and you will say the same?"—Yes, that kind of thing stunned me. I made him no answer.

11,636. "Your brother is going to say that he had 5*l.*" Is that what he said?—Yes.

11,637. "And you will say the same"?—Yes, this is what Mr. Hulme told me.

11,638. You saw your brother constantly about this time?—I never brought it up to him that day; two or three days after, perhaps.

11,639. When you were told that your brother was going to say that he had received 5*l.* and that you had to say the same, did you never speak to your brother about it?—Yes.

11,640. When did you speak to your brother about it?—Three or four days after; I cannot say when.

11,641. What did you say to your brother then?—I said, "How much money had you from Mr. "Hulme"? Just in this way I put it. "You are "going to say you received 5*l.*" He says, "Oh, am "I? but I aren't going to say no such thing." "Of "course," says I, "I am going to speak the truth, if "I am called up, and nothing but the truth."

11,642. You swore some time ago that until last night you never asked your brother how much money he had received?—That is the way I put it. (*The shorthand writer reads a passage from the notes.*)

11,643. You know over and over again I asked you whether you had not asked your brother "How much money did you receive from Mr. Hulme," and you swore that until last night you never asked him?—Nothing till last night in the way that I put it to you. I did not recollect that not till this minute.

11,644. Then that is all your brother said?—Yes; that is all he said to me.

11,645. Did you see Mr. Hulme after that?—I saw him yesterday.

11,646. Before yesterday I mean. You had seen your brother; he told you he had not received 5*l.* Now, between a fortnight ago and yesterday did you go to Mr. Hulme?—No.

11,647. How came you, having been told that your brother was not going to state that, not immediately to go to Mr. Hulme and say, "My brother never "received 5*l.* He never received so much as a "pound"?—I did not trouble a halfpenny about it. I was not going to interfere with it.

11,648. Although you knew that you were coming here as a witness?—Though I knew I was coming here as a witness. I was not going to dirty my fingers about it.

11,649. (*Mr. Biron.*) But he was asking you to commit perjury?—I was not going to see Mr. Hulme.

11,650. If your story was correct Mr. Hulme was asking you to commit perjury?—My story is correct.

11,651. Then he was asking you to commit perjury?—Yes. I am aware of that. He told me I was to say I had 5*l.*

11,652. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) He told you he was going to say you had received 5*l.*?—No; I thought I was to say that.

11,653. You knew last night that he had sworn it?—Yes.

11,654. Mr. Cotton or some one read out his evidence that he swore you had received 5*l.*?—Yes.

11,655. What did you say?—That it was a big story, and I should contradict it.

11,656. That did rouse you then. Why did not you say that to Mr. Hulme?—After he said that I was not going back.

11,657. He was inviting you to lie, a fortnight ago. Why did you not contradict him then?—I can please my own self about that. I come here to speak the truth.

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J. T. Todd.

11,658. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I believe you are a clerk in Messrs. Harvey's bank?—I am.

11,659. Do you recollect on the day of the election changing a cheque for Mr. Webster?—Perfectly well.

11,660. What was the amount of that cheque?—200*l.*

11,661. Was that on his own account?—Yes.

11,662. And was it debited to his account?—Yes.

11,663. In what money did you give him the change?—In half sovereigns.

11,664. In what state were they, loose?—No; they were in two bags, 100*l.* in each.

11,665. Did you get them from your cashier?—Yes.

11,666. I do not know that I ever had 100*l.* in half sovereigns in a bag? Do they feel like peas?—Not very much; peas would be so light.

11,667. How much would the bags weigh?—It would require a little calculation to say; about 3½ lbs. I should think.

11,668. Each package?—I could not tell without calculating it, but certainly they would weigh more than 2 or 3 lbs.

11,669. That would be rather a large sample of peas?—I should imagine so.

11,670. Are you a voter?—No.

11,671. What was the hour in the day when you changed this cheque?—About 2 o'clock.

JOHN HUGHES HULME recalled and further examined.

J. H. Hulme.

11,672. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told us yesterday that on getting rid of the money you gave a man named John Houghton 5*l.* and another man named William Houghton 5*l.*?—Yes.

11,673. Where was John Houghton when you gave him the 5*l.*?—I should think at the "Pigeons." I think all this took place at the "Pigeons."

11,674. Are those the two Houghtons (*pointing to the two men*)?—Yes.

11,675. Was anybody present when you gave the 5*l.* to John Houghton?—No, I think not; we do not often give money in the presence of a third person.

11,675. Was anybody there or not?—No, I think not.

11,676. Was anybody present when you gave the 5*l.* to the other man?—No, I do not think anybody else was present.

11,677. In what coin did you give them the money?—In half sovereigns.

11,678. All that the men had, then, was in half sovereigns?—Yes; I had sovereigns of my own in my pocket, but I did not give John Houghton any sovereigns.

11,679. You gave him ten half sovereigns?—Yes.

11,680. And in what coin did you give the 5*l.* to the other man?—That would be in half sovereigns too.

11,681. Did you give it all in one sum at one time, or at different times?—I think I gave it all at one time. I do not think there was time enough for him to come back and report to me. I think I saw John Houghton a second time, but I do not remember seeing William.

11,682. Did you see John a second time before the poll closed?—Yes, just before the poll closed, I know I saw him a second time.

11,683. Did you say anything to him about how he had been using the money?—No; he said he had been down to St. Swithin's and brought up some men to vote; but I did not ask him for any name.

11,684. Did he not ask you for 5*s.* that he had paid to a man for voting?—No, I do not remember anything of the sort.

11,685. Did he tell you that he had paid 5*s.* to a man named Crotch for voting?—I have heard him say since that he was afraid of Crotch; that Crotch had been and told something.

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11,687. Do I understand you to say that he did not tell you on the polling day that he had paid 5*s.* to Crotch, and that he did not ask you for that 5*s.* back again?—No.

11,688. No such conversation took place?—No such conversation took place. In fact, he had had the money, and could not ask me for it back again.

11,689. Then you did not give him 5*s.* that day in a separate sum?—No; all I gave him was in gold. I gave no silver to anyone.

11,690. Do you remember whether, when the election inquiry was proceeding, after the petition, you sent for either of those men?—I think John was the Crotch man.

11,691. What did you say to him?—I said, "If "you are afraid of him, you had better go out of the "way." He had not been served with a subpœna at that time, and the object was merely to keep him out of the way of a subpœna.

11,692. How long was this before the inquiry?—I think it was the Saturday before the inquiry that he went away. Friday night was the night that I saw him. I do not know whether I saw them both, or only one of them. I went to their brother's, who keeps a publichouse at the back of the market called "The Wounded Hart." I went to John Houghton's; he was not at home. I then went to his brother David, who keeps a publichouse, and asked him if he had seen either John or William, and he sent for them and they came—I forget whether two or one came; and I said they had better get out of the way if they were afraid of a subpœna.

11,693. Did you see them both that evening?—Yes, I think so.

11,694. Did you arrange that they should go away?—No; I sent them to Mr. Dawson on the Saturday morning. I do not know whether I saw them both, or only one of them, that evening, but I fancy I had to send down to William on the Saturday morning, to tell him to come and see me. I am not certain that I saw them both the evening before they went away.

11,695. Are you certain that John Houghton told you he was afraid of Crotch?—Yes, he said that Crotch was the only man he was afraid of.

11,696. Did he tell you that he had bribed any other man besides Crotch?—He did not give me any other name. He said that Crotch was the man he was afraid of, and that he polled him not long before the poll closed.

11,697. Did you see William Houghton about a fortnight ago?—I have seen them repeatedly, two or three times a week. They often come down to me to see if anything is going on, or anything of that sort.

11,698. But did you see him just before we came down here?—Very likely I did.

11,699. Had you then any conversation with him, or with either of them?—I daresay I had.

11,700. About a fortnight ago did you see William?—I daresay I did.

11,701. Had you any conversation with him as to what you were going to say before this court?—Certainly not, not as to what I was going to say.

11,702. Did you say anything to him about what he was to say?—I might ask him something about what he was to say; but I never told him what I was going to say.

11,703. What did you say to him?—I told him I had every reason to believe it would come out, and that therefore it would be of no use to attempt to conceal anything, and that if he had not spent all the money, he might as well say so at once; and that people would not think the worse of him, and it would be of no use to try and keep anything back.

11,704. Had you seen Mr. Secker (*the secretary to the Commission*) before you had that talk with him?—I do not know; I have seen this man so often that I cannot say. He would often come down to me in the morning and say, "Is anything going on?" and have a glass of beer, and then he would come again perhaps the next morning.

11,705. Did you say to William Houghton, "Your "brother is going to say he received 5*l.*, and you will "have to say the same?"—No.

11,706. I will repeat the question: did you say to William Houghton, "Your brother is going to say he "received 5*l.* and you will have to say the same?"—I say no, I do not think I said anything of the sort.

11,707. You do not think you said it?—I did not say it.

11,708. Might you have said, "Your brother is "going to say he received 5*l.*, and you will have to "say the same"?—I have no recollection of saying anything of the sort.

11,709. Might you have said so?—I might, but I do not think I did.

11,710. Did you not say so?—I say no; I never said, "and you must say the same."

11,711. Did you say to him, "Your brother is going to say he received 5*l.*"?—I might say that John had had 5*l.*, but I do not remember the circumstance at all. It is possible that I might have said, John had got 5*l.*, but I never said, "and you must say the same." I do not remember saying it at all, and therefore I say I did not say it.

11,712. Did you say to him, "Your brother is going to say he received 5*l.*"?—I do not remember saying anything of the sort to him.

11,713. Had you any conversation with him as to the amount his brother had received?—I do not remember it. I might have said, "Your brother had 5*l.*," but I do not remember saying it. I said to John, "How much did you have?" and he said, "I had 5*l.*"

11,714. How was it that he came to say that?—He was in my shop, and I said to him, "What was it that you had?" and he said, "I had 5*l.*"

11,715. Did you ever say to him, "You know, John, I gave you 5*l.*"?—No.

11,716. And did he then say to you, "When did I have 5*l.*"?—No, he did not.

11,717. Do you mean to say that he never said so?—I mean to say that he never said so.

11,718. Not at all?—Not at all.

11,719. Did you see either of these men yesterday?—I saw John last night.

11,720. After you had given your evidence here?—Yes.

11,721. Did he say anything to you about your evidence?—He was standing at my door just as I was going to close, and I said, "Have you got your subpœna, John?" He said, "Yes." And I said, "Then "you have nothing to do but to go and speak the "truth." He said, "Speak the truth? I never had "anything. I never had a farthing. I am not going "to say that I had." I said, "What nonsense that is, when only last week you told me you had 5*l.*" He said, "What I said to you last week and what I shall say in the witness box are two different things."

11,722. Who was there?—I fancy Mr. Penrice was there; he was reading the paper.

11,723. Who is Mr. Penrice?—A surgeon.

11,724. What time in the evening was this?—It was past 8 o'clock.

11,725. Did he say that what you had been swearing was untrue?—No, he never said anything of the sort. I said, "You had better tell all you know."

11,726. You are speaking now of John?—Yes.

11,727. Did you see William last night at all?—No, I did not see William last night, I think. No, I did not see William last night; I do not think I saw William at all last night.

11,728. Since you gave your evidence have you seen William?—No, not since I gave my evidence.

11,729. Have you seen him this morning?—I saw William in the Lobby waiting room.

11,730. Have you not seen William since you gave your evidence yesterday?—I do not remember seeing him since I gave my evidence until I saw him in the waiting room here.

11,731. Did he say, after you had given your evidence here yesterday, that you had been telling

infernal lies, or anything of that sort?—Certainly not.

11,732. You are quite clear about that?—I swear it positively.

11,733. The only one you have seen since you have given your evidence, is John?—Yes; I saw him last night at a quarter or 20 minutes past eight, just as I was about to close the door; he was looking at the people apparently going into the festival at St. Andrew's Hall. He stood talking to a young man named Mays. I said, "John, have you got your subpœna?" He said, "Yes." And I said, "Then all "you have got to do is to speak the truth; if you did "not spend the money you had better say so; the "party will not think the worse of you for it."

11,734. It is right I should tell you what these men have sworn. John has sworn that all the money that you gave him on the polling day was 5*s.*, that that is all you have ever given him; that all the money he received from you was 5*s.*, and that 5*s.* he has sworn you gave him, in consequence of his asking for it, and telling you that he had paid a man named Crotch 5*s.* to vote; knowing that is what John Houghton stated, I ask you is it true?—It is not true.

11,735. Do you, notwithstanding that, still adhere to your former statement?—I still adhere to the statement I made yesterday.

11,736. William Houghton has sworn that you gave him on the polling day in the first instance, three half sovereigns, and only three; that he then came back to you, and got a further sum of half a sovereign, and that he has told us is all that he ever got from you on that day except 5*s.*, which he got later in the day, when the poll was over; is that true?—No, that is not true.

11,737. Knowing that he has sworn that, do you still adhere to the statement that you gave him 10 half sovereigns?—I still adhere to the statement that I made yesterday.

11,738. Do these Houghtons work for Mr. Gedge?—William does; the other is his own master.

11,739. A jobbing dyer?—Yes.

11,740. Have the Houghtons, or either of them, distributed money for you at other elections?—Always.

11,741. You had some at Waters' election in 1865?—Yes.

11,742. What money did you give John at that time?—I cannot remember I am sure what I gave him now. I would not swear to any amount, because I cannot remember; votes now being 5*s.*, when then it is said they were 5*l.* I could not pretend to say how much they had.

11,743. Can you not give any idea?—No, I cannot; they are both men I have trusted, and they always have been trusted with money ever since I had anything to do with elections, and they have generally been paid for their services.

11,744. At Bury and Schneider's election, did you use them?—Yes, but there was another before when there was no money.

11,745. That is so far as you know?—So far as I know, and I think I should have known of it if there had been any.

11,746. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) When you gave these men 5*l.* apiece to do this work, did you give them any specific instructions how to lay it out?—No; I left it to their discretion, as I always do, to go and do the best they could with it.

11,747. Did they tell you afterwards how many men they had got up for it?—No, and I never asked them. I only knew about John being afraid of this man Crotch. I never knew who they got or who they tried to get.

11,748. You trusted these men and thought they would spend the money fairly?—Yes.

11,749. How had the payment on previous occasions for their services been made?—They have been paid more liberally than others. They have been paid by the day; so many days so much money; but on the last occasion there was no one paid for his services that we were aware of.

11,750. How did you expect they would get remuneration?—I expected they would get it out of the money they got. I did not expect that they would expend the whole of it. I cannot say they expended the whole of what they had before. It was only their word and mine.

11,751. But from your experience on former occasions you put confidence in them?—Yes.

11,752. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Has it been customary here to arrange about the show of hands?—I believe it has.

11,753. That has been the custom with the Conservatives as well as the Whigs?—Yes; I have not known anything about that except at the election when Sir Samuel Bignold and Mr. Lushington were candidates. I think that at that time I engaged some men to go into the Guildhall for the show of hands in the morning.

11,754. At the last election, who had the management of that affair on the part of the Conservatives?—I never heard that anyone had the management of it. I had not myself, and I do not know that anyone else had. I was not requested to furnish any men.

11,755. Do you know a man named Bowtell?—Yes.

11,756. Do you know whether he arranged the show of hands?—No.

11,757. Had he anything to do with it?—No; he kept my shop while I was attending to the election. He had nothing to do with arranging for the show of hands.

11,758. You do not know anything about it then?—No; I had nothing to do with the show of hands.

11,759. You had no discussion, if I understand you, with these men about the money they had received before you came into court, and heard the contradiction they have given to your evidence here?—No. I had no conversation with them except what I have told you as to what I said to John, and John said he had received 5*l.*

11,760. They never came and said, "If you mean "to say we each received 5*l.*, we tell you that is un-"true"?—No; certainly not.

11,761. Not even last night?—Not even last night; except that John came to me last night and said, "I did not have a penny—not a penny," knocking one hand against the other.

11,762. I understood you to say that when John came to you last night he did not say you had been stating what was untrue?—No, certainly not. He did not say that I had said an untruth; he merely said, "I had not anything," and I said, "You told me last week you had 5*l.*," and he said, "What I told you "then and what I shall tell when I get into the box "is another thing."

11,763. Did you not tell him at once, "You had "better tell the truth, it will be a falsehood and you "will be perjuring yourself"?—I did, and I said, "It will be you against me, that is all; it is much better for you to go and tell the truth."

11,764. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who asked you to take part in this election?—I was appointed at a meeting held at the "Swan," when Mr. Patteson was in the chair.

11,765. You were appointed by a resolution at the meeting?—The question was asked, I think an inhabitant of the first ward named their man, and then I think Mr. Fiske, the draper in London Street, said, "Mr. Hulme has always been our captain of the second ward," and he said, "I propose Mr. Hulme as manager of the second ward now;" it was seconded by somebody else and carried, and there was the appointment.

11,766. This gentleman knew pretty well how matters went at elections before?—No, I think not; Mr. Fiske had nothing to do with any secret matters.

11,767. That was the same meeting at which Mr. Wiseman was appointed?—Yes; Mr. Wiseman was appointed the same day. I do not know who seconded

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it. Mr. Fiske and I have been friends for more than 20 years, therefore it was chiefly on that account, and my having been manager before.

11,768. Who had appointed you before at previous elections?—I do not know who appointed me during Waters' election, it would be done by the ward, and the ward would recommend me knowing I had been active before.

11,769. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You spoke about clubs yesterday, do you know whether there is a club in the fifth ward?—Yes.

11,770. Can you tell me who is the secretary of it?—Mr. Alfred Stockings.

11,771. Do you know who were the members?—No, it is a club that I very rarely go to. I used to go to it sometimes, but some time ago we wanted to make an alteration in the clubs, and we wanted to get the Eldon club in a position to take the lead; the fifth ward rather kicked against it, and since then I have never been to the club. I should think Mr. James Lacey is a member, Mr. Sparrow, the solicitor, and Mr. Fisher, the grocer, in St. Stephen's, and several others.

11,772. Are there rules in these clubs which are drawn up—written rules?—Yes, there are rules.

11,773. And a list of members?—Yes, the secretary undoubtedly has a list of members.

11,774. If you have a meeting of the committee of the ward club, is there any record of the meeting and of the matters which were discussed?—I am not secretary of any of the ward clubs, and therefore I am not aware; the second ward club, which has only been raised within the last few months, and to which I belong, never had a committee meeting, and therefore I cannot tell you the routine.

11,775. Have there been meetings of the old clubs recently?—I do not belong to what we call the amalgamated committee; there are so many men sent out of the wards, who form a committee, which is called the Amalgamated Ward Committee, and to that committee I do not belong, for this reason, that the Eldon club does not recognise the amalgamated committee, and I being chairman of the Eldon club do not recognise it myself, and have not attended their meetings.

11,776. Can you give me the names of the members of the amalgamated committee?—I think you will get them from Mr. Dawson, because he is the secretary to it.

11,777. Did that amalgamated committee exist in November last?—Yes; there was an amalgamated committee in November last.

11,778. Before the election?—Yes; before the election.

11,779. Did you have any communication with the amalgamated committee about the time of the election?—No; I had no communication with them about the time of the election for the reason I tell you. We of the Eldon club went to Sir Henry Stracey some time about the end of July twelvemonths, to ask him if he would consent to become a candidate for the city of Norwich; Sir Henry Stracey said he should be out of town for a little while and he would consider it and let us know. He did not send an answer for some three or four weeks, and after that time I wrote to Sir Henry Stracey to ask him whether he had thought anything more about it, and he then said he thought there was some talk about Mr. Harvey coming forward, and he said if he did come forward it would be with this understanding, that there should be no illegitimate means used. He said, "Hulme, I have asked "your opinion about Norwich elections before, and "you have told me, but I tell you confidently that if "I become a candidate for Norwich there must be no "illegitimate means used to obtain the seat, if I should "be fortunate enough to gain it." Things passed off till October, when the amalgamated committee had got a heading for a requisition to Mr. Harvey. Mr. Harvey had repeatedly refused to become a candidate, and these sheets were sent out to get signatures. In the meantime we knew Mr. Harvey would not consent and people would not sign the sheets, knowing Mr. Harvey would not consent. A deputation of the Eldon club, numbering about ten, went down to Sir Henry Stracey on the Monday morning, and the meeting of the amalgamated meeting was to be on the Monday night; we went down on the Monday morning, and Sir Henry Stracey said he had talked with several of his friends, and thought he was not unpopular at Norwich, and if it was the wish of the Conservative party in Norwich that he should become a candidate, he would do so; and he wrote a letter which I took up to Sir Samuel Bignold, to say, if acceptable to the people of Norwich, he was willing to become a candidate. The amalgamated committee met at night and wanted to know about these Harvey requisitions being signed. I said it was no use, people would not sign them, and I told them then, and in fact I think I got Sir Samuel Bignold to write a letter to the chairman of the amalgamated committee Mr. Sparrow; and Mr. Sparrow read the letter from Sir Samuel Bignold; they were very indignant to think that the Eldon club should have taken upon themselves to go over to Sir Henry Stracey to solicit him as a candidate, and said they would go over the next day, and they selected so many from their body to go and see Sir Henry Stracey, and I was in the second selection; I had to go and try to find his son to know whether he would be disengaged at 4 or 5 in the afternoon to receive them. I saw Mr. Dudley Stracey and asked whether Sir Henry Stracey would be in the way, and he said he would let me know if it would not suit, but he thought it would suit very well; some eight of us, in two flys or cabs, went to Sir Henry Stracey, and then I believe Sir Henry Stracey came to Norwich, and met the heads of the party at Sir Samuel Bignold's, and from that time engaged Mr. Chittock as his agent.

11,780. The amalgamated committee were active in support of Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, I should think so, every member of it. I do not know that they acted as a committee, but every member was active in the support of him.

11,781. Was there any meeting of the amalgamated committee upon the day of election?—From that time I do not think I ever attended the amalgamated committee again; the amalgamated committee and the Eldon committee did not agree, and I stuck to the Eldon and never attended the amalgamated committee. I was appointed one of the delegates by the ward, but I never attended the meetings; I told them the two could not work together, and that I should stick to the old club, and Mr. Downs was appointed in my place, and I have not been near them since.

11,782. Are there any funds for political purposes provided by the Eldon club or by any of these clubs?—No.

11,783. What is the object of the clubs?—When the Eldon was first established, it was established for young freemen or young men, but since then it has become a different affair altogether; it has now become more of a central city club, and various gentlemen of the club are members. The object of the Eldon club is this, they are all active partizans and watch all political movements which are going on and confer together; they subscribe a small sum a week, which once a year is spent at an annual dinner.

11,784. Is there not a fund provided by those means for the furtherance of their objects?—Not one penny.

11,785. You say there is no fund for political purposes in the possession of the club itself?—No.

11,786. Do you know whether money is provided to carry out their objects by the ward clubs?—I do not know of it, but I should say not.

11,787. What is the object of a club in the ward, being of a political nature, unless it is to a certain extent to carry out its objects?—It is for the same object; it is to bring men together so that one should canvass another and try to get converts in that way; but there is no fund provided for expenditure in elections.

11,788. I suppose the mode in which a meeting of the club is convened would be decided by its rules?—A meeting of the club is convened by the secretary sending out a circular, except in the Eldon club; I generally send them all out myself.

11,789. Is there any Liberal political club in Norwich?—I believe there are some.

11,790. Anything else besides the working man's organisation?—Yes, there used to be a club over the water called the Springfield club, commonly called the "Dirty Shirt Club," because they generally met on Saturday night. I do not know how many of them there are, I never was a Liberal.

11,791. Do they work at elections in the same way?—I believe they do things better than we do. I believe they do raise a little fund when anything is going on. We never have done that.

11,792. Is that the only club of which you know on that side?—Yes, I think so. I do not speak from knowledge, only from report.

DAVID PENRICE sworn and examined.

11,793. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city?—I am.

11,794. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

11,795. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

11,796. Did you take an active part in the election?—No, no active part at all.

11,797. Did you canvass any persons?—No, I did not.

11,798. Did you take or induce any voters to go up to the poll?—No, I did not. I neither took any nor induced any to go.

11,799. Do you know of any persons having been paid money for their votes?—No, not anyone.

11,800. Or having received money?—Or having received money, not any to my knowledge.

11,801. Or having promised any money?—Or having promised any money.

11,802. Were you last night at Mr. Hulme's?—Yes, I was.

11,803. Did you see one of those two men (*pointing to the two Houghtons*)?—Really to speak the truth I did not take sufficient observation so as to speak to either of them. I do not think I have seen them before.

11,804. Do you recollect a man coming into Mr. Hulme's shop and talking to him about some money which was said to have been received by him?—I heard a man say to Mr. Hulme something about not having received any money, but I did not choose to take any heed of the conversation at all, because I did not choose to mix myself up with it.

11,805. Did he say he had not received any money?—Yes, so I understood.

11,806. That he had not received any?—Yes, that he had not received any.

11,807. What did Mr. Hulme say?—I do not know what Mr. Hulme said; I did not listen to what he did say. I went into his shop on business and not on matters connected with the election.

11,808. Nevertheless you might have heard what Mr. Hulme did say?—I did not hear what Mr. Hulme said, if I did I would state it willingly, and as I did not hear I cannot say.

11,809. You say the man said he had not received any money?—Yes, that is what I heard, but I cannot say whether it was either of these two men. I heard a man say to Mr. Hulme that he had not received any money, that is all I heard, and I did not hear the remark Mr. Hulme made to him.

11,810. Did you hear whether the man said anything about the inquiry here?—No, I did not hear any conversation with regard to that at all. I think the man was making use of very bad language.

11,811. The man was angry, was he?—Well, he appeared so, but at what I could not tell, as I said before. I do not know the man, and never saw him, and know nothing at all about what the conversation referred to, except that I heard him say he had not received any money.

11,812. You are sure he did not say any money except a certain sum?—Yes, I am quite sure. If he did say so I did not hear him.

11,813. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you hear nothing that Mr. Hulme said to him?—I did not. I did not take heed of a single word that he said.

11,814. When this man said, "I had no money," did Mr. Hulme say, "You told me yourself that you had 5*l.*"?—Mr. Hulme might have said so, but I tell you distinctly that I did not hear him say it.

11,815. I am putting this to you that it may bring it back to your mind?—I am perfectly sure I did not hear what Mr. Hulme stated or I would distinctly state it.

11,816. Did the man state what he had said last week, and what he was going to say to-morrow were two different things?—I did not hear that.

11,817. Or anything like it?—Or anything like it.

THOMAS MACKLEY sworn and examined.

11,818. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A publican.

11,819. Are you a voter in this city?—Yes.

11,820. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

11,821. Were you active at the last election on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey?—Very little of that. I was certainly knocking about on that day.

11,822. Did you receive any money from Mr. Hulme on that day?—Yes.

11,823. What did you receive?—15*l.*

11,824. Was that for the purpose of getting up voters?—Yes.

11,825. What did you do with it?—The first man I took up was Mr. Guyton, a tailor.

11,826. And what did you pay him?—10*s.*

11,827. Whom else did you take up?—Not anyone.

11,828. Did you spend any more of the money?—No, I lost it; some London prigs came down and took it out of my pocket.

11,829. Who took it out?—I cannot say.

11,830. Where was it taken out of your pocket?—I do not know.

11,831. When did you find that it had been taken out of your pocket?—When I dipped my hand and found it was not there. I found I had not any.

11,832. When was that?—On the same afternoon.

11,833. About what time of the day was it you received it?—About a quarter-past 3 o'clock.

11,834. Where did you go to?—I cannot say; I was a little bit forward in drink.

11,835. You do not know where you went to exactly?—No, I do not.

11,836. If you do not recollect where you went to exactly, how do you recollect you took up the tailor?—Directly I got the money.

11,837. If you were so forward in drink that you cannot tell where you went to, how can you tell that you took up the tailor?—I will tell you, because I had taken this money sometime before I took the tailor up.

11,838. How do you know that you took the tailor up at all?—I am sure that I took him up.

11,839. How do you know it was taken out of your pocket the same night if you were so drunk that you do not recollect where you went?—I came down about 8 or 9 in the evening and found that I had nothing.

11,840. If you were so drunk between 3 and 4

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o'clock in the day as not to recollect where you went, how was it that at 8 or 9 o'clock you were so sober as to be able to ascertain you had not got the money ?—Eight or nine at night ?

11,841. You said so just now ?—I said it was gone at 8 or 9 at night.

11,842. How can you recollect that ?—I cannot say for an hour or two. On an election day you can't tell to an hour or two.

11,843. What was the money which you got ?—Half sovereigns.

11,844. How can you recollect that ?—I recollect it when it was given to me.

11,845. Now, recollecting that it was in half sovereigns, do you mean to say you cannot tell me where you went to ?—Not after that.

11,846. Had you taken the drink before ?—Some.

11,847. Do you mean to say that you were so drunk that when Mr. Hulme gave you the money you did not know what you were about ?—No, I say I took the money off Mr. Hulme.

11,848. What I want to know is this, how came you to be so drunk immediately after you got the money from Mr. Hulme as not to be able to tell where you went ?—The excitement of the money. I really had not been used to handling so much money for a very long time.

11,849. Not having had so much money for a long time, one would naturally suppose you would take a little care of it ?—Well, that is what I ought to have done.

11,850. You cannot give me any idea of what became of you afterwards ?—No, I cannot. I can tell you a little if you wish to know.

11,851. Are you sure you have not had a little drink this morning ?—Oh yes, I have.

11,852. You must stand down, and we will postpone your examination till you are in a fit state to continue it ?—Very well, I will come again to-morrow morning.

WILLIAM HOUGHTON recalled and further examined.

W. Houghton.

11,853. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) When did you see Dawson last ?—Yesterday morning.

11,854. Did Dawson come and tell you that you must not say you had made away with that money amongst the electors ?—No.

11,855. What did he come to you about ?—He did not come to me at all, I saw him against his door.

11,856. Did you go to see him ?—No ; I never stopped. I only said just, "How do you do, Mr. Dawson ? "

11,857. That is all ?—Yes.

11,858. When did you talk to him last ?—That was about a fortnight before he saw me on the hill at the assize time. and he said, "Any time you are "passing my counting-house you may call in, as I "want to speak to you." And I said, "Do you?" and a day or two afterwards I went into his counting-house. He was not there, and as I was going down home I met him, and said, "What do you want with me ?" "Oh," says he, "you do not want to bring up my name about going away," "Oh," says I, "is that all ? Oh, very well, I am satisfied. Good morning."

11,859. Did you tell him you would not bring up his name ?—I never told him no such thing. I passed on. I would not stop to speak to him at all.

11,860. When a man suggests to you to suppress the truth, and you knew you would be here to tell the whole truth, did you not tell the man immediately I shall tell no lie about it ?—I never exchanged any conversation with him.

11,861. Why not ?—Because I did not think he was worth talking to.

11,862. It was so immaterial a matter that you did not think it was worth any conversation ?—I did not think he was worth anybody's talking to. If a man promises a thing and does not do it, he is not worth talking to.

11,863. What did he promise you ?—He promised me 10*l.*, and likewise my brother was to have 10*l.*, and he never performed his promise, and I thought he was not worth talking to after that.

11,864. Is that what he had promised you to go away ?—Yes, 10*l.* each.

11,865. To say nothing about what had happened ?—Yes.

11,866. You agreed to take 10*l.* to go away ?—Yes.

11,867. (*Mr. Biron.*) You only had 9*l.* ?—8*l.* was all we had out of the 20*l.*

11,868. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You agreed with him that he should pay you 10*l.* to go away, and say nothing about what had happened ?—To go away from the inquiry.

11,869. And say nothing about what had happened ?—Yes.

11,870. Although you knew it was a matter that was to be inquired into before the judge here ?—Yes.

11,871. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Why did you talk to him this morning if you had such a high sense of morality regarding his conduct ?—I have not seen him.

11,872. Yesterday ?—I saw him yesterday as I was coming through.

11,873. You spoke to him ?—Nothing more than "How do you do ? "

11,874. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know when he saw your brother last ?—No, I do not.

J. Houghton.

JOHN HOUGHTON recalled and further examined.

11,875. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) When did you see Dawson ?—Yesterday, or the day before.

11,876. What did you say to him then ?—I said "Good morning."

11,877. Anything else ?—Yes, he got on about the inquiry, and some sharp words took place between the two of us—some hard words took place between me and him. I told him he was next door neighbour to a thief ; that he agreed for one thing and did not perform it.

11,878. Why did you say he was next door to a thief ?—Because he did not perform his promise.

11,879. What was his promise ?—To give 10*l.*

11,880. For what ?—To go out of the way.

11,881. To go away and say nothing about it ?—Yes.

11,882. You only got 8*l.* ?—Yes.

11,883. (*Mr. Biron.*) All you had got to tell was this—that you had given Crotch 5*s.* ?—That is all, and that is all the money I had.

11,884. Did you tell Mr. Dawson that that was all you knew about it ?—No, Mr. Dawson never asked me any question.

11,885. Did you think it worth while for people to give you 10*l.* to get you out of the way, when that was all you had to tell ?—I was asked whether I would go, and I did not know what I was going for until I got on the way.

11,886. Could you not have said, "All I did was to give a man 5*s.*" ?—That is all I did.

11,887. That is all that Dawson knew—that you had given 5*s.* ?—I do not know what he knew ; he never asked me any questions.

11,888. You might have proclaimed it from the market place or anywhere else—it would not have hurt anybody ?—That is all I did.

11,889. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) According to you Dawson is a thorough rogue ?—Yes.

11,890. About as big a scoundrel as you ever met with ?—Yes.

11,891. What did Dawson say was his opinion of you when you had these hard words ?—He had two or three books—he hardly said a word, and what he said I did not understand, because I jawed away as

hard as I could go. He went on muttering, and what he said I could not understand; he understood me I know.

11,892. If you spoke as plainly as you have done now, I should think Dawson understood you?—Yes, I should think so.

11,893. Did you tell him what you thought of him?—Did I? Yes.

11,894. In about the same way as you have done to-day?—Yes, and he went marching on with his books.

WILLIAM MILLS sworn and examined.

W. Mills.

11,895. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

11,896. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

11,897. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

11,898. At what time did you vote?—I think it was between two and three o'clock.

11,899. Do you recollect being at William Clarke's beerhouse at the corner of Jenkin's Lane on that day?—Yes.

11,900. Do you know Robert Hardiment?—Yes, I do.

11,901. Do you know young Wiseman?—No.

11,902. Did you see Hardiment there that afternoon?—Yes, I did.

11,903. Were there a number of other voters there? I do not know.

11,904. Were there a number of other men there?—There might be four or five or six, I do not know exactly how many.

11,905. Were they drinking there?—They were.

11,906. How long had you been drinking there?—I went in the morning about nine o'clock, and I came out about half-past 11.

11,907. When did you go in again?—After I had voted.

11,908. Did you not go in before that?—No, I do not think I did.

11,909. Can you give me the names of the men that were there?—Yes, I can; not of the voters I cannot.

11,910. Do you recollect Hardiment speaking to you?—He never did, not in Mr. Clarke's house.

11,911. Do you mean to say Hardiment did not speak to you?—No, he did not, nor I to him.

11,912. You did not speak to him?—No, certainly not.

11,913. Who were the other men who were at the beerhouse with you?—I can give you the names, but none of the voters.

11,914. Who were the men?—There they are (*producing a slip of paper*).

11,915. You put them down?—Yes, I did, so that I might make no mistake.

11,916. Who told you to put them down?—I put them down because I should make no mistake.

11,917. Who told you to put them down?—No one.

11,918. How did you know we should ask you who were at Clarke's beerhouse?—I was certain of it. I come here to speak the truth.

11,919. Who told you we were going to speak about Clarke's beerhouse? How came you to be prepared with a list of the people?—There (*handing the slip of paper*) are the names of four men I know that were there who were not voters.

11,920. Who suggested to you to put those names down?—No one.

11,921. Do you mean to stand there upon your oath and tell me such a falsehood as that?—I put them down that I might make no mistake about it.

11,922. How came you to suppose that I should be inquiring of you who were in Clarke's beerhouse?—I could not tell you at all, only those four.

11,923. How came you to think, if there was nothing wrong, we should be inquiring into the names of the men who were in Clarke's beerhouse?—I cannot tell that.

11,924. Were there no voters there?—Oh yes, there were.

11,925. Now you stand down; I will not examine you further till you are prepared to speak the truth.

WILLIAM CLARKE sworn and examined.

W. Clarke.

11,926. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A boot-closer.

11,927. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

11,928. What time in the day did you vote?—About three o'clock or nearly three.

11,929. What made you vote so late?—I was engaged at home after my business.

11,930. Do you keep a beerhouse?—Yes.

11,931. Do you recollect on the day of the election Hardiment coming to your beerhouse?—Once or twice; twice, I believe.

11,932. At what time did he come first?—Each time from about ten to eleven.

11,933. When did he come first?—A little after ten, and about an hour after that again.

11,934. What other people were present then?—I should think there were as many as 12 or 14. I had no idea of being brought here, and I did not take any account of the names.

11,935. Have you forgotten all of the names?—No.

11,936. Tell me who were there when Hardiment came?—There was a man of the name of Cutlock, a bricklayer.

11,937. Was he a voter?—Yes, and a man of the name of William Thorpe.

11,938. Was he a voter?—Yes, a freeman.

11,939. Anyone else?—It is rather a difficult place to put me in to recollect all the names.

11,940. Was Morse there?—Yes, William Morse, senior, was there.

11,941. Richard Ross?—Yes.

11,942. Was Charles Morse there?—Yes.

11,943. Is he a voter?—He is a freeman, whether he is a voter or not I do not know.

11,944. Was Robert Thompson there?—Yes, he is not a voter.

11,945. Was Robert Brandish there?—No.

11,946. You are certain of that?—What is he; is he a blacksmith? I know whom you mean, he is a blacksmith, and he is dead; he was not there.

11,947. Was anyone else there?—Many, but I cannot call the names to mind of all the persons that came to my house that day; it is impossible.

11,948. Was Fisher there?—I do not know such a man.

11,949. Did you see Thomas Worledge there?—Yes.

11,950. Do you recollect his coming in the morning?—On two occasions.

11,951. When Thomas Worledge came, what did he say to you?—That is a thing I cannot call to my memory now.

11,952. Did he not make some inquiry about voters and non-voters?—He came into my house and looked round and asked me who I had got there, and I said, "You can go and look," and he went in and looked round the room and after he had done so he came to me.

11,953. How many do you make out there were there?—A dozen, but I cannot recollect the names.

11,954. What was done then; something happened about tickets, did there not?—Thomas Worledge spoke to some of them and then said to me, "What

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"tickets you see with my name and address on let "them have 6*d.* on each ticket."

11,955. That would be for beer?—Yes, that would be for ale.

11,956. Did you give those tickets?—I took them.

11,957. And gave beer accordingly?—Yes.

11,958. Had you a list of the men that had tickets?—I have lost it apparently.

11,959. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many tickets were there?—Seven.

11,960. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You said 12 just now?—12 men. Two to a man of the name of John Mills, two to a man of the name of Charles Cox, two to Thompson, and one to Robert Thompson; a man of the name of Moss, an old man 85 years of age.

11,961. The beer was served?—Yes, the beer was served according to the tickets.

11,962. They were asked to vote?—Mr. Worledge walked in and asked them if they would oblige him, whether they did or not I do not know.

11,963. Were they not taken off to vote?—No, not there and then; Mr. Worledge walked away.

11,964. How long did they remain drinking there?—They were out and in four or five hours.

11,965. When were they taken to vote?—About two o'clock.

11,966. Who took them to vote?—I did not see anyone take them out of my house; they went of their own accord.

11,967. When Hardiment came in, did he order any beer?—Yes.

11,968. How much?—As regards the order, it was not an order.

11,969. What was it?—He came in, and he saw a very great many men in my house (mine is a thickly populated neighbourhood) and about the house.

11,970. Did he order any beer?—As soon as he came in they were on to him for drink, but he did not give any orders. He came in a second time, and I said, "Mr. Hardiment, these men want to vote, and "if you do not think proper to give them something, "they will not stop;" and he says, "Let them have some beer, Clarke," and they had to the amount of 7*s.* 6*d.*

11,971. Did you hear Hardiment say anything to these men?—Nothing. Mr. Hardiment never came into my house after 11 or half-past 11 o'clock.

11,972. Did he say nothing about money passing?—No, nothing; not a word.

11,973. Did you see young Wiseman come in?—Yes.

11,974. Hardiment was there then, was he not?—I will not be positive about that.

11,975. Did you see Freestone come in?—I do not know him.

11,976. Do you not recollect Wiseman saying to the men, "Come and vote"?—I believe he solicited all he could. I quite believe that he tried to get all he could to the poll.

11,977. You were present whilst he was doing that?—No.

11,978. You are certain of that?—I was behind my bar drawing, and I never paid any attention to what was going on in that way.

11,979. Did they not in your presence tell Wiseman they would not vote?—I did not hear it.

11,980. Are you sure?—I did not hear it.

11,981. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You do not mean to say you were standing there the whole day and never heard a word?—I came here to speak the truth. Mr. Hardiment, and likewise Mr. Wiseman, both tried to get all they could.

11,982. Did not the men refuse to go?—Yes, I believe there were several refused to go.

11,983. Did not Benfather, of the "Royal Oak," come in?—Yes.

11,984. Did not Benfather say, "Come along you men that have got votes"?—I did not hear him say so.

11,985. You swear that?—Yes.

11,986. Was Thorpe there, and several others?—Yes, William Clare Thorpe.

11,987. Did you afterwards see Benfather go into a back room?—Yes.

11,988. Did he call some people in with him?—No, not in my hearing.

11,989. Did anybody else go in with him?—Yes, there were several went along with him.

11,990. Did they not go first into this back room; who went first?—I cannot tell you; they were going backwards and forwards that way the whole day.

11,991. Did you not hear a word said?—No.

11,992. Not a word?—No, not a word.

11,993. Was nothing said about voting?—Not a word in my hearing.

11,994. Did you hear anything said about 5*s.*?—Not a word.

11,995. Tell me exactly what hour this was when these men went into the back room to Benfather?—Between 1 and 2 o'clock.

11,996. Can you not get nearer?—I will say half-past 1; that is as near as I can get it.

11,997. These people went in one by one, did they not?—I cannot tell you; they might go two or three in a flock, or one by one.

11,998. You might have seen it?—When I was behind my bar doing my business, I did not notice everyone that went the back way.

11,999. Did you see them come out?—I might see them come out.

12,000. Did they go away to vote?—I cannot say.

12,001. Did they not go away at once?—No; Lord bless your soul! no.

12,002. You put this transaction at half-past 1; how soon after that did these men who had the interview with Benfather in the back room go away?—They were backwards and forwards there till half-past 3.

12,003. Did not they leave the house till half-past 3?—Some of them did not.

12,004. Do you not know they were standing out for a little more than 5*s.*?—I did not hear of 5*s.*, nor yet five farthings, or 5*l.*; a word of money I never heard.

12,005. (*Mr. Biron.*) You knew what was going on?—No.

12,006. Do you expect us to believe that?—I did not know more than you did, if I am to be believed on my oath.

12,007. Did you hear of Thorpe getting anything for his vote?—I never heard of it either that day or since. I will tell you one volunteer is better than two pressmen, and I will give you a statement of all I know. I have been answering your questions all throughout. I will tell you all I saw on the day of the election. In the first place, about 2 o'clock, a man of the name of Blackbourne, a currier, came into my house, and there were three young men standing at the front of the bar, two of the name of Coleman, and one by the name of Larkman; these were two shoemakers, and Mr. Blackbourne being a currier, I supposed they were customers of his. As soon as he came into my house, he accosted these two men, and addressed himself to them. He said, "Coleman, have you voted?" he said, "No, nor neither have my two friends." He says, "What have you got to drink?" "We have had a pint of ale." Blackbourne said to me, "Fetch a gallon of best ale," and I done so. Mr. Blackbourne paid me for it, and took the gallon of ale of me and served it to these three young men, and when he had served them once or twice or thrice, the gallon was not half out; there were four or five people in the other room who came in, and seeing this gallon of beer they brought their pots out of the other room, and said, "Is there anything for me?" and Blackbourne said, "Bring your empty pots, and I will fill them." After that Mr. Blackbourne solicited these three men very sharp for Tillett and Russell. That is the principal case I saw of bribery and treating throughout the day, and it is the only case I know of. I came here to speak the truth, and nothing but the truth.

12,008. You need not keep going through that preamble; people who are speaking the truth are not always reminding others that they are so doing?—I thought you appeared doubtful as to whether I was speaking the truth.

12,009. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you mean to say you did not see Hardiment canvassing any of these men, or asking them to vote?—He asked a great many.

12,010. Did he not prevail upon a great many?—He did not get a vote out of my house to my knowledge, because he was not in my house after half-past 11.

12,011. Was he not near your house after that?—No, I did not see him during the day after that time.

12,012. Have you never heard since of his paying any men?—Yes, I heard a talk of it.

12,013. The same evening?—I heard a lot of what Mr. Hardiment had done, but I know nothing of the truth; it is hearsay and hearsay always was a story teller. I never pay any regard to hearsay, I always want proof.

12,014. You know Hardiment?—Yes, quite well.

12,015. You have known him intimately for many years?—No, I have known him about 18 months or two years.

12,016. Did not Morse, Mills, Thorpe, Ross and Cutlock, remain in your house until about 3 o'clock that day?—Yes.

12,017. Do you recollect Worledge first giving the tickets for the beer to the particular individuals you named, and then you supplying it?—Yes.

12,018. Did not the whole of them drink the beer together?—I cannot say who drank the beer. Mr. Worledge gave the tickets to Mills, Cox, Thompson, and the poor old man Moss, and the old gentleman that sweeps the streets. Not one of them were voters I should tell you.

12,019. Was not that beer taken into the room were they and the voters were?—Yes.

12 020. Did it not consist of nine pots of ale?—No.

12,021. How many?—Three two's, and a one.

12,022. Was all that drunk?—No doubt about it.

12,023. Was not that drunk by the whole of the men that were there?—I cannot say that.

12,024. Do you mean to swear that that was not drunk amongst the whole lot of them?—I would not swear it was not.

12,025. Will you undertake to swear it was not?—I will not. I think most likely it went round.

12,026. Have you any doubt?—There is no doubt it went round.

12,027. You say you do not recollect Anthony Freestone coming in?—I do not know him.

12,028. Was he the man that came in and spoke to Wiseman?—Wiseman came in and spoke to a good many, but I do not know any man that came in and spoke to Wiseman.

12,029. Did you see a man, whose name you did not know, speaking to Wiseman?—I do not recollect it.

12,030. Benfather came in in a great hurry, did he not?—Yes; he stopped a few minutes, but not long.

12,031. He came in in a great hurry?—Yes.

12,032. Did he not say when he came in, "Come along, you that have got votes"?—I did not hear him say so.

12,033. Where were you when he came in?—Behind the bar, and he was in the tap-room.

12,034. Cannot you hear what takes place in the tap-room when you are in your bar?—No.

12,035. He went into the tap-room?—Yes, he did.

12,036. In a great hurry?—I do not know for a great hurry; he walked in in the usual way.

12,037. He came in very sharp indeed?—No, I did not notice any peculiarity in the man's way.

12,038. You have got a bake office there, have you not?—Yes.

12,039. That was not occupied that day for baking purposes, was it?—No, and never is.

12,040. Is there a little back room adjoining it?—Yes, my room, where I regularly live in; what I may term my back kitchen.

12,041. Did not Benfather go into that room?—Yes.

12,042. Thorpe was there then, was he not?—Yes.

12,043. Did you not hear Benfather say, "I will call you in one by one"?—I did not.

12,044. They did go in one by one, did they not?—I do not know whether they went in one by one or not; there were six or seven in the room at one time. I do not know whether you call that one by one.

12,045. Did they not go in one by one?—They must follow one after the other, because the passage is not wide enough.

12,046. They may have gone in one by one, but there would be a difficulty in passing out?—They followed each other, but what they went for I do not know.

12,047. Who were the men that went in; was Morse one?—I do not know.

12,048. Will you undertake to say he was not?—I may say with confidence, on my oath, I do not know whether Charles Morse went in that day.

12,049. Was he in your house at that time?—He was in my house.

12,050. At that time?—I was doing my business.

12,051. Your business is looking after your customers?—Exactly so.

12,052. These people were your customers?—Yes, quite right,

12,053. You were looking after them?—Yes.

12,054. Do you mean to say Charles Morse was not in the room at that time?—I mean to say Charles Morse was in that room three or four times during that day.

12,055. Have you any doubt he was there at that time?—I cannot say when he was in and out. It is a very curious position to put me in, to speak to that.

12,056. I will not put you upon your oath to swear positively whether he was there. Do you not believe he was there. I am now speaking of what is passing in your own mind?—He was there from eleven in the morning till three in the afternoon, but whether he was there at the time you allude to I will not swear.

12,057. Was Mills there?—Yes.

12,058. William Mills of Bath House Yard?—Yes.

12,059. Francis Cutlock?—Yes, he was there; he is a bricklayer.

12,060. And this man Brandish?—No, he was not there.

12,061. Will you undertake to say Robert Brandish was not there?—I will undertake to say he came into my house once during the day for a glass of ale; he was working nearly opposite, and he drank his beer and went to work again. That is all I saw of him during the whole day.

12,062. Richard Ross was there?—Yes.

12,063. Do you not recollect that immediately Benfather had been in that back room those men I have mentioned, with the exception of Thorpe, went away?—No, they all pretty well stayed for an hour after, and more than that, and then walked away as they pleased, one by one.

12,064. Did they go up to vote then?—No, they did not vote at all, several of the men you have mentioned. Thorpe did not vote, Ross did not vote, and Cutlock did not vote; neither Ross, Cutlock, nor Thorpe never voted at all. Thorpe would have voted.

12,065. That is what I was going to ask you. Did not Thorpe refuse to go because they only offered him 5*s*., and did he not say he would not vote for 5*s*., it was of no use to him?—I will tell you. Mr. Thorpe about half-past 11 o'clock in the forenoon spoke to Mr. Worledge about voting, and he said he wanted

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so-and-so, half a sovereign, and Mr. Worledge says, "Do "you want to get me transported?" he says, "There "is not a farthing." Mr. Thorpe says, "I never "voted in my life without something, and I shall not "on this occasion;" and he carried out his threat, for he never voted at all.

12,066. Did he not say that 5*s.* was of no use to him, and he must have half a sovereign?—I did not hear that.

12,067. Was he not talking in your house?—I am speaking of what he said to Mr. Worledge.

12,068. I am now speaking of what he said when Benfather was there?—I did not hear that.

12,069. After Benfather left did he not say he would not take 5*s.* as the others had done, it was of no use to him, and he would have half a sovereign?—I did not hear it.

12,070. He did not go out to vote?—He did not vote.

12,071. Benfather took some of the people away in a cab, did he not?—I believe he did.

12,072. Who were the men he took away in the cab?—I cannot say that.

12,073. Was not Morse one?—If I was to say he was one, to be positive on my oath, I should be perhaps telling a story, therefore I will not say so.

12,074. You may have forgotten it at this length of time. Do you not believe Morse was one of them?—If I was to say he was not one I might be telling a story, and if I was to say he was one I might be telling a story. I am come here to speak the truth. I am rather inclined to believe he was one.

12,075. We will take your gentle inclination that way?—I am giving you the best of my knowledge.

12,076. Brandish lives down a yard near your place?—Yes, Bath House Yard.

12,077. That is close to your house?—Yes, directly opposite.

12,078. Did you not see Worledge and another man go down the yard into Brandish's smith's shop?—He lives down the yard, but his workshop is next the street.

12,079. Did you not see Worledge and the other men go down to the forge?—I did not.

12,080. Was Brandish a little drunk?—I do not know whether he was intoxicated or not. All I know is he had one glass of ale at my house during the day, and that is all I know if him. He was a poor old man, about 70 or 75 years of age; 70 years at any rate.

12,081. You heard Brandish say he would not vote without money, did you not?—No, I never heard him rehearse such a word in my life.

12,082. Was anything said to Brandish about voting while he was in your house?—No. He came into my house cool and collected as he left his forge, and had a glass of ale and went to work again; that is all I saw of him that day, and what he done is unknown to me.

12,083. Who is your brewer?—Anybody.

12,084. Who regularly supplies you?—Patteson and Steward.

12,085. I suppose you have had a little off your account with Patteson and Steward?—No, I do not want that. I can pay Patteson more than he wants of me, cent. per cent.

12,086. Have you not had any discount?—No, I never asked for such a thing.

12,087. Has he not made a liberal discount?—No, I never asked for any.

12,088. Has no discount been allowed?—No.

12,089. At what time did you vote?—About half-past two; and I should have voted before except for being busy.

12,090. No allowance has been made from your account with Patteson?—I should think not.

12,091. Are you sure of that?—Positive. On my oath I never got a reduction of one farthing from Mr. Patteson in my life. If I order a barrel of beer I pay for it; and I always pay before leaving the counting-house.

12,092. Did you see Mr. Patteson on the day of the election?—Not a glance of him.

G. Ellis.

GEORGE ELLIS sworn and examined.

12,093. (*Mr. Biron.*) Where do you live?—In St. Martin's, at the corner of Angel Yard.

12,094. Were you at Clarke's beerhouse on the morning of the polling day?—No.

12,095. Where were you?—I was at home, I think, until 1 o'clock.

12,096. After 1 o'clock where were you?—Walking about, but I never was in Mr. Clarke's beerhouse.

12,097. Were you near Mr. Clarke's beerhouse?—No, not nearer than my own home, that might be perhaps 150 yards away from Mr. Clarke's beerhouse.

12,098. But from your home, or from where you were, you could see people going in and out of Mr. Clarke's beerhouse?—No.

12,099. Did you see Hardiment that day?—No.

12,100. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know George Ellis of Bath House Yard?—No, there may be one of that name, but I do not know him.

12,101. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you know any other George Ellis but yourself in the city?—No, I cannot say that I do.

12,102. Did you live at Bath House Yard last November?—No, I never lived in the yard in my life.

12,103. Do you remember the election inquiry before Mr. Baron Martin?—Decidedly.

12,104. Did any gentleman come and take down your evidence before that?—No.

12,105. You did not tell anybody before that that you had something to tell about Clarke's beerhouse?—No, decidedly not, I will swear that.

12,106. You are not a voter?—No.

W. Tillett.

WILLIAM TILLETT sworn and examined.

12,107. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

12,108. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

12,109. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

12,110. At what time?—Between 1 and 2.

12,111. Are you sure you did not vote between 2 and 3?—No, I voted between 1 and 2.

12,112. It must have been very near 2 then?—Yes, but I know I am right on that.

12,113. Where had you been that morning?—At work.

12,114. Where?—At my own place.

12,115. What are you?—A wheelwright.

12,116. How was it that you did not vote before that time?—Because I had work to finish.

12,117. You had been at the "Woolpack," had you not?—I never saw it until I passed to go and vote.

12,118. Did you not go into the "Woolpack" that day?—Certainly not.

12,119. Do you swear that?—I am on my oath, and I do swear.

12,120. Do you know Hardiment?—Know him! Yes sir, certainly I know him as a neighbour.

12,121. Did you see him that day?—Yes.

12,122. Did you have any conversation with him?—No.

12,123. None at all?—None at all.

12,124. Not about voting?—No, nor yet anything else.

12,125. Did he come and canvass you ?—No.

12,126. Was he never in your house that day ?—No, nor yet at all.

12,127. Is your yard adjoining your house ?—Yes.

12,128. Was he in your yard ?—No.

12,129. When did you see him to speak to him before the election ?—I did not speak to him at all, I often see him go past, but I never speak to him.

12,130. Did you never have any conversation with him ?—None at all ; I see him as he passes my gate as he goes out, that is all I see of him.

12,131. Did not Hardiment make you a promise, or give you something to induce you to vote ?—Mr. Hardiment never made me a promise, he could not make me a promise, for I never saw him to speak to him.

12,132. But did he make you any promise of money, or give or send you any money to vote ?—Certainly not anything at all.

12,133. Did anybody do so ?—Not anyone, I had not a halfpenny from any one, nor a drink of beer only what I paid for myself.

12,134. Nobody promised you anything or paid you anything ?—Not at all.

12,135. Were you a voter before this election ?—Yes.

12,136. Have you ever had money for your vote ?—Never a farthing.

12,137. Or been promised anything ?—I do say so, sir, and it is the truth.

ALFRED MONEY sworn and examined.

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12,138. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You live, I think, at Rose Yard, do you not ?—Yes.

12,139. Did you vote at this election ?—No.

12,140. Have you a vote ?—No.

12,141. Do you recollect being on the day of election at Mackley's, the "Woolpack" ?—Yes.

12,142. What time of the day did you go there ?—About 3 o'clock.

12,143. Were there a good many people about there then ?—A goodish many.

12,144. How many should you say ?—I should say there might be 20.

12,145. Which room were you first in, the bar, or where ?—The bar.

12,146. Do you recollect while you were in the bar seeing Hardiment come in ?—I saw a man they call by the name of Hardiment.

12,147. What time of the day was that ?—About 3.

12,148. That was at the bar, was it not ?—No, sir.

12,149. Close to the bar ?—Close by.

12,150. Was Mackley, the publican, there at the time ?—He was in the bar.

12,151. Did you see Freestone, the baker, there ?—I saw him there, upstairs on the landing.

12,152. Do you recollect anything being said by Hardiment while at the door ?—I saw him give some men a pound a-piece.

12,153. In what part of the house was that ?—That was upstairs.

12,154. Where were you standing then ?—Upstairs.

12,155. What other men were there at that time ?—Oh, there were several of us.

12,156. That was where Mr. Freestone, the baker, was, was it not ?—Yes, he was upstairs.

12,157. Did they not go from the landing into a room there ?—No.

12,158. Where did they go ?—From a room on to the landing.

12,159. Now tell us what was done in that room ?—That is where the money was paid.

12,160. Did you see the money being counted and paid ?—I did so.

12,161. To whom did you see the money being paid ?—I cannot say.

12,162. How much a head did you see given ?—A sovereign.

12,163. Was anything said by people about what they wanted ?—Yes, by one or two, but I cannot tell who they were.

12,164. Did you hear anybody ask for more than a sovereign ?—Yes.

12,165. Did you hear Mr. Hardiment say he could not give more than one sovereign, or anything of the kind ?—He said he could not afford more.

12,166. Then it was settled that they should have a sovereign, was it ?—Yes.

12,167. Did you see Mr. Hardment pay the money ?—Yes, *4l.* or *5l.*

12,168. Was it all gold ?—In gold what I saw.

12,169. I think you got a sovereign, did you not ?—Yes.

12,170. They took you for a voter ?—I do not know what they took me for ; I held out my hand and he put it in, and I was very thankful for it.

12,171. You looked so ready to sell yourself that of course he took you for a voter ?—I do not know what he took me for.

12,172. Did you see other men being paid at that time ?—Yes.

12,173. How many people did you see of your own knowledge as having been paid ?—It might be four or five or six.

12,174. Did you see any of these gentlemen writing in a book ?—Yes.

12,175. Who was doing that ?—Hardiment.

12,176. Can you tell us the names of any you saw taking money ?—I heard two give their names, one was Betts and the other Clarke.

12,177. Goodwin ?—No ; I saw the man there, but I saw him in the bar, I never saw him upstairs at all.

12,178. Did you see him get any money ?—I did not.

12,179. Were there not some persons there from the third ward ?—Two.

12,180. And they got paid too, did they not ?—No.

12,181. Was anything said about that ?—They objected to them.

12,182. Who objected to them ?—Hardiment.

12,183. Why did he object to them ?—They did not belong to his ward.

12,184. Did you hear anything said by Hardiment about getting a man to see these men vote ?—Yes.

12,185. What did he say ?—He made use of the words, "How do we know these men will vote ?"

12,186. Did he say anything about getting a man to go and see them vote ?—Yes.

12,187. Was any answer made to that ?—Yes.

12,188. By whom ?—By Freestone.

12,189. What did Freestone say when Hardiment asked for a man to see them vote ?—He told me I should go and see them vote.

12,190. Did you go ?—No.

12,191. You had been paid a sovereign, why did you not go ?—Because I came home.

12,192. But you went part of the way to the poll did you not ?—I went about 200 yards.

12,193. And how far off were they from the poll then ?—Not far.

12,194. How many were there of your party at that time ?—There was three or four.

12,195. Did you hear anything more about money being paid on the day of the election ?—No, not to the best of my knowledge.

12,196. Now how long afterwards did you first mention this ?—It might be two months perhaps.

12,197. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you recollect Hardiment and Freestone, the baker, being together when the men were all there ?—Yes.

12,198. Do you not recollect the men being counted ?—I do.

12,199. And were there not 21 of them ?—No, I think 19, but I cannot positively say.

12,200. Were there not 19 besides two men from

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the third ward whom Hardiment would not pay ?—I cannot say whether it was 21 or 19.

12,201. But there were two persons whom Hardiment objected to pay ?—Yes.

12,202. Do you not recollect that those two people were not included in the list which was put down by Hardiment ?—I do not think they were.

12,203. Were there not 19, and did not Hardiment put 19 in the list of those whom he had to pay ?—I never saw him count them at all, some other man counted them.

12,204. And reported to him the number ?—Yes.

12,205. Did not some of them ask for 3*l.* each ?—Yes.

12,206. Did not Hardiment say he could not afford as much as 3*l.* each for 19, but he would give them a pound apiece ?—Yes.

12,207. They were all paid then, were they ?—That I do not know, I did not see above four or five paid.

12,208. But they were all there for the purpose of being paid ?—I suppose so.

12,209. Did you leave the room immediately afterwards ?—Yes, as they got paid they went downstairs.

12,210. But you heard no grumbling afterwards ?—No.

12,211. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you get anything besides that sovereign ?—No.

12,212. What were you doing the days before the election ?—At work.

12,213. For whom ?—For my master.

12,214. You were not engaged about the election ?—Not at all.

12,215. Not in the evenings ?—Not in the evenings.

12,216. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What were you doing at "The Woolpack" ?—I went in for half a pint of ale.

12,217. Had anybody sent you there, or told you to go ?—No, I promiscuously called in.

12,218. Did you have any communication whatever with Tillett's party ?—No.

12,219. None at all ?—None.

12,220. Were you not there for the purpose of watching ?—No.

12,221. You were simply there for the purpose of getting some beer ?—I was.

W. Drake.

WILLIAM DRAKE sworn and examined.

12,222. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A master chimney sweeper.

12,223. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Stracey.

12,224. What time in the day ?—About 3 o'clock.

12,225. Did you get anything for voting for him ?—No.

12,226. Where were you in the early part of the day ?—I was after my business.

12,227. But you sweep chimnies early in the morning ?—All day long when I am after that.

12,228. What chimnies did you sweep that morning ?—I swept about half a dozen, I think.

12,229. At what hour did you begin ?—I cannot say exactly at what hour I began.

12,230. About 4 o'clock in the morning ?—Yes.

12,231. At all events, by the time you had swept your chimnies you were getting thirsty ; where did you go to ?—I was never at any public house. After I have done my morning's work I go and seek for some for next day.

12,232. Just so, but I am speaking of the day of the election ?—Well, I was after my business.

12,233. Did you see Hardiment that day ?—He came to mine, but I was not at home.

12,234. He came to your missus ?—Yes.

12,235. What did he give her ?—I do not know, I was not at home ; I did not receive anything.

12,236. Your wife told you you ought to vote for Stracey, did she not ?—No ; I never let my wife rule in my matters, I do that myself.

12,237. Did she tell you Hardiment had been there ?—No, she told me some men had been for my vote ; I asked her who they were, and she said she did not know.

12,238. Did you vote for Stracey before that ?—Yes, I always voted that colour.

12,239. Had you been canvassed before ?—No.

12,240. Nobody had asked you for your vote before ?—No.

12,241. Did you see Freestone ?—No.

12,242. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

12,243. Had you voted for Waters ?—Yes.

12,244. Surely you were canvassed this time ?—I was canvassed, but I was not in the way when they came.

12,245. You did not see the gentlemen who came ?—No, I never saw one of them.

12,246. Did they not leave you a card or something ?—Yes, they left several cards.

12,247. Did they leave any money for you ?—No.

12,248. Did your wife tell you what Hardiment said to her ?—No.

12,249. What time in the day was it that Hardiment went to your place ?—I cannot tell you that.

12,250. What time was it that you got home ?—In the middle of the afternoon ; after I had voted I went home.

12,251. Did you see Wiseman that day ?—No, I never recollect anyone coming to the house at all, I was not in the way.

12,252. Perhaps not at your house, but did you see them anywhere else ?—No.

12,253. Did you see Hardiment that day at all ?—No.

12,254. Did you see Freestone that day at all ?—No, I do not know that I know Freestone.

12,255. Did you have any conversation with anybody about your vote ?—No ; I said I would go and vote the way I always did ; I should vote which way I thought proper, that that was the way I always did vote, and I should vote the same way this time.

12,256. Who did you say that to ?—My wife ; I said I had always voted that colour, and I should vote this time the same.

12,257. Have you got anything since ?—No I have not had anything.

12,258. Has not Hardiment given you anything since ?—No.

12,259. Or Wiseman ?—No.

W. Fearnley.

WALTER FEARNLEY sworn and examined.

12,260. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter ?—Yes.

12,261. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

12,262. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

12,263. What time in the day did you vote ?—About half-past 12, or something like that.

12,264. Was it not later than that when you voted ?—No.

12,265. Were you at the "Buck" inn at all that day ?—No, I was not at the "Buck" at all that day.

12,266. Did you not go into the "Buck" at all ?—No.

12,267. Where were you in the early part of that day ?—I was at home until I voted.

12,268. What were you doing at home ?—I was at work.

12,269. What is your work ?—A boatbuilder, a boatwright.

12,270. Did you not see Wiseman that day ?—No.

12,271. Or Hardiment ?—Oh, I saw Hardiment.

12,272. Where did you see Hardiment ?—About the street.

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12,273. Did he not speak to you?—No, not at all.

12,274. Did he not come to your house?—No, nor yet near it.

12,275. Do you know Freestone, the baker?—No, I cannot say I do.

12,276. Did a man come to your house that day and ask you to vote?—No, only Mr. Ellis.

12,277. What Mr. Ellis is that?—Well, I saw him talking just as I was going to vote, and he said, "Now is the time to go and vote;" I said, "I am not going to vote on your side, I am going to vote for Mr. Stracey."

12,278. Where does he live?—He lives in the Croft, in St. Martin's.

12,279. He is a Whig, is he?—Yes.

12,280. Then you refused to go and vote for him?—No, I would not vote for him, only for my own principle.

12,281. Had you ever voted before?—No.

12,282. Do you belong to the Conservative Working Mens' Association?—No, no association at all.

12,283. Did you get anything whatever for voting?—No, I got nothing.

12,284. And were promised nothing?—I had no promise.

12,285. Did you get any beer for it?—No; what little beer I had I paid for myself.

12,286. Where did you have your beer that day?—I paid for plenty myself.

12,287. Where?—All over the city.

12,288. I thought you had been at work all the morning?—After I voted I went and looked at the state of the poll all the way round.

12,289. You made a round of them?—And wound up at my own house.

12,290. Where did you get the money from that you spent in beer?—I earned it; when I go out I like to treat people.

GEORGE BARBER sworn and examined.

G. Barber.

12,291. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you recollect being about on the day of the election?—Yes.

12,292. What public-houses did you go to?—Well, the first public-house I went to was Thomas Warnes', in St. James', the next house I went to was the "Jolly Skinners," in St. Martin's.

12,293. Did you pay for your own beer?—Yes.

12,294. Well, what was the next house?—The next house I went to was the "Garibaldi."

12,295. Did you pay for your beer there?—Yes.

12,296. Which was the next you went to?—The next house I went to was the "Weeping Oak."

12,297. Did you have some more beer?—Yes, but I paid for my own beer.

12,298. What was the next place?—The next place I went to was the house in Rosemary Lane; I do not know whether they call it the "Rosemary Lane" tavern, but I had some beer there.

12,299. That is the fifth time you treated yourself?—Yes.

12,300. Did you try another house after that?—I went into several.

12,301. Did you get to the "Woolpack" at last?—Certainly not.

12,302. Did you see Hardiment in the course of the day?—Yes.

12,303–4. Where was that?—I saw him at this house on St. Mary's Plain, I think it is called the "Rosemary Tavern."

12,305. Did he give you any beer?—No.

12,306. Did he give you any money?—Yes.

12,307. What did he give you money for?—To vote.

12,308. How much money did he give you?—Three halfcrowns.

12,309. Did you see him give money to anyone else?—Yes.

12,310. Who was that?—A man by the name of George Cossey.

12,311. Where does he live?—At Heigham.

12,312. Did you see anyone else?—No.

12,313. Did you hear of anybody else getting money?—No.

12,314. Getting either beer or money from Hardiment?—No.

12,315. Did you see Wiseman during the day?—I cannot exctly auswer that question, whether I did or whether I did not.

12,316. Did you speak to him?—I do not believe I did that day; I could not swear whether I did or not.

12,317. Did anybody else offer you money that day?—Not to me.

12,318. Did you hear of anybody else having money offered to him?—No.

12,319. You are sure of that?—I am sure of it.

12,320. I suppose you were rather forward in drink towards the end of the day?—Well, I believe I was.

12,321. You were in that state when you got the three halfcrowns?—Well, I got my three halfcrowns in the fore part of the day.

12,322. At what time?—I believe it was between 12 and 1.

12,323. You had no vote?—I had a vote, but I did not vote.

12,324. You say you did not vote?—Because he never gave me money enough.

12,325. Then your took you three halfcrowns and wanted some more?—I wanted some more if I could get it.

12,326. Did you ask him for more?—Yes, I did.

12,327. What did Hardiment say?—He would not give it.

12,328. He would not even promise any more?—No.

12,329. And no beer?—No.

12,330. Did you try again later on in the day to get more than your three halfcrowns?—No, sir, I believe I got too intoxicated.

12,331. Were there any of your mates that voted?—No, not to the best of my knowledge.

12,332. George Cossey who got his three halfcrowns, did he vote or not?—I believe he did.

12,333. You did not go with him to the poll?—No.

12,334. Do you know whether he got anything more for his bargain than the three halfcrowns?—Well, I do not believe he did.

12,335. Did he try?—I cannot say.

12,336. Not in your presence?—No.

RICHARD BUTTLE sworn and examined.

R. Buttle.

12,337. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A coal merchant.

12,338. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

12,339. At what time in the day?—Between three and four.

12,340. Why did you not vote earlier?—I was very busy on that day.

12,341. You were busy about your work?—Yes.

12,342. Where was your work?—Close by the quay side.

12,343. What were you doing?—Unloading the barges.

12,344. Did that take you the whole day?—Yes.

12,345. What time do you begin it?—We begin in the morning, and sometimes it takes two days to do it.

12,346. You went working on at it the whole day long?—Yes.

12,347. Did you see anybody before you voted?—Yes.

12,348. Was that Mr. Howse Allen?—Yes.

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12,349. Did he give you anything ?—No.

12,350. Not at all that day ?—No.

12,351. Did he not give you 50*s.* ?—No.

12,352. Did he not come to you and ask if you had voted ?—Yes.

12,353. What time was that ?—That was about noontime when he first came.

12,354. That was down by the quay side, was it not ?—Yes.

12,355. Were there not several men there who had not voted ?—There was one or two ; one was working for me.

12,356. What was his name ?—Barker.

12,357. Were there not one or two more ?—Not working for me.

12,358. Were there not others besides the man who was working for you ?—No.

12,359. Did he not ask you if you had voted ?—He asked me if I had voted, and I said I had not.

12,360. Did he not then ask if you could get any votes in your neighbourhood ?—He did so.

12,361. And you said you thought you could ?—I thought I could.

12,362. Did he not then say, "Well, if you can get them for 5*s.* each do" ?—Yes.

12,363. Did not you then go and speak to some men ?—Yes, some little distance off ; 20 or 30 yards off.

12,364. Who were they that you spoke to ?—There was Ellis, Barker, and two or three others standing by.

12,365. Can you not recollect the names of the two or three others ?—Sagar I think was one, and Berwick was the other.

12,366. Where do they live ?—They live in that neighbourhood.

12,367. Just about the quay side ?—Yes.

12,368. There were four or five of them ?—Yes.

12,369. Did you not then say, "Well, give them 10*s.*" ?—No, I did not say so then, not till he came back again, he went away for an hour and a half.

12,370. But later in the day he did say, "Give them 10*s.*, they will not go for 5*s.*" ?—Yes, he did say that.

12,371. And, "Come to me in the morning, and I will pay you the money" ?—No ; he told me to do the best I could, and I did not call upon him until the latter part of the week.

12,372. He intimated that you were to buy them ?—Yes.

12,373. At the end of the following week, did you not go to Mr. Allen ?—I went on the Friday or Saturday morning after that.

12,374. And did he then give you the 50*s.* ?—Yes.

12,375. That was for five of the men ?—For the voters.

12,376. Had you in fact paid five men half a sovereign each ?—I had paid two of them half a sovereign each, and the other I kept for my own purposes.

12,377. You asked him for 50*s.* ?—He asked me what I wanted, and I said 50*s.*, and he gave me the 50*s.*

12,378. Did you get the other men to vote ?—I got two to vote.

12,379. Only two out of the five ?—Only two ; the others I did not see.

12,380. Did you not tell Mr. Howse Allen that you had seen five ?—I told him I thought I could get five when I first came down.

12,381. At half a sovereign each ?—There might be five, or six, or seven, but I did not see the others.

12,382. Who were the men you gave the half sovereigns to ?—I gave one to James Barker, and the other to Charles Barnes.

12,383. You did not vote yourself until after you had seen Allen, did you ?—I did not ; I voted between three and four.

12,384. And you stuck to the 30*s.* ?—Yes.

G. W. Townshend.

GEORGE WILLIAM TOWNSHEND sworn and examined.

12,385. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter ?—Yes.

12,386. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

12,387. For whom did you vote ?—Stracey.

12,388. What time in the day did you vote ?—As near as I can say about half-past two, or 20 minutes after two.

12,389. Before you voted did you see Mr. Howse Allen ?—No.

12,390. Did you see Mr. Howse Allen that day ?—Yes, I did.

12,391. Did he give you any money ?—Yes.

12,392. For what did he give you that money ?—Well, I can hardly recollect the conversation, but I believe the idea was to do the best I could with it, to make use of it.

12,393. In procuring votes ?—Yes.

12,394. How much did he give you ?—2*l.*

12,395. Now what did you do with it ?—Well, I did not do anything with it.

12,396. You did nothing with it ?—Well, it was got too late ; there was no time for me to make any use of it, it was then about 25 minutes to four.

12,397. Did you try to make any use of it ?—Well, not particularly.

12,398. Mr. Howse Allen had given it to you to make use of ?—He had so.

12,399. Do you mean to say you put it into your pocket and did not take any trouble about the matter ?—Oh yes, I did take a little trouble, but it had got so late that it was useless taking any trouble.

12,400. What little trouble did you take ?—I believe I went into the seventh ward and saw two or three men who wanted half a sovereign each, and I was not willing to give them that amount.

12,401. If you had 2*l.* in your pocket, why did you not think it worth while to give them 10*s.* each ?—Why, it was too much.

12,402. What did you do with the 2*l.* ?—I kept it.

12,403. You were told to make the best bargain you could with the men, and when you found they wanted half a sovereign why did you not give it to them ?—For the reason that I thought half a sovereign was too much to give a man for his vote.

12,404. Have you ever been a voter for this city before ?—No.

12,405. And you have lived in this city for some years ?—Many years.

12,406. And I suppose you have heard that half a sovereign and a great deal more has been given for votes ?—I have read and heard, of course, of various sums being given.

12,407. Have you ever heard before of so small a sum as half a sovereign being given for a vote in Norwich ?—Oh yes.

12,408. What is the price ?—Of course we have it in print that men were sold at the last election.

12,409. I am not speaking of the last election, but of the former elections. Did you ever hear before that of so small a sum as 10*s.* being given for a vote ?—Yes, I believe I have heard of 5*s.*

12,410. When ?—Not at the last election but the election before.

12,411. How many voters were bought for 5*s.* ?—That I cannot say.

12,412. You had got 40*s.* in your pocket and contented yourself with keeping it there, and telling the men that you thought 10*s.* too much ?—Yes.

12,413. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you offer them less ?—No.

12,414. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you mean to say you did not give any voter at all a single farthing of that money ?—Not a halfpenny.

12,415. (*Mr. Biron.*) Who were the men that were ready to take the half-sovereign?—I do not know; they were voters in the seventh ward.

12,416. You told Mr. Howse Allen that you had voted for Stracey?—Yes.

12,417. Are you sure that you had voted at that time?—I am positive of it.

12,418. Did you tell Mr. Howse Allen that you had voted at that time?—No, the question was not asked whether I had voted.

12,419. Did you ever tell Mr. Howse Allen that you had not been able to get any voters?—No.

12,420. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you got the 40*s.* in your pocket still?—Well, I made use of it.

12,421. How was it, that having got the 40*s.* in your pocket, and having had it for the purpose of getting voters, you did not go and tell Mr. Howse Allen that you had never got any voters at all?—I did not think there was any occasion; there was no arrangement of that kind made at all.

12,422. Is that your idea of what is honest?—Well, we are not scrupulous at those times.

JAMES ALLEN sworn and examined. *J. Allen.*

12,423. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

12,424. Who did you vote for?—Stracey.

12,425. At what time in the day?—From about half-past 3 to 4.

12,426. Why did you not vote sooner?—Well, I was busy at work.

12,427. What are you by trade?—A coal porter.

12,428. Who asked you to vote?—Nobody.

12,429. Not before or during the election?—No; I was not at home when anybody came round.

12,430. Did anybody come to you and offer you anything?—No.

12,431. Did you get beer?—No.

12,432. Who took you to the poll?—I jumped on to a coal cart and went up myself.

12,433. Then did you go home?—Yes.

12,434. Have you had anything given you?—No.

12,435. Or anything promised you?—Not anything.

12,436. Which way did your master vote?—That I am sure I cannot tell you.

12,437. Did you see Hardiment during the day?—No.

12,438. Do you know him?—No.

12,439. (*Mr. Biron.*) Have you a wife?—Yes.

12,440. Did she tell you to go and vote?—No.

12,441. Did she not say anything to you before you voted?—No, it is a thing I did not take any interest in.

12,442. Did she not tell you that something had been left with her?—No, and she never took anything.

12,443. No money was left?—No money was left at all.

12,444. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) No money got into your pocket that day in consequence of its being left on the table by someone you did not know anything about?—No.

12,445. You are sure that was not so?—I am quite sure.

HENRY AMIS sworn and examined. *H. Amis.*

12,446. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An innkeeper.

12,447. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

12,448. When?—About half-past 10 in the morning.

12,449. What is your house?—The "Britannia."

12,450. Were there any voters there that day waiting?—No.

12,451. None?—None at all.

12,452. Did Hardiment come into your house at all that day?—No.

12,453. Do you know him?—I know the man, but I never saw him in my house in my life.

12,454. Or Freestone, the baker?—No.

12,455. Or Wiseman?—No.

12,456. Nobody came to your house?—Nobody.

12,457. Did you get anything for voting?—Certainly not.

12,458. Or were you promised anything—No.

12,459. Was any allowance made by your brewer?—No, nothing.

12,460. Were you paid for any beer that was drunk at your house that day?—I did not draw any in that way; I drew for my regular customers and that was all.

MICHAEL BELL sworn and examined. *M. Bell.*

12,461. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

12,462. Had you been a voter before this last election?—Yes.

12,463. For whom did you vote?—For Russell and Stracey.

12,464. What time did you vote?—About 2 o'clock.

12,465. How came you to be so late in voting?—It was more convenient for me to vote at that time than any other.

12,466. They had urged you to go up early, had they not?—No; I had no person to come to me to urge me.

12,467. You went up of your own accord, did you?—Yes.

12,468. How had you voted before?—For Russell and Warner.

12,469. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

12,270. Nor a promise of anything?—No.

12,471. Do you know of anybody having received anything for his vote?—No.

12,472-3. Either upon this or any other occasion?—No.

JAMES BLAKE sworn and examined. *J. Blake.*

12,474. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoe manufacturer.

12,475. Who do you work for?—Different gentlemen in the county and city.

12,476. At what time did you vote?—As near as I can recollect the time it was about 2 o'clock.

12,477. Who did you vote for?—Sir Henry Stracey.

12,478. What made you so late?—I was not in Norwich.

12,479. Where were you?—I was in Yarmouth.

12,480. Who brought you over from Yarmouth?—The train brought me over.

12,481. I did not ask you what, but who asked you to come?—Why, I went in the morning; I was obliged to go, and I came home on purpose to vote.

12,482. Then you had promised your vote, had you?—No, I had not promised my vote to anybody; I am an independent voter.

12,483. Is this the first time you ever voted?—I have voted for 27 years, and never voted anything else than Conservative; I always voted independent of any gentlemen.

12,484. Do you know Mr. Dumbleton, of Yarmouth?—No, I do not.

12,485. Or Cooper?—No, I do not know any single political gentleman in Yarmouth.

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12,486. What has been paid you this time for your vote?—I have never been paid in my life, so I cannot be paid this time.

12,487. Have you had any beer this time?—I never had a drop of beer in my life, or the value of a glass.

12,488. Has any promise been made to you?—I did not want any promise, because I am an independent voter. Barring this election I was never five minutes after eight before I voted, and it was only on account of my being out of town that made me so late voting this time, or else I should have voted five minutes after eight then.

C. Barber.

CHARLES BARBER sworn and examined.

12,489. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A weaver.

12,490. Where do you live?—In St. Martin's at Oak.

12,491. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Russell and Tillett.

12,492. At what hour in the day?—About half-past nine.

12,493. Were you about the city that day?—Yes.

12,494. Did you go to any of the public-houses?—I spent the chief of my time in the market place. I went into one public-house, that is all.

12,495. What is that?—At the corner of the market; I do not know the sign.

12,496. Were any voters there?—I did not see any.

12,497. In the market place, there were voters hanging about, were there not?—Oh yes, plenty at different places.

12,498. Waiting for money?—I cannot answer that question; they were waiting about; they had not voted.

12,499. Had not voted, and did not seem likely to vote?—No.

12,500. That is close to the polling place?—Yes.

12,501. And nothing to prevent their voting?—Nothing.

12,502. Did they say anything about a day's pay?—Well, I cannot say that they did.

12,503. They did not say that they should not vote unless they were paid for their day's work?—That was common talk among the men there, but I do not know them personally.

12,504. That is all you know about it?—That is all I know about it.

12,505. You saw nobody paid any money?—No.

12,506. And you got nothing for your own vote?—No, I did not intend; I wish they had all acted as I did.

R. Corrick.

ROBERT CORRICK sworn and examined.

12,507. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

12,508. Did you vote at the last election?—No.

12,509. How came you not to vote?—Because I was frolicking about all day, and I did not think anything about it.

12,510. What were you engaged about, that you did not vote?—Nothing at all.

12,511. Were you wandering about the whole day?—Yes.

12,512. You passed the polling places pretty often, did you not?—Several times during the day.

12,513. Then why did you not go and vote?—Because I did not think anything about it. I never did vote in my life yet, but I am a freeman of the city of Norwich.

12,514. Were you standing out for something?—Nothing of the kind.

12,515. Had you not promised?—No.

12,516. Had you not promised to vote for Stracey?—No.

12,517. Are you sure you had not?—Yes.

12,518. Did you find lots of men who were wandering about like yourself, and who wanted a day's pay?—There were lots of men wandering about, of course.

12,519. And who wanted a day's pay?—No, there were none of that sort at all.

12,520. Or who wanted some money?—They had some money of their own, the ones I was with; they did not want anybody else's money.

12,521. Did they not say that they wanted to be paid for their day's work?—Well, I might hear some people say so, but I cannot tell exactly.

12,522. A good many, did you not?—I don't know that I did, anybody.

12,523. You talked to the people you met in the street, I suppose?—It was very seldom I was about the streets; I was about from house to house, getting a glass on the day of the election.

12,524. But in the streets you saw people whom you knew, did you not?—Oh yes, plenty of people.

12,525. And you talked to them did you not?—Oh yes.

12,526. And was it not the common talk amongst them that they wanted a day's pay?—I might hear some people say so.

12,527. Did you not?—I think it was very likely I did.

12,528. Now did you think the same?—I never gave such a thing a thought, I never thought about voting at all.

12,529. Although you were wandering about the whole day doing nothing and not going up to the poll, you never gave that a thought?—Not to vote myself. I did not intend. I would not have none of them. I would not vote for one party or the other.

12,530. Why did you not vote at all?—I don't know the reason why I did not do so.

12,531. Why had you not given the thing a thought?—I do not take any interest in electioneering.

12,532. Do you mean to say that having a vote, and wandering about in the neighbourhood where people were voting that you never even gave it a thought?—Not about voting.

12,533. What did you think about then?—I was thinking about enjoying myself, that is all.

12,534. Were you drunk?—No sir, as sober as I am now.

12,535. Then do you mean to say that you were so occupied and engrossed with the enjoyment that you could not think about the poll?—Yes, I can enjoy myself anywhere.

12,536. What was the enjoyment which prevented your thinking about the poll?—Being amongst company, that is all.

12,537. But unless you talked about the poll and what was going on, there would be no enjoyment in that?—There is other arguments to bring up that day as well as talking about voting.

12,538. What were the other "arguments" talked about?—Many things I cannot tell you now.

12,539. However, the election was talked about a good deal, was it not?—Oh yes, all over the place no doubt.

12,540. Now it being the general talk and the great topic of conversation, do you mean to give me the answer that you never gave it a thought?—I never gave it a thought about voting.

12,541. Were you not standing out to see what you could get?—No.

12,542. I suppose if a man had given you *5s.* that would have made you think about it, would it not?—No, nor yet *5l.*

12,543. That would not make you think about it?—No.

12,544. If it had been 10*l.* would that have made you think about it?—If it had been 20*l.* or 40*l.* it would not have made any difference to me. I did not intend to vote either for Whigs or Tories.

12,545. If they had offered you 100*l.* I suppose you would not have thought about it?—That would be a great temptation, sir.

12,546. I think I need not go further than 100*l.*; you have put an estimate upon yourself which I am sorry to say I cannot concur in. You may go down.—Thank you.

WALTER CHALKER sworn and examined.

W. Chalker.

12,547. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—An ironmonger's assistant.

12,548. What are you rated at?—8*l.*

12,549. Who did you vote for?—Sir Henry Stracey.

12,550. What time did you vote?—Ten o'clock in the morning as near as I can tell.

12,551. Did you canvass at all?—No.

12,552. Did you make any offer to anybody?—No.

12,553. Or promise anything?—No.

12,554. Was any offer or promise made to you?—Not a farthing.

12,555. Had you voted before?—No.

12,556. Who canvassed you?—Not anyone; I am in business all day, and did not see anybody at all.

12,557. You were not at home in the day?—I leave at half-past 8 in the morning, and do not get home till 7 in the evening.

FREDERICK FLOWERDEW sworn and examined.

F. Flowerdew.

12,558. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A ostler.

12,559. Where?—At the "King's Arms."

12,560. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

12,561. At what hour of the day?—Between half-past 3 and 4.

12,562. Why did not you vote earlier?—It was not convenient for me to get away.

12,563. How far was the polling booth from your house?—Not a great way.

12,564. How far?—About five minute's walk.

12,565. What were you doing all the morning?—Taking in horses and sending them out.

12,566. Could you not go away for four or five minutes?—No, I could not get away until then.

12,567. Did you ask that you might go and vote?—No, I did not ask.

12,568. How were you able to get away at half-past 3 better than at any other time?—Because my horses were all gone.

12,569. How long had they been gone?—I went as soon as ever they went away.

12,570. Who asked you to vote for Stracey?—I believe a man of the name of Plunkett came round and asked me about a week before the election.

12,571. Who is he?—He is a publican, and lives in St. Augustine's.

12,572. Did you see anyone else about your vote?—No.

12,573. Did anyone come to you that day?—No.

12,574. What did the publican say to you about voting?—Asked me if I would oblige Mr. Stracey with my vote, and I said yes.

12,575. Did he offer you anything?—No.

12,576. Or promise to give you anything if you would vote for Stracey?—No.

12,577. Did you get anything for voting for Stracey?—No.

12,578. Have you been paid anything since?—No.

12,579. Have you received anything?—No.

12,580. Are you married?—Yes.

12,581. Has your wife received anything?—No.

12,582. Did she say anything to you about voting?—No.

12,583. Not that day?—No.

12,584. Did anybody go to the poll with you?—No.

EDWARD FREEMAN sworn and examined.

E. Freeman.

12,585. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

12,586. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

12,587. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

12,588. What time in the day did you go up to the poll?—I should think about two o'clock.

12,589. Where were you on the morning of that day?—I was at home.

12,590. How far is the polling place from your home?—Well, I do not know, it is a goodish distance, a whole street.

12,591. How many yards?—600 or 800 yards I should think.

12,592. That would be five or six minutes' walk for you?—Yes.

12,593. Now, why did you not vote before that time in the day?—I was engaged. I am a shoe manufacturer, and I was looking after my hands in the morning.

12,594. How many men do you employ?—Eight or nine, according as the trade is.

12,595. Was anything promised you for voting?—Never.

12,596. Or did you receive anything for voting?—Never one halfpenny in my life. I never had a vote until then.

12,597. Did you give anything to anybody to vote?—Not a halfpenny, and I never offered anything, and never was asked for anything.

JOHN GUYTON sworn and examined.

J. Guyton.

12,598. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A tailor.

12,599. For whom do you work?—Mr. Wormack.

12,600. What time did you vote?—Between one and two.

12,601. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because it was most convenient to me, being in the dinner hour.

12,602. What were you doing in the morning?—I was at work.

12,603. Who did you vote for?—Stracey and Tillett.

12,604. Is this the first time you have had a vote?—Yes.

12,605. Was anything offered to you for your vote on this occasion?—No.

12,606. No promise made?—No.

12,607. You have received nothing?—No.

12,608. Have you offered anything to anybody else?—No.

12,609. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—I was solicited by the blue party, but I made no promise. I voted quite independent.

12,610. Did you go up by yourself to the poll?—Yes.

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F. Hannant.

FREDERICK HANNANT sworn and examined.

12,611. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.

12,612. What is the name of your house?—The "Catherine Wheel."

12,613. Where is it?—In St. Augustine's.

12,614. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

12,615. What time in the day?—I cannot say exactly the time. I should think about 12 o'clock, as near as I can tell.

12,616. Were there any voters in your house that day?—Not that I am aware of.

12,617. Did anybody come there to see them about their votes?—Not that I know of; there was nothing particular doing in the house during the day, nothing extra.

12,618. Was Hardiment or Wiseman there?—Hardiment came in during the day.

12,619. What time of the day?—I should say between 11 and 12 o'clock.

12,620. Did he speak to any of the men there?—No, he only spoke to me, that I am aware of.

12,621. What did he say to you?—He asked me if I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

12,622. What did you say?—I said I intended voting for Sir Henry Stracey.

12,623. Had you promised your vote before?—I had not promised it to anyone.

12,624. You had made up your mind to vote for Stracey?—I had.

12,625. Had Hardiment offered you anything?—No.

12,626. Or given you anything?—No.

12,627. Or left anything at your house?—Not that I am aware of.

12,628. You would know it, would you not, if it were done?—I did not see anything that I am in any way aware of.

12,629. Are you married?—Yes.

12,630. Did you hear anything from your wife about his having left money?—No, not a word.

R. Moss.

ROBERT MOSS sworn and examined.

12,631. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

12,632. Did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Mr. Stracey.

12,633. How came you to be so late in the day in voting?—Well, sir, I am a carter, and I was about in my cart.

12,634. What time did you go out with your cart in the morning?—Well, I do not know; eight or nine o'clock.

12,635. If it was nine o'clock you had plenty of time to vote before that?—But I had a piece of business to go after before then.

12,636. Had anybody asked for your vote the day before the election?—No.

12,637. Did anybody come to you for your vote that day?—Yes, there was a man came, but I was not at home.

12,638. Then did you ultimately go of your own accord?—Yes, I went of my own accord.

12,639. Had you ever been a voter before?—Yes.

12,640. Which way had you voted before?—For the Tories.

12,641. Did you receive anything for voting?—No.

12,642. Were you promised anything?—No.

J. Plunkett.

JOHN PLUNKETT sworn and examined.

12,643. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A publican and a coal seller.

12,644. Where is your house?—In St. Augustine's.

12,645. For whom did you vote at this last election?—Stracey.

12,646. What time in the day?—As near as I can guess between 10 and 11.

12,647. Was your house pretty full the whole day?—Pretty full of what?

12,648. Of people?—No, there was nobody there.

12,649. Did you see Mr. Hardiment there?—No, I never saw him the whole day to the best of my knowledge.

12,650. Do you know him?—Yes, I have seen the man.

12,651. Who asked you for your vote?—I do not know that anyone did.

12,652. Did you promise your vote?—No.

12,653. Then what made you vote?—Because I thought Sir Henry Stracey was the most fit and proper person to represent Norwich.

12,654. Have you received anything for your vote?—No.

12,655. Or been promised anything?—No.

12,656. Did you yourself give any promise of anything to anybody?—No.

12,657. Did you see Wiseman during the day?—Yes, I saw Mr. Wiseman once during the day.

12,658. Was any canvassing going on at your house?—No, mine is not an electioneering house.

12,659. Who is your brewer?—Messrs. Steward and Patteson.

J. Plunkett, jun.

JOHN PLUNKETT, jun., sworn and examined.

12,660. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker.

12,661. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

12,662. At what hour in the day?—After three.

12,663. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

12,664. How came you to put it off until three?—My business.

12,665. What business?—In the baking line.

12,666. Are you a master baker?—Yes.

12,667. Could you not leave your ovens?—No.

12,668. Who canvassed you for your vote?—Young Mr. Wiseman.

12,669. About three o'clock?—No, not that day—I think it was the day before.

12,670. Did he say he would make it all right if you voted for Stracey?—Not a word.

12,671. Did he not say anything about it? Did he say he would give you anything?—No.

12,672. He asked you to vote for Stracey, and did you say you would?—No, I did not promise.

12,673. Why did you not?—Well, I did not.

12,674. Why not?—I am sure I do not know. I did not promise anybody.

12,675. How came you to make up your mind to vote for Stracey at three o'clock in the afternoon?—I am sure I do not know.

12,676. Oh yes, you do. You must have had some reason. What was your reason?—I am sure I do not know what reason, no further than my father voted that way, and I thought I would do the same.

12,677. Had your father said anything to you about voting?—No, no further than asking me who I was going to vote for, and I said if I voted at all, I should vote for Mr. Stracey.

12,678. When was that?—That was the day before.

12,679. Had he seen Wiseman?—Oh yes, he was along with young Mr. Wiseman the day before.

12,680. Have you got anything from your father since?—Oh, no.

12,681. Has he not given you anything since the polling day?—No.

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C. Scotten.

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CHRISTOPHER SCOTTEN sworn and examined.

12,682. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter?—Yes.

12,683. What time of the day did you vote at the last election?—Before nine in the morning.

12,684. Who did you vote for?—Stracey.

12,685. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

12,686. Or were you offered or promised anything by anybody?—No.

12,687–8. Or did you pay anybody?—No, not anything.

J. Wasp.

JAMES WASP sworn and examined.

12,689. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

12,690. Who do you work for?—Mr. Ellis.

12,691. Did you vote?—I did not vote at all.

12,692. Were you canvassed?—No. I was not entitled to a vote.

12,693. Where were you during the daytime?—At work the chief part of the day.

12,694. Were you at any of the public-houses?—No. I did not go into one to the best of my knowledge until the evening.

12,695. Nothing was offered to you by anybody?—No.

12,696. (*Mr. Biron.*) There are some other James Wasps, are there?—Yes, there are three of us.

W. West.

WILLIAM WEST sworn and examined.

12,697. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A photographic artist and a professional singer.

12,698. That is a fine long title?—I am capable of both of them, sir.

12,699. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

12,700. At what time in the day?—About half-past 11 o'clock in the morning, as near as possible.

12,701. Did you get anything for voting; in the shape of money or beer?—Nothing whatever.

12,702. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Or a promise of employment?—No, I did not require it.

J. Wright.

JAMES WRIGHT sworn and examined.

12,703. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

12,704. Were you a voter before this time?—No.

12,705. Now, at what time did you vote at the last election?—About half-past eleven, as near as I can guess.

12,706. Were you promised, did you receive, or were you paid any money for your vote?—No.

12,707. Or was employment promised you, or anything of that kind?—No, nothing of the sort.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10.30.

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Wednesday, 1st September 1869.

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E. C. Dowson.

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EDWARD CHRISTMAS DOWSON sworn and examined.

12,708. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

12,709. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

12,710. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

12,711. Do you keep the "Blackfriars Tavern"?—I do.

12,712. During the day of the election were a number of voters at your house?—Not that I am aware of; I was not there only at the dinner hour.

12,713. Were not a number of voters at your house?—I believe not.

12,714. Were there not voters at your house?—I could not say that, for I was not at home in my house not more than half an hour the whole day; that was at the dinner hour. I never attend to the house myself.

12,715. Where were you all day?—I was at work a portion of the day; I went to my business in the morning after I had voted.

12,716. What is your business?—Plumber, painter, and glazier. I keep men. I very seldom attend to that place; I scarcely ever draw a glass of beer in it; in fact I make it a rule not to attend to it at all.

12,717. Then who attends to your business?—My wife; I leave it entirely to her.

12,718. What money did you receive from Mr. Wiseman that day?—3*l.* 10*s.*; they were in half-sovereigns.

12,719. At what time did you receive it?—I will tell you how I came to receive them, then you will hear the whole statement. I do not want to keep anything back.

12,720. I want to know about what time?—Twenty minutes to four.

12,721. Where were you when you received them?—In the committee room.

12,722. Where was that?—In Calvert Street.

12,723. What is the name of the place?—Mr. Smith's, the shoe manufacturer.

12,724. Was it old Wiseman or the young one?—The elder.

12,725. How came you to receive that?—I will tell you. A man of the name of Pointer had been in the committee room and asked for me; I was not there when he first came; then he came afterwards. He said there were seven men who would vote if they had half-a-sovereign apiece. I said, "I have nothing to do with money matters." He said, "Perhaps you will speak to Mr. Wiseman about it." I spoke to Mr. Wiseman, the elder, about it, and he gave me seven half-sovereigns, and I gave it to Pointer.

12,726. To whom?—Edward Pointer. He came in and said there were seven who would vote

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for half-a-sovereign apiece. I can prove my statement, because I think Mr. Wiseman would recollect it. There were seven men.

12,727. Where did Pointer live?—In Saint Mary's Church Alley; but he is dead since. It is unfortunate for me to make such a statement, but it is the truth.

12,728. Do you know the men?—The seven men? I never went out of doors with him.

12,729. Did he tell you who they were?—I never asked him. He is a man I have known for 10 or 12 years. I have lent money to him. I took him to be an honourable little chap, and his wife worth the money.

12,730. Did he say where the men were?—That I cannot say. I think he said they were somewhere in St. Martin's or St. Martin's Plain; I won't swear which.

12,731. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are both places close to the committee room?—Both places.

12,732. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who was present when you handed the money to Pointer?—I don't know, but he was there; a man of the name of Webster came and said Pointer wanted to speak to me.

12,733. Who is he?—In the Market Hall he was.

12,734. Where does he live?—I could make it out for you. It is close in St. George's Yard, one of the yards next Mr. Stanley's, the builder.

12,735. What is his christian name?—I cannot tell. I can make it out and send it you.

12,736. You know this materially affects your position?—It does.

12,737. And your interest also?—Yes. I wish I had had nothing to do with it. I come here with the honest truth.

12,738. You told me you were about your business the whole day?—No, I said I went about my business in the morning. I will give you an explanation of where I went the whole day.

12,739. Were you a member of the committee?—No, I had nothing to do with the committee. I went round with Mr. Edward Stracey canvassing. I will tell you anything you like to ask me.

12,740. On what day did you go round with Mr. Edward Stracey?—On the Friday, I think, and on the Monday; the Friday before the election and the Monday previous.

12,741. Were you with him at all on the election day?—I never saw Mr. Edward Stracey on the election day.

12,742. Did you have any conversation with him respecting paying men on either of those two days when you were with him?—I never had any conversation with him about the payment of anything whatever.

12,743. Are you sure of that?—Quite sure of that. I never received not the value of one halfpenny from Mr. Edward Stracey.

12,744. I do not suppose you received anything, but did you not have some conversation with him respecting paying the people?—No, not a word.

12,745. How long have you been in Norwich?—I have lived here all my lifetime.

12,746. And how many years have you been a voter?—I have been a voter about 22 years.

12,747. Then I suppose you have not lived in Norwich without knowing that elections have been carried here by means of money?—I never had the handling of any money.

12,748. You never had the handling of any money, but you knew the fact, and you were interested yourself in the conduct of the election. Now, knowing the fact, and being interested in the conduct of the election, and further, being with a gentleman active in the canvass, and having a prominent part in it, did you not speak to him about it?—I never did.

12,749. Did you not speak to him about money?—I never did.

12,750. Did you go with Mr. Arthur Bignold at all?—I don't know him. Yes I know the Bignolds. I know Mr. John Bignold. I don't know Mr. Arthur.

12,751. You know James Lombe?—What is he?

12,752. I cannot tell you what he is?—I know who you mean. He is a shoe manufacturer, a small shoe manufacturer.

12,753. Was he not in your house that day?—To the best of my knowledge he was not.

12,754. Were you in your house at all about four o'clock?—I was not.

12,755. You were not at home?—No, I was in the committee room from about 25 minutes to four, till the poll was closed.

12,756. You took William Annison to the poll?—No, I never took anyone to the poll.

12,757. Did you not go with him?—Annison? No. I don't know such a man.

12,758. Was there any other committee room besides the one in which Wiseman was, in that ward?—Not belonging to the Conservative party.

12,759. Now, did you not take up, or go with a man to the poll just before four?—I did not.

12,760. Be careful about that, will you?—I don't want to be careful about it, because I know it. Mr. Wiseman can speak to that. I know that he can say so, and so can Mr. Webster.

12,761. Where did you remain?—I remained in the committee room till after the books were brought from the different polling places.

12,762. Men were supplied with beer at your house?—If they were it was at their own expense.

12,763. Did not you have any order for beer?—I had not, and there was none set up. My wife never told me of beer being ordered by anyone.

12,764. Do not you know of any beer that remained unpaid for?—There was nothing of the sort. There was none set up. I was not at home till about a quarter to five.

12,765. Have not you heard from your wife that beer was paid for at your house?—No, I have not asked her that question. She never told me there was anything to pay; therefore I never asked her. I have no doubt she would have told me if there had been.

12,766. Have you not asked for any money since the election?—No.

12,767. Nor your wife?—Nor my wife, for she would not have trusted anybody. She never made it a practice to do so.

12,768. You have got a very deep interest in showing what was done with that 3*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes. I should have liked to show it you, I am sure.

12,769. When did Pointer die?—I don't know what day it was.

12,770. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You had known this man Pointer before?—Oh yes, for years.

12,771. Had you any dealings with him before the election?—When his wife died I lent him 2*l.*, and he always behaved honourable.

12,772. How long has he been dead?—Two or three months.

12,773. Who told you of his death?—I know of it because I went to the inquest. He was drowned. He drowned himself.

12,774. Before this election you took some interest in the canvassing?—I did.

12,775. With whom were you canvassing—Mr. Stracey?—Mr. Stracey. He was there.

12,776. And Mr. Hardiment?—Well, I don't consider that Mr. Hardiment was; he met us at St. Martin's-at-Oak. He had nothing to do with the canvass. He walked with us 10 minutes or a quarter of an hour.

12,777. He was canvassing, was he not?—He had no book. Mr. Abel had the books of St. Martin's.

12,778. Did you see Hardiment in the committee room on the day of the election?—I don't recollect seeing him on the day of the election at all.

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12,779. Had you any communication with him?—No, I am not friendly with Mr. Hardiment. He is no friend of mine. I never knew the man previous to his going into the committee room.

12,780. You knew him during this canvass?—Yes, I did.

12,781. Did you offer any money yourself to anybody?—I never offered money, nor a glass of beer.

12,782. Did you promise anything?—No.

12,783. Have you paid anything since?—No, not of my own money. I should not have used my own money. I should not have done that.

12,784. Did you make any bets about this event?—No, I am not a betting man. I do not give way to bets.

12,785. Have you had anything to do with canvassing at former elections?—Yes, Mr. Waters' election, I did.

12,786. There was a good deal of money going then?—I didn't see it.

12,787. Did you know nothing of it?—No; they merely applied to me because I had lived in the ward all my lifetime, and they applied to me because I could go over the ground well.

12,788. You were not entrusted with any money?—I was not entrusted with any money.

12,789. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you anything to do with the payment of men for their votes at any election?—No.

12,790. Where does the person live who came and told you that Pointer wanted to see you?—On St. George's Plain. I will make it out to you. I will find his christian name and send it up to you.

12,791. We do not care about his christian name—His name is Webster, and he is a tailor. He lives on St. George's Plain.

ANTHONY FREESTONE sworn and examined.

A. Freestone.

12,792. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you examined before Mr. Baron Martin?—Yes.

12,793. Are you a baker living in St. Augustine's?—Yes.

12,794. Do you recollect being at the "Woolpack" on the day of the election?—Yes; I went to the "Woolpack" in the afternoon of the day of the election.

12,795. At what time was that?—I think about a quarter to three, something like that.

12,796. That was to see Mr. Hardiment?—Yes.

12,797. You had Mr. Hardiment's pony, I think?—Yes, I had.

12,798. Did you find him there?—I gave a lad a penny to stand to the pony the time I went up and spoke to Mr. Hardiment. I went up and saw him on the landing.

12,799. Were any other persons present?—There were two others on the landing; I did not go into the room.

12,800. Did you see Mackley?—I have no particular knowledge of Mackley. There was some man drawing at the bar.

12,801. What was Hardiment doing when you saw him?—Speaking to some man that came out of the committee room.

12,801*a*. What was going on there?—I did not stay; I did not see what was going on. I merely asked to see if he had anyone to take the pony.

12,802. When you went away did you leave all these people with Hardiment?—Yes, I did.

12,803. Can you say how many there were?—No; I did not look in the room.

12,804. Did you see any money going on there?—There was only one man there I knew by the name of Money.

12,805. Did you hear anything of money?—No.

12,806. Did you hear of any bargain?—No. He was speaking to a man; I came away directly. I merely asked him the question.

12,807. Did you hear anything about men being taken to the poll?—Yes. Hardiment said something about taking men to the poll; I said I did not know any man but Money. I am a stranger in that part. That man lives opposite me.

12,808. What did you say about Money?—I said, "There is a man of the name of Money, he can go." Something like that; I cannot say exactly.

12,809. You said he was a man who would go?—I said, "I don't know anyone. There is a man of the "name of Money here." I suppose he went; he went downstairs.

12,810. Did you see how many men went downstairs with him?—I should say two.

12,811. Not more?—There were only three on the landing when I went up.

12,812. Not more than three?—There might be more, but the time I went up there were three men standing there. Money was not one of them.

12,813. Do you know their names?—No, I was a perfect stranger there.

12,814. Which is your ward?—The eighth.

12,815. This was the eighth ward?—Yes; but I don't go into a public-house once a year. I don't know any public-house, particularly in St. Martin's.

12,816. You were canvassing before this election?—No.

12,817. Did you see anything of Wiseman and the others before the day of the election?—Yes, I saw them all one day; I met them in Duke Street.

12,818. You were with them?—No. I walked on my way home with them. I never asked anybody.

12,819. You had some talk about the election?—We were all talking. We met near the "Cherry Tree," and I had a little amusement about the election, and asked, "How are you getting on," but nothing particular.

12,820. That was before the day of the election?—No, I think the Thursday.

12,821. Was anything said about doubtful voters?—No. I had nothing to do with the books then. I did not take any interest in the canvass.

12,822. Did you hear of men hanging back for money for their votes?—I believe there were men hanging out.

12,823. Do you know any of them?—Yes, I know one or two.

12,824. When you were about with Wiseman did you see any canvassing going on?—I was with him 10 minutes or a quarter of an hour. They were very near my house.

12,825. Where was that?—Against Mr. Hills, the grocer. I cannot particularly tell you the name of the place, but not more than 200 or 300 yards from my place.

12,826. Did you see them canvassing any voters?—I saw them go from door to door, but I did not go. I had no interest. I stood in the yard. I went into the "Cherry Tree," and had a glass of ale.

12,827. On the day of the election I think you took up voters to the poll?—Yes, I took up a good many; at any rate I rode with many.

12,828. Were you asked to do so?—After I left Wiseman in the morning I saw Hardiment. He said, "Would you like to ride with me during the day"?—I saw no objection, and so I got into his cart and rode with him during the day.

12,829. Do you remember the names of the voters whom you took to the poll?—No, I cannot.

12,830. Were they voters whom Hardiment asked you to take?—I did not take them. We all rode together, and took any men up.

12,831. How many journeys did you make?—I should think it might be 10 or 20.

12,832. On the average did you take four or five men up at a time?—No. It was only a small pony cart. There were two or three lame old gentlemen. There were only three in the cart at any time.

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12,833. Who?—Hardiment, and I, and the voter. There might be occasionally more. Once a fellow was very noisy. He came and jumped into the back of the cart at some part of the day. His name is Barber.

12,834. Do not you know the names of any of the voters whom you took up?—Not any, barring the one I took up in the afternoon.

12,835. Do you know Thirkettle?—Yes.

12,836. Were you engaged with him during that day?—I did not see him at all.

12,837. Nor the day before?—Yes. He frequently came into mine as he went past.

12,838. You got them into the pony cart as soon as you succeeded?—Yes.

12,839. Can you give me any of their names?—Mr. Metcalfe rode with Mr. Hardiment and I. I don't know whether Mr. Hannant did not. I will not swear.

12,840. Any of these persons in St. Martin's?—I do not know anyone only as I have read the names in the paper.

12,841. Will you swear that you do not know their names?—None but Baldwin, the baker, and a man of the name of Mitchell that I let off a shop to, and a bake-house. I know him, and no other person particularly.

12,842. Do you know a man of the name of Thomas Robins?—Yes.

12,843. Did not he ride with you?—He did, and Mr. Mitchell.

12,844. Who is Robins?—A bricklayer that used to work for a man in my yard, Coyte, the bricklayer.

12,845. At what time of the day was that?—Three or a quarter past three, or about that. I do not think later.

12,846. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where was Hardiment when you took up these men?—In the "Woolpack."

12,847. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You left him there?—I walked the pony up St. Martin's? I saw Robert Mitchell standing there. "Mitchell," I said, "have you voted?" "No," he said. Then I said, "Who will you vote for?" and he said, "Stracey." I said, "You had better make haste; the time is getting away;" and I took those two men up.

12,848. How far would that be from the poll?—About 300 yards. I merely walked the pony about the time he was in.

12,849. Is that the only time you took up voters?—That is the only time I went alone with them during the time I was waiting for the pony.

12,850. Did you give anything to either of these men?—I gave Mitchell 5*s.*

12,851. Who has repaid you that?—Not anyone.

12,852. Have you asked anybody for it?—No.

12,853. Do you expect to get it?—No. I never thought anything of getting it.

12,854. Suppose there had been no inquiry?—I spent 12*s.* 6*d.* on the day of the election. That was all my career at the election. There was a man of the name of John Hewitt that annoyed me very much. He said I had promised him 7*s.* 6*d.* If that man, John Barber, a little fellow that was here yesterday, would come he could tell you. They were both tipsy.

12,855. What did you do with the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—I gave it to John Hewitt or George Hewitt; I cannot say which. I should not know the man again if I were to see him.

12,856. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where did George Hewitt vote?—I don't know. In the eighth ward, I think. He voted for Russell and Tillett afterwards I know.

12,857. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you made any promises to anyone since?—Not to anyone.

12,858. This man Hewitt you say asked you?—Yes; he walked up and down after me in St. Martin's. He said, "You promised me 7*s.* 6*d.*" I said, "No such thing." He was tipsy, and I thought that people hearing that would annoy me; so I gave him 7*s.* 6*d.*, and then he went and voted for Russell and Tillett.

12,859. Did any more of these drunken men ask you?—No; I am a stranger there.

12,860. You heard of them coming to Hardiment and asking him?—I had very little conversation with him. Hardiment was inside and I was outside with the pony and cart. I was staying in the pony-cart.

12,861. Did not you hear persons come and ask him?—What they said I cannot say. I went into a public-house and got a glass of ale, where I saw Hardiment. I think I went into Mr. Clarke's beer-house.

12,862. I suppose Mr. Hardiment was surrounded by the people living there?—No, not many. Both parties were there.

12,863. They seemed very glad to see you?—No, I don't think that. He is a very curious sort of man. The people did not ask Hardiment particularly any more than other parties. There were some asked him for beer, and I believe Hardiment paid for some beer, half-a-gallon or a gallon, I don't know which, at this house.

12,864. Did you hear anything said about giving a day's wages for these persons going up?—I did not.

12,865. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were bets made of 5 to 1?—There were some fellows there; a man of the name of Thorpe; I believe he was very noisy, and two or three other people, about money. I heard him say that he had been offered so much money on the opposite side—of course he meant the blue side—that he had been offered money there, but who it was I don't know; several people in Clarke's; they did not ask Hardiment.

12,866. Was Clarke there?—I don't know him. I did not know him till after the time. I saw him here this morning.

12,867. What is about the size of Clarke's beer-house?—Very small. It would hold about 20 people.

12,868. Is it all in one room where the people were, or do the rooms open one into another?—Yes; the people sitting in one can see into the others. There are three or four small places. There is a division, but you can see into every room. It is a sort of little shop as well.

12,869. Have you heard of any money going about besides Hardiment's?—No, only as I have read of in the paper. I think there was very little spent.

12,870. Witnesses have told us of claims made, 5*s.* here and 7*s.* there?—I have not heard of any in any case whatever. I never heard of one.

12,871. Have you heard of any promises being made to people that they would be paid afterwards if they voted, in some public-house or other?—Not anyone. I went into Cartwright's with Hardiment; at least I did not go in till after some time.

12,872. Have you been engaged in former elections here?—No.

12,873. Not taking any active part?—I never took any money from anyone. Whatever I spent was out of my own pocket.

12,874. Have you spent money out of your own pocket at former elections?—No.

12,875. Not a farthing?—Not a farthing.

12,876. Have you carried people up to the poll?—I never knew that I had a conveyance.

12,877. Have you voted yourself?—Yes.

12,878. On which side have you voted?—Always on one side.

12,879. The Tory side?—Always the Tory side.

12,880. Have you ever received anything from any one?—Not a penny.

12,881. Nor the promise of anything?—I never received anything, nor was promised anything in any way whatever.

12,882. Which of these two men did you give the money to—Mitchell or Robins?—Mitchell, 5*s.*

12,883. Did Robins ask you for anything?—Not anything. I believe Mitchell gave Robins half-a-

crown out of the 5*s*. I gave the money to Mitchell, and Mitchell gave to Robins.

12,884. They divided it between them?—I believe they did. I am not sure of it. I don't know what he did with it, and I did not care. I heard afterwards.

12,885. Now with regard to Clarke's beerhouse, what time of the day was it when you went there?—I should think about 12 o'clock.

12,886. Was Hardiment with you when you went there?—Yes, where he chose to go I went with him.

12,887. At what time of the morning did you begin to move about with Hardiment?—I should think about 11 o'clock.

12,888. Did you know that Hardiment had got some money to spend?—I never heard of any. Hardiment always told me that whatever money he spent he spent of his own private account.

12,889. Did he tell you early in the morning that he was going to spend a little money?—No, not a bit of it. I never heard a word of him till 11 o'clock.

12,890. Did he mention anything to you then?—Not a word.

12,891. What you have heard you have heard since?—Since that day. Of course there were people who said that day that Hardiment had given money but I had not seen it. I don't know only the first man, Barber, that he gave the 7*s*. 6*d*. to was, I believe, in Cartwright's. I never see of anyone else he gave money to.

12,892. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Can you fix the time at which Hardiment was giving money?—I should think it would be about 12 o'clock.

12,893-4. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You heard as early as 12 o'clock?—That was the time about when he went into Cartwright's, a public-house in St. Martin's Plain.

12,895. Where did you go with him as early as 12?—It was the first house we went into, Cartwright's.

12,896. Where did you go to then?—We drove down to his house up in St. Martin's—came back, and I believe called at Clarke's beerhouse as we came back. There he stopped some few minutes, and he asked me if I would have a glass of ale. I felt thirsty, and had the ale. What was done there I don't know.

12,897. You were with Hardiment the whole day?—Yes, from 11 o'clock.

12,898. After he had gone from his house you say he went to Clarke's. Did he go anywhere between the time of going to his house and going to Clarke's?—I think he called at another place in St. Martin's. I cannot tell you the name of it.

12,899. Did he go into it?—Yes, he did.

12,900. If you go into St. Martin's and look, cannot you tell which house it was?—No. It was very near opposite Clarke's. I don't know the name of it.

12,901-2. Do you know the "Edinburgh Castle"?—No, I don't. That is the only public-house I know of that I could give you an accurate account of.

12,903. If you went there you could perhaps tell me?—I should think I should know the house again. It is up two stairs. Any man in St. Martin's will tell you.

12,904. From Clarke's where did you go?—From Clarke's we went across to his house. I think it was then.

12,905. Did you see anybody at that public-house up the steps?—No, I did not.

12,906. Did you see anybody at the public-house where you went at about 11 o'clock?—Nobody but this Barber.

12,907. Cartwright and Barber?—I don't think it was Cartwright; Cartwright was ill in bed.

12,908. Carry your mind back and see if you cannot recollect whether there was not anyone else?—No, there was not a soul. We went away directly.

12,909. How long did you remain at Clarke's?—About 10 minutes.

12,910. Did you go in at all?—I went to have a glass of beer.

12,911. Where did you stand?—Where the man drew the beer from the cask. You must all stand in a lump. It is a very small place.

12,912. Was conversation going on there?—No.

12,913. No conversation at all?—There was some men; this man Thorpe and others talking very freely. They had been drinking freely.

12,914. Were you situated so that you could hear them?—Not further from me than this gentleman here (*pointing*).

12,915. In Clarke's bar?—There is no bar. It is a little place.

12,916. Were they talking all the time about money?—Yes. Thorpe is a very singular sort of character. He had been offered 7*s*. 6*d*. I heard him say to a man. Whether he was speaking to Hardiment I cannot say. While I was there he did not ask for money.

12,917. Did he ask Hardiment for money?—No. He was talking to another man that was sitting at the side of him.

12,918. Did anybody speak to Hardiment about money?—I did not hear it. I did not see anybody.

12,919. What was Hardiment doing while you were in?—He asked me to have a glass of ale, and we had one.

12,920. Did he sit down?—No, stood up.

12,921. Was not he talking to the men who were there?—He was talking to the landlord, I think. I think it was the landlord. It was the man who drew the beer. I had never seen him before, and I thought he was talking to him.

12,922. Did you hear what they talked about?—No, I did not stay. I went and sat in the cart again directly after I drank my ale.

12,923. How long did he remain in the house after you went into Clarke's?—Very few minutes; 10 minutes.

12,924. After you left Clarke's, where did you drive to?—After we left Clarke's, there were some men wanted to go to the seventh ward. There was a lame man.

12,925. Whereabouts in the seventh ward?—The polling place is near the "White Horse" yard. That is the place where we drove the men to.

12,926. Did you see him?—I helped him into the cart. He was a very stout man. He said he would vote for Stracey. Hardiment said, "Very well, we'll take you directly."

12,927. Did Hardiment go into the house before you took that man up?—No. The man's wife led him to the steps and we helped him on to the cart.

12,928. How came you to go to him?—Somebody said, "Hardiment, there's an old man there who cannot go unless you take him to vote." He said he would go.

12,929. Then you took him to the poll?—We took him to the poll.

12,930. Where did you go then?—To another public-house. I cannot tell you the name.

12,931. Do not you know the sign?—No.

12,932. Nor where it is?—One part of the road where it is leads to St. Augustine's, in my parish. The name of the landlord is Benjamin Fuller. Oh, it is the "Edinburgh Castle."

12,933. You went to the "Edinburgh Castle"?—Well, we did not go, except just as we was passing.

12,934. That was as early as half-past 11, was it not?—I don't know. That was the second man we took that was not able to walk. I should think it must have been half-past 12 or 1 at that time.

12,935. Was Fuller in bed?—No, he was sitting on the settle against the fire. He was a lame man as well. He could not walk.

12,936. When you arrived at the house did Hardiment go into the house?—Yes, he did.

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12,937. How long did Hardiment remain in the house?—I should think about three or four minutes.

12,938. Then did he come out and speak to you?—No. I got out of the cart and went in.

12,939. How came you to do that?—I asked him, "How long are you going to stay?" The pony was very restive. There were some boys with tin kettles frightening the pony. Mr. Fuller was willing to vote, but could not get there without assistance. Some dirty scavenger said, "I'll help him;" and then Fuller went with Hardiment and voted in the seventh ward, near the "White Horse" yard.

12,940. Did you see Hardiment giving any money there?—Not any.

12,941. Or treating?—Not any.

12,942. Are you sure of that?—I think I could swear he did not, but I think this man said, "Fuller is willing to vote, but we want some beer;" and I think Hardiment spent sixpence or something for some beer. I won't say whether it was sixpence or a shilling. There was something for some beer.

12,943. It was the scavenger who said that?—Yes. I should know his name if I heard it.

12,944. He wanted some beer first?—Yes. He said, "Now you shan't vote unless we have a glass of ale," or something. I think Hardiment said, "If a man has a mind to vote let him vote;" and I think Hardiment paid for a pot of ale; 6*d.*, or something. I don't know what it was exactly.

12,945. Do you know of anything having been given to Fuller for his vote?—No; he never had anything at all, not to the best of my knowledge.

12,946. Did you see what was put down on the table?—No. I could not swear whether it was sixpence or a shilling, or what it was. Hardiment paid for the beer that these fellows would have. What it was I could not say.

12,947. Was there not eighteenpence put down on the table?—I won't swear. I thought it was 6*d.* at first. There was some money.

12,948. Was there not eighteenpence put down on the table, and sixpence handed for the beer, and a shilling given to Fuller?—I don't know that. I cannot say. I don't think Fuller had anything for his vote.

12,949. Did not you see a shilling given to Fuller?—I did not. I thought Hardiment laid down the sixpence, or whatever it was, to pay for the beer.

12,950. Did you see any other money given?—Not anything of the kind. If there was I did not see it.

12,951. After that, where did you go to?—I think we went home to Hardiment's after that, and from there we went down to Mackley's. There might be an hour between.

12,952. What did you do in the interval between leaving the "Edinburgh Castle" and going to Mackley's?—I recollect after we left this "Edinburgh Castle" I went indoors and asked for a coat from my wife. It was cold then. She said, "You had better stop for dinner." Dinner was on the table. I said, "I don't care about stopping; I am going with Hardiment." We went down and called at the "Buck," I think it was. There were several people—Hardiment's workpeople.

12,953. Hardiment got down and went into the "Buck"?—I think he called at the "Buck," and spoke to the landlord.

12,954. How long did he remain there?—Not two minutes scarcely.

12,955. Did you go into the "Buck"?—Yes.

12,956. What did he say?—He said something to a man about some feed on the marsh. He said, "You shan't have your horse on my marsh any more;" but what it was I cannot say.

12,957. Did you not hear anything that was said to the men by Hardiment, or what they said to him?—No, not anything of the kind.

12,958. Before he said, "You shan't have your horse upon the marsh any more," was he asking him to vote for Stracey?—I should not think he was.

12,959. What was he talking to the man about?—I don't know the beginning of it. I went in after he had been in a few minutes, and I heard him say, "I won't have your horse on my marsh."

12,960. Did you hear it mentioned in this way, "If you don't vote for Stracey," or "Unless you vote "for Stracey you shall not have your horses on my "marsh any more"?—I should think the man had voted, but which way I cannot say.

12,961. What was his name?—I don't know.

12,962. Did you go out before Hardiment?—Yes, I went and got into the cart directly. I did not see anything.

12,963. So that you did not see the end of the visit?—No.

12,964. Did you see any men going away from the "Buck" while Mr. Hardiment was in?—No, I did not; not anyone.

12,965. Did any of them come out with you to go away?—Not anyone.

12,966. After you left the "Buck," where did you go?—I am almost sure I went to his home then. He was very nigh his home then.

12,967. Did not you call at any place between?—I think not. There was no other place we could call at, I think.

12,968. How many men were there in the "Buck"?—I should think four or five, with the landlord and Hardiment. There might be three or four more. It is a very small room; three or four people besides the landlord and Hardiment.

12,969. After you got to Hardiment's house, did you see anybody there?—No.

12,970. How long did you remain in Hardiment's house?—Very likely half an hour.

12,971. Had you some dinner or anything there?—No, not anything.

12,972. What were you doing at this time?—I don't know. He went into his counting-house for something.

12,973. Where were you?—In the yard. We did not take the pony out, and I did not leave the pony.

12,974. What time was it then?—It must have been drawing on for two o'clock.

12,975. When you left his house where did you drive to?—To St. Martin's, and I believe he went into Clarke's again.

12,976. Did you go into the house at all?—I saw Mr. Wiseman, and he said, "Will you take anything to drink?" I said, "No, thank you; I don't want anything." He said, "You'd better have a glass of ale." "Very well," I said; and I went in, and I think Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Hardiment were there together.

12,977. Who else?—Mr. Blackbourne, the currier, out of St. Stephen's. I saw Ellis, and several other people.

12,978. Was Clarke's beerhouse then pretty full?—Yes, there were several people there then.

12,979. Where did you stand in Clarke's beerhouse?—Close by the door. I had my eye on the pony all the while. I didn't speak to anyone, bar Mr. Wiseman.

12,980. Did you hear the people speaking to Hardiment at all, or where was Hardiment?—Hardiment was talking to some man very near the door.

12,981. Did you hear what they were saying?—No, I did not hear. Hardiment was not there but for a few minutes, and I don't think he would have gone in if he had not seen Mr. Wiseman. He spoke to him about something or other, and then they went and we all had a glass of ale apiece.

12,982. Did you see any men come out with Hardiment?—Not anyone. Oh, I have missed one house. The man's name is Benfather.

12,983. (*Mr. Biron.*) The "Royal Oak"?—I think that is the name.

12,984. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At what time did you call there?—It must have been at the time we were going from Hardiment's to get to Clarke's house. We went past the "Royal Oak" to get to Clarke's.

12,985. How long did you remain in the "Royal Oak"?—A very few minutes.

12,986. Did you go into Benfather's at all?—No.

12,987. You stood outside?—Where the men sat. They were sitting very near the door. I did not go in.

12,988. Did you see anybody talking to him at Benfather's?—No.

12,989. Did Benfather come out with him?—Benfather was speaking to Hardiment, but I am not sure.

12,990. Did you hear what Benfather said to Hardiment?—I don't know.

12,991. Did not he say something about men at his house wanting money?—If he did I did not hear it. If he did I should think Hardiment would have said so. I did not hear anything of the kind.

12,992. Did you see Hardiment give Benfather anything?—No, not anything.

12,993. Did you see Benfather come out of this house?—No, I am not aware that he came away from the house. I should not think he did.

12,994. Did he come out of Clarke's while Hardiment was there?—That I cannot say; but I believe I saw Benfather during the day at Clarke's house as I was driving past, or something of the kind. I think I saw Benfather at Clarke's; still I should be very sorry to swear it.

12,995. Was that before or after you had been to Benfather's?—It was after that.

12,996. Did you see any men taken into a little room at Clarke's?—No, not anyone.

12,997. Do you recollect Hardiment going into a little room away from the bar?—No, I don't think there is any little room.

12,998. Yes; there is a place called the bake office?—I did not know anything of it.

12,999. There is a place called the bake office?—Then it is at the back.

13,000. Did you see Hardiment and some men go there?—No, I did not. I never saw them.

13,001. But you did afterwards see Benfather at Clarke's?—I think it was at Clarke's.

13,002. Was anybody with Benfather that you recollect?—Not anybody that I know of, only the people sitting there.

13,003. Did you go into Clarke's beerhouse again?—No, I sat in the cart.

13,004. Where did you go after going into Clarke's, the second time?—I can hardly say where, but I think we went down into St. Martin's.

13,005. Where did you go after that?—I cannot tell whether he went to Mackley's. I don't remember whether he went more than once to Mackley's or not. I don't remember whether he went anywhere else unless he called at Mackley's.

13,006. He did go to Mackley's?—Yes; but you are speaking of before he went to Mackley's.

13,007. After you went to Clarke's what became of you?—I don't think he went anywhere else but to Mackley's.

13,008. Just consider?—I don't think he did.

13,009. Did he go to Mackley's more than once that afternoon?—I believe he went to Mackley's twice; I think he did.

13,010. You stated to Mr. Mansfield what occurred upon one visit to Mackley's. Was that your first or your second visit?—I think Hardiment went in before that.

13,011. Where did you go before the second visit to Mackley's when this occurred which you have told me?—I don't know where he drove to after that. He drove somewhere. There was a party he met, and he drove them to All Saints' Green.

13,012. Where did he go then?—It is some long way from our part there. It must be some two miles from this part to where he drove the man to the poll.

13,013. Where did he take him from?—Somewhere in St. George's, I know. It is a man he knew.

13,014. That is a very wide field. Did he go into the house?—No; he met the man in the street.

13,015. Cannot you tell me whereabouts?—No, I cannot tell you whereabouts we took him up. It was somewhere in St. George's; I cannot say. Hardiment said, "Have you voted?" and he said, "No."

13,016. Where were you driving to? How came he to go up to that place?—I cannot say after he left Clarke's, but he went to Cartwright's and Mackley's, and that is where he was for a long time.

13,017. But in the interval between going to Mackley's the first and the second time he did go elsewhere, and I want to know exactly where?—I don't think we went into any other house.

13,018. But what did you do?—I think after he left Clarke's the second time he met with this man and took him up to All Saints' Green voting place to poll.

13,019. Did you hear what he said to the man?—He said, "Have you voted?" and the man said, "No. "I am too far away from the place. I don't think I "shall trouble myself about it." He said, "I will drive you." The other man said, "I'll go if you won't "take me too much off my work. I have no objection "to go."

13,020. Did you hear of any money?—No.

13,021. Or beer?—No; nothing at all.

13,022. He merely told him that he would give him a drive?—That was all. Whether he worked for Mr. Barnes or not I cannot say. He looked like a man that did something in the engineering work, by his clothes.

13,023. After you had set that man down what did you do then?—I think we brought the man back to where we took him up, near Mr. Brogden's, the grocer.

13,024. Did you go to Cartwright's?—Mackley's and Cartwright's were two of the last places that Hardiment went into. We went to Cartwright's last.

13,025. After you put the man down where did you go?—I think he went to Mackley's. That was for the last time.

13,026. And then that occurred which you have told Mr. Mansfield?—It did.

13,027. After you left Mackley's where did you go?—To Mr. Cartwright's, on St. Mary's Plain.

13,028. You took up Mitchell and Robins at the time he was at Mackley's?—Yes.

13,029. Did you come back to Mackley's then?—Yes.

13,030. Did you find Hardiment there waiting for you, or was he still engaged?—I had not been back two minutes before Hardiment came downstairs, but before he came downstairs Mr. Fisher and Mr. Harper, the dyer, came driving down there. I had seen Fisher and Harper before at Mackley's.

13,031. They came up?—They came up the second time. I heard the men say that Harper was gone, that he could not have been gone 10 minutes. I do not think he was. They stood their head against my pony's face, and I saw Mr. Harper go into the public-house, and several people rushed in, and I heard them say "It's all right." I don't know what they meant.

13,032. Many rushed in?—Yes. They filled the place so that there was not room to move. It filled the place so that if you got in you could not get out.

13,033. Who had come up with Harper originally?—I won't swear that. Fisher came up the first time.

13,034. Where did Fisher go?—He stayed in the dog-cart. Where he got afterwards I cannot say.

13,035. Did Fisher go away with him and come back in a trap with him?—If it was Fisher; Fisher came the last time. I cannot say for the first.

13,036. When Harper came back, did he come back at a trot or a walk?—He came back very fast.

13,037. Were the men running, or how was it?—When Fisher and Harper came back. I cannot say whether Fisher was with him both times. There were several men standing outside in this large yard, and when I saw Harper go in, I heard the men say "It's all right now;" and in they went and Harper was in some time.

13,038. Do you know in what direction Harper had

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driven in the interval, when he went away, before he came back?—That I cannot say.

13,039. Where did he come from; from which direction?—He came as if he was coming from the city bridge out at St. George's, or he would come over the main street, and he might come into St. Martin's. He came over St. Mary's Lane, that is the way he came.

13,040. Harper went into the house?—Yes.

13,041. And Hardiment was there at the time?—Yes, on the landing, where I had been in and spoken to him. I had been in the house before Harper came the second time, and had got into the cart again, thinking that Hardiment was coming down, and during the time Fisher and Harper drove up and Harper went in. I think Fisher sat in the trap.

13,042. Did you see Harper have anything with him?—I could not say what he had with him I am sure. Harper came in walking in this way (*describing*). He had not got his hands in his pocket.

13,043. His coat tail was like that?—His hand was under, something like this. What he had I cannot say. I was sitting in the cart as close to him as I am to this gentleman (*pointing*).

13,044. Harper went up on the landing to Hardiment?—That I cannot say. I could not see.

13,045. It was so full that you could not get in?—It was full to suffocation. If you got in you could not move. A lot of the biggest blackguards you could find anywhere in the world were there.

13,046. When he carried his coat tails in that way, had you a suspicion of anything?—He might have something he was afraid of losing of. He knew St. Martin's very well.

13,047. There were people there that you would not very much fancy?—I should not myself, certainly.

13,048. How many of these people were there altogether?—Thirty or 40. I should be sorry to say. I should say the bar in the room would hold 40 or 50 people. It is a large bar.

13,049. When you had done that how did Hardiment get out?—I don't know whether he came down and whether Harper got into the large room at the side. I think he did, and that Hardiment walked through into the street.

13,050. Did Harper remain in the house until after Hardiment came out?—I think we went away before Harper and Fisher. I won't swear that, but I think so.

13,051. Did Fisher go into the house at all?—I think the latter part of the time, I saw the boy standing with the horse. I do not think that Fisher was in the cart.

13,052. Somebody held the horse when Fisher was out of the cart?—I won't swear that Fisher got out of the cart.

13,053. You did not see Fisher sitting in the cart?—I should be very sorry to say. I think the cart was empty.

13,054. The boy could not be holding the horse when Fisher was in the cart?—No.

13,055. Have you a distinct recollection of seeing the boy holding the horse?—There was so many people there, and it is so long ago, I don't think he was in the trap all the time, but whether he went indoors I cannot say.

13,056. How long was it after Harper went in that Hardiment came out?—I should think it might be five minutes.

13,057. Not more?—Not more, certainly.

13,058. Hardiment came out and got into the cart, and what then?—We drove off.

13,059. Where did you drive to from that?—To Cartwright's, on St. Mary's Plain.

13,060. What time did you arrive at Cartwright's?—I should think at a quarter or 20 minutes past three.

13,061. Whom did you see at Cartwright's?—Cartwright's is another very small place indeed, not room enough for more then four or five people.

13,062. Did you go in there?—I went in and had a bottle of lemonade or something. I know Hardiment was there some little time.

13,063. Did you go in before or after Hardiment?—I did. I saw young Mr. Delph, I think it was, or somebody. I asked him to hold the pony for a minute or two.

13,064. Did Hardiment go into Cartwright's house before you?—Yes.

13,065. How long was it after Hardiment had gone into the house that you went in?—About 10 minutes. I was talking with some people standing there. That is very nigh the poll. There were several people standing there.

13,066. Do you know who the people were?—I saw some people I knew.

13,067. What are their names?—I saw young Mr. Delph, and asked him to hold my pony till I went in and had a glass of lemonade or something.

13,068. Was the house pretty full when you got in?—Yes. It is a very small place. You cannot stand above three or four people in the shop.

13,069. Did you see Hardiment there?—I saw him in the little room.

13,070. What was he doing?—There were several people talking. I understood that Hardiment had given some of the men something to go and vote, but I did not see it. He was talking to the men in the room.

13,071. You had, you say, some beer?—I think I had a glass of ale.

13,072. How long did you stay in the room drinking your beer?—I drank the beer in the tap-room. I don't think I stayed in the room above five or six minutes.

13,073. You went into the tap-room, did you?—No. It is a grocer's shop, and the beer is placed in the grocer's shop.

13,074. Were there a good many people standing about the place?—Yes; a lot outside and in.

13,075. Did you see the people come down and go in during the time Hardiment was there?—I saw two or three of them come out and vote.

13,076. Was that before you went in?—Yes, before I went in.

13,077. Can you tell me the name of any of those people?—No, that I cannot. There was only one man or two that I knew. Mr. Delph, Mr. Nockles, and two or three others. I know them by sight very well. Nockles and Delph I knew very well. Nockles is a voter.

13,078. Can you give me the names of any who you say went to vote?—No.

13,079. Did Hardiment come out then and get into the cart?—I don't think Hardiment came out until after the poll was closed. That was not above 20 or 25 yards off. We could see the polling place very well.

13,080. You saw them go across to poll?—It is not above 25 yards from this window to the polling place.

13,081. During the whole of that time how many men did you see go across from Cartwright's to the polling place?—I should say six or seven altogether. I cannot say that they all came out of Cartwright's, because there is a large yard there. They went into Cartwright's porter-room, as he calls it; it is at the top of a yard, and people rather than go through the shop go through the passage.

13,082. But the people might pass out at the back from where Hardiment was?—No. I think they would have to come out of the shop door.

13,083. Do you know particularly how many there were?—There were several people there who were out and in. I cannot say how many were there. I saw seven or eight go out.

13,084. How long was it that you were at Cartwright's altogether before the close of the poll?—We might be there half an hour till the poll closed.

13,085. During the whole of that time how many persons proceeded from the direction of Cartwright's

to the polling place?—I could not say. There were 200 or 300 people standing on the Plain at that time. The Plain was full of persons; several horses and carriages.

13,086. I am speaking of those who went either from the front or the back door of Cartwright's house?—I don't know. It might be six or eight; I could not say. There was a great many of the organisation people, I think they call themselves, I know come up there, and I was sitting in the cart at the time then. That is the second time I went in. A man came up to me and said, "Is this Hardiment's pony cart?" I said, "Yes, it is. What do you want?" "I want to see him;" and I think he went and tried to see him; but they said, "You cannot see him now; the place is so full." The man came back and said, "I cannot speak to Mr. Hardiment. Perhaps you will do it for me." "What do you want?" They said they belonged to the organisation. There was 10 of them. They said, "We want something for our votes." I said, "I thought you would not have asked for anything for your votes." They said, "We have had something from the other side, and our man is gone, and we want something here." I went in and told Hardiment what they said. They wanted 3*l.* I told Hardiment they wanted 3*l.*—about eight men belonging to the organisation party. Hardiment said, "I have not got any money." I believe he asked Mr. Cartwright, the landlord, to lend him 5*l.*, and either Mr. Cartwright or his wife, or somebody, offered the money to Hardiment. Then he said, "Where is the men?" and then handed 3*l.* to this organisation lot of people; and I think out of them there was two of them voted. It was then a very few minutes to four. There was a crowd, and they could not get there. Two of them voted. The names I don't know. They were strange to me.

13,087. Do you know what became of the other 2*l.* which Hardiment got?—I don't.

13,088. That was in Cartwright's room?—That was in Cartwright's room.

13,089. How long before four o'clock was that?—I should think it was not above 10 minutes before four. I said, "Why not have come before? There is no "time to vote now. There is a great many people "there now. I don't think they can poll those that "are there now." "Oh yes," they said, "we can." I watched them particularly. One polled; and another went to the poll window, and the window was closed immediately. Whether he succeeded I cannot say. If so only two polled.

13,090. Where was Hardiment at that time?—Inside the house.

13,091. Did you hear from Hardiment that he had any money from any one?—I never heard him say that he had had a penny except his own money. I have asked him and have said to him, "I have been told you had 100*l.*," and he said "I never had a penny except my own money."

13,092. Did you hear that he had been promised money by anyone?—No, not by anyone.

13,093. Did you see him canvassing with young Mr. Stracey?—I did not. I saw young Mr. Stracey and Hardiment with two or three others. I recollect now his going up to the gas house one night on Tombland; there were four or five together. Hardiment said, "Will you walk up with us?" and I said "I had no objection;" and I walked with them to the gas house about 10 o'clock at night.

13,094. Was that on a Saturday?—It was a day or two before the election. I should not think it was Saturday night; it is not often that I go out on a Saturday night.

13,095. Was Mr. Arthur Bignold with you that night?—No.

13,096. Did you not see him at all?—No, I did not see him at all during the election.

13,097. Did Hardiment ever tell you how much money he had spent on that day?—No. I have heard since that he has said it cost him a good bit of money one way and another, that was going away and all, but I never heard what amount.

13,098. Did he ever say that there was a fund that would repay him for what he had laid out?—Never.

13,099. Or a subscription?—Never; I heard him say that he did not think the party had behaved well to him, for they had never spoken to him from that time to this about the election. I suppose he means the family of the Stracey's; I cannot say.

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13,100. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A dyer.

13,101. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

13,102. For whom did you vote?—For Russell and Tillett.

13,103. Do you know a house kept by Mackley?—There are two Mackleys; you mean Mackley of the "Woolpack."

13,104. Did you go down there on the day of the election?—Yes, twice.

13,105. What was the first time that you went there?—I think between 12 and 1 o'clock.

13,106. Did you find a number of men there assembled?—There were not very many that I saw.

13,107. How many should you say there were?—I saw two or three men about, but there were several women. I saw the landlord.

13,108. Voters?—I cannot say.

13,109. Had you any conversation with the men?—None the first time.

13,110. What took you down there?—I went down there because I rather suspected the house; in fact more than that.

13,111. Why did you suspect the house?—Because I had understood that there had been bribery carried on in that place by the man that kept that house at previous elections; and another thing that carried me down there was this, I was in the central committee room about that time, and I was told there, I do not know who spoke of it, that there were men collected there and also at Mackley's, the "Marquis of Granby," for the purpose, as it was said, of being bribed; that was what took me down there. My object was to see and ascertain the fact.

13,112. Mackley's house had been a house on your side, had it not?—I was informed that it was on our side, and I think that, generally speaking, Mackley has voted on the Liberal side.

13,113. Did you not know also that he had been engaged during that election on your side?—No, I did not; what I knew of Mackley was from my being a member of the organisation and chairman of the eighth ward, and consequently we had meetings there; we hired his place, but there was no bargain for him.

13,114. Then how came you to suspect that that was a house where bribery was carried on?—To tell you the truth, I suspected the man.

13,115. He had voted before on your side, and you had been occupying his room; what led you to suspect Mackley of anything like bribery?—I heard before that he was a professional briber.

13,116. But if he had been a briber on your side he must have been one of your party?—He might have been a briber on the Liberal side, but not on my side.

13,117. What reason had you to suppose that he was bribing on the other side?—I had no further reason than I have told you, than that I had heard that he was not to be depended upon, and consequently I thought I would go down and see if there were any voters there congregated for the purpose of sale; that was the reason why I went down.

13,118. And you say you found a few men there the first time?—Yes, a few men.

13,119. Did they tell you what they wanted?—No.

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13,120. Not a word?—Not the men; the landlord did.

13,121. What did the landlord say?—He was very loth at first to speak out. I said, "You need not be afraid of me;" he took me into the wash-house, and I said to him, "Now you need not be afraid to tell me what it is that they want." "Well, to tell you "you the truth, they must be sovereigns or half-"sovereigns."

13,122. Did he say how many of them?—He did not, not to my recollection.

13,123. Was anybody with you at this time?—No, no one went into the house with me; there were several outside who started with me to go, but I lost them on the way, and I went alone.

13,124. After you had had that conversation where did you go?—I think I went to the seventh ward committee room.

13,125. What took you there?—That was the ward I was acting in. I was in two wards, and canvassed both the seventh and the eighth wards.

13,126. If this was in the eighth ward, and if you thought anything of this sort was going on in the eighth ward, why did you not go to the eighth ward committee room?—I do not know why I did not. I went to the seventh ward committee room; I had been to the eighth ward committee room. I was going about from committee room to committee room to see how things were going on.

13,127. When Mackley said this to you what did you say?—I said, "I will see you again."

13,128. And then you went away to the seventh ward committee room?—I went there. I do not know that I went there directly; I think I went to other public-houses.

13,129. You went to other public-houses to see whether there were men to be had there?—To see whether they were congregated together. I had heard it stated at the central committee room that men were hanging about, and that they were at public-houses.

13,130. When you got to the seventh ward committee room, who did you see there?—I remember seeing Mr. Sadd, and I think Mr. Ball was there.

13,131. Anybody else?—I think Mr. Jessie Menzies was there.

13,132. To whom did you speak?—Not to anyone in particular.

13,133. To whom did you speak in general?—I spoke to them all; I had no secret; I said I think, they were bribing about.

13,134. Why did you say they were bribing about, when you had only heard from Mackley that the men wanted sovereigns and half-sovereigns?—I had heard that.

13,135. You could not infer from that, that they were "bribing about;" I should have inferred the contrary?—I do not know that those were exactly the words, but my suspicions had taken place, and I was afraid that they would bribe. I do not know that I made that direct statement.

13,136. What did the people to whom you addressed those observations say to you?—I cannot recollect now; there was a general conversation, such as that we could not get the state of the poll; there was a blunder made in the poll.

13,137. But what had that to do with bribery?—I do not know who said it, but the strain of the conversation had been like this: Well, we must do what we can, and we must not bribe.

13,138. You are sure that what was said was, "We must do what we can"?—Just so; that was the general course of the conversation. I do not know who said it, because, as I said before, I had no secrets, and I acted on my own responsibility.

13,139. Did you not know at that time that there had been a subscription on your side for the purpose of conducting the election?—I did not, otherwise than the expenses of the organisation.

13,140. There was a fund subscribed for that?—There were subscriptions I have no doubt, but I had no handling of the money. I subscribed to it myself; I do not know what the amount was.

13,141. Who had that fund?—I think Mr. Copeman was the treasurer.

13,142. When did that begin?—That I cannot say, not exactly; perhaps 12 months before the election; I am not certain as to the date.

13,143. Who were the collectors?—That I cannot say; Mr. Causton was the secretary. I do not think there were any collectors; not that I am aware of, at any rate.

13,144. You knew at that time that there was an organisation fund?—I expected that there was.

13,145. Did you say anything about that fund to these people whom you saw at the seventh ward committee room?—Not a word.

13,146. Was anything said about money there?—No, not a word.

13,147. Did you go anywhere else after you had been to the seventh ward committee room?—I went to the other Mackley's, at the "Marquis of Granby."

13,148. How came you to go there?—I went there hearing at the central committee room it was a house where voters were congregated.

13,149. And where they were for sale?—Where there were doubtful voters.

13,150. Did you do that in consequence of any direction you received at the seventh ward committee room?—No; I acted entirely on my own responsibility, and who I thought I could pick up to go and prevent bribery, if it should happen, I consulted and tried to get them to go with me.

13,151. You went to prevent bribery?—I did; that was my game, and that was my intention.

13,152. At what time did you go down to the other Mackley's?—I think the first time was about 2 o'clock.

13,153. I suppose that having communicated that to the persons in the seventh ward you received some directions about it, did you not?—No, not at all.

13,154. Was nothing said by anybody?—There was something said, but I cannot say what it was; I acted solely on my own responsibility.

13,155. Do you not know that money was sent from the seventh to the eighth ward for the purpose of paying men?—I do not know of any, not a farthing.

13,156. Do you not know that money was sent from the seventh ward committee room down to the eighth ward for the purpose of its being distributed at Mackley's?—I do not know it, certainly not; I should say certainly not one farthing.

13,157. Have you not heard it?—I have not heard that money was sent from the seventh ward.

13,158. Have you heard of money being sent down to be distributed at Mackley's?—I have heard different reports that I myself took money down, but that is a base lie, whoever reported it.

13,159. Then you went down to the other Mackley's?—Yes.

13,160. That was a place where there were men to buy?—That was a place where it was likely there would be voters.

13,161. Did you find a number of men down there?—There were several there, and when I was there I endeavoured to take stock of them to see what quantity they had.

13,162. When you are going to buy an article it is desirable to have the stock counted?—I had other reasons too.

13,163. Can you tell me who the men were?—I do not know their names.

13,164. What was the use of your taking stock of them without knowing their names?—I will tell you the way in which I looked at it; at 12 o'clock, when I got a statement after a great deal of labour from Mr. Coaks, I went about for the purpose of seeing what extent of bribery must take place to turn the

election; that was my object in going there. I wanted to ascertain to what extent they would have to bribe. I thought that we could go on polling honestly and straight. I was very anxious about the election, and I wanted to know to what extent bribery was going on.

13,165. Ascertaining the number of men that would have to be bribed on the other side you wanted to ascertain what was the number you would have to meet?—I beg your pardon. I wanted to know whether our election was safe or not. I was very anxious about the election.

13,166. Supposing you had found that your election was not safe, what would you have done?—Nothing at all. I could have done plenty if I had had the opportunity.

13,167. If you were not prepared to do anything, what would be the use of doing what you did?—I was not prepared to do anything further than to go about and ask voters to go and vote on principle; nothing further than that.

13,168. When you went to the second Mackley's, how long did you stay there?—I might be there a quarter of an hour.

13,169. What means did you take during that quarter of an hour to prevent bribery?—It ran through my mind in this way: that we had a new Act of Parliament, and that if the people felt that there was a man there who was opposed to them that that would prevent them from bribing openly.

13,170. You went down as a preventive officer, and you remained there a quarter of an hour?—Yes; I left a man there.

13,171. Who was the man?—I think a man belonging to the organisation, and I will try to remember his name. I know the man if I see him.

13,172. Having taken stock of the article which might be bought at the second Mackley's, what did you do then?—I think I went up to the central committee room to see how the numbers were then, for we could not get them down there.

13,173. Where did you go to when you left the central committee room?—I think I went to Mackley's again, at the "Woolpack."

13,174. Before you went there, did you communicate to the people in the central committee room what was the strength of the men you found down at Mackley's?—If I said anything, and I think I did, but who I spoke to I do not know, what I said was, "There "is no such number as I heard when I was here last "down at Mackley's. I think that at the central "committee room some one put it at 100 or 200 men, "stating that they were ready to be bribed, and the "report that I brought was, that there was nothing "like that number."

13,175. Had you seen how many there were?—No, I had not. I asked the first man I saw there where the voters were, and the man said, "I can soon get them;" so that they were about, and they knew where to drop on to them, and to send for them.

13,176. You said just now that you did not find there was anything like the number that had been first spoken of. If the man said that he could soon get them, but did not get them, how could you ascertain what the number was?—There were but a very few.

13,177. But the man told you he could soon get them; how came you to come to the conclusion that there were not as many as had been reported at the central committee room?—Excuse me, the man said, if I remember right, that he could get 30 or 40.

13,178. Did you inquire of any other man?—Only one man spoke to me.

13,179. Did you not ask any other man how many he could get?—No. I met Mackley coming down the street as I came back.

13,180. Then you took no measures to ascertain the number of men except by asking that one man?—That is all.

13,181. And he told you that he could get 30 or 40?—He said, perhaps he could get 30 or 40.

13,182. Did you communicate at the central committee room that there was one man who could get 30 or 40?—No, I think not; he thought that the men wanted a day's wages; he thought that that was what the body of them wanted.

13,183. Was Wilde in the central committee room at that time?—I did not see him during the election that I know of.

13,184. Was not he in the central committee room at any time during the day?—Not so far as I know.

13,185. After you left the central committee room did you not go to the seventh ward committee room again?—I think I did.

13,186. Did you then go down again to Mackley's?—I went down again to Mackley's, at the "Woolpack."

13,187. How did you go down to Mackley's the second time?—I think Mr. Fisher drove me down; I am sure he did.

13,188. Did you take anything down with you?—Do you mean in the shape of money?

13,189. Did you take anything with you?—Only my clothes and what little money I had in my pocket of my own.

13,190. Did you take nothing with you?—Nothing but the clothes on my back and a few shillings that I had in my pocket.

13,191. Did you hear the men when you came back cry out "It is all right," and rush in after you?—No.

13,192. Did you hear the men say it is all right now?—No.

13,193. Nothing of the sort?—Nothing of the sort; the men were upstairs when I went, the body of the men were. I wanted to get into the room to see their game there, but I could not; there was a great big fellow there outside the door. If I could have got in there, I think I could have prevented a little.

13,194. You had nothing in your pocket then?—Only a few shillings of my own money.

13,195. You had nothing in the tail of your coat?—I might have had my handkerchief with me. I had no money; not a farthing.

13,196. Do you mean to say that you took nothing down with you?—I took nothing down with me, and it was not my intention to take anything; my intention was the other way, to keep purity of election if I could; that was my object, and that is what I come here to say. I am on my oath, and whether Whigs or Tories it would have all come out with me.

13,197. Had you not heard in the committee room that it was advisable to send some money in order to meet any bribery on the other side?—I had not.

13,198. Had you heard anything about spending money?—I had not, not on one side nor the other side; not about spending money; they would think me the wrong man for that; they would not let me know it if that was their intention. I had no secrets then any more than I have now.

13,199. Did you speak to Mackley when you went there the second time?—Yes.

13,200. What did you say to Mackley?—I said to Mackley, "Mackley, you are selling us," or something to that effect. If you will allow me I will tell you the tale.

13,201. How came you to say that Mackley was selling you if you had not made any arrangements about buying voters?—Because I had been up to the door trying for admission.

13,202. Then, having been told that there were men there for sale, if you had said nothing about buying them, how came you to say to Mackley, "Mackley, you are selling us"?—I call it a regular sell.

13,203. If you had agreed with Mackley to buy them, and having gone away for the money had returned with it, and then found that you were forestalled, then, no doubt, you might very well have said that Mackley was selling you, but if you had got no money to buy them with I do not see in what way Mackley sold you?—I will tell you how he sold me; he sold my principles.

13,204. He knew your principles?—I do not know;

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but that was the sense in which I spoke to him when I said, "Mackley, you are selling us."

13,205. If you were not a buyer in the market, and this article was for sale, if he allowed the article to be bought in his house, how was he selling you?—The fact was I wanted to ascertain from him whether Hardiment was upstairs buying voters, as I suspected he was.

13,206. Did you ask him?—I said, "Hardiment is now buying voters there;" and he said, "Yes, he is, and you could have had them if you had liked;" that was the answer he made to me.

13,207–8. That was in answer to your observation?—Yes.

13,209. That is exactly the answer that a man would make if you had been prepared to buy, and had been too late?—Yes, but he was prepared to sell.

13,210. How came Mackley to make that answer, unless he thought you were a buyer?—He would not care who was the buyer, I daresay, if he got the money.

13,211. That was the conversation that you had with him?—Yes, that was it.

13,212. Nothing more?—No, I jumped into the cart and drove away; there was no more conversation that I remember.

13,213. How long did you stay at Mackley's?—Five or ten minutes, and then somebody called out Mackley; that was on purpose to get rid of me.

13,214. Why did you not say publicly, "Anybody "who bribes here will undoubtedly vitiate the elec- "tion, and I give them notice that proceedings "will be taken against them," instead of jumping into the cart and driving away, you having gone there, as you say you did, to prevent bribery?—I went about from place to place.

13,215. What good could you do in the way of preventing bribery if you immediately jump into a cart and drive away?—I am sorry to say that I did no good.

13,216. Did you go away because you thought that that market was closed, and another might be open?—No, certainly not.

13,217. Are you sure of that?—I am.

13,218. You did not wait to see any of the voters who were upstairs come down?—No, I did not.

13,219. Why not?—I can give no other reason than that I was going to other public-houses.

13,220. Why did you not take the names of the voters who were there?—It did not occur to me to do so. If I had to do it again I should do it.

13,221. How were you, merely by going to Mackley's, and by talking to Mackley, to prevent bribery?—I did hope I should deter them, and that by their thinking I was an enemy in their camp I should prevent bribery.

13,222. But you did not go into the camp?—I might have prevented it if I had got in.

13,223. You could see the men come down from the room when they were going to the poll?—I could if I had stopped.

13,224. Your object being to prevent bribery, why did you not stop there, and say to the men, "Here I am, "and I tell you that I will not have any bribery, and "that I will take down your names for the purpose of "preventing bribery"?—I am sorry I did not do what you say. One reason was that there was a man on our side at the door to see the people come out.

13,225. Who was that?—A man with a flat nose; I forget his name.

13,226. Is his name Madge?—Yes.

13,227. Did you tell him to take down the names of the people?—He said he was there to see what was going on.

13,228. Did he say by whom he had been sent?—No.

13,229. By whom was he sent?—I do not know. On the election day I had very little to do in the committee rooms. I bolted from one to another.

13,230. Where did you go to from there?—I went down to the seventh ward committee room again. I am pretty sure I did.

13,231. Was Robert Alexander Madge the man?—I do not know his christian name.

13,232. Where does he live?—I have seen him in Pitt Street, against Mr. Clayton's, and I presumed he was a weaver for that. I know very few of the class of voters let in by the last bill.

13,233. Mr. Fisher must have known the men pretty well; he lives in the ward?—Yes, he lives in the ward; he merely drove me there because I asked him. I said I wanted to go there; I said, "Drive me round the city;" and that is how Mr. Fisher happened to drive me.

13,234. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was the "Marquis of Granby" an old Whig house?—Yes.

13,235. A house where Whig bribery had been done at former elections?—I have heard so.

13,236. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you say when you went in, "All right, I can settle with them now"?—I did not.

13,237. Nor any words of that sort?—Nothing like it. I did not speak to Mackley in the house the second time.

13,238. Did you say that to anybody?—To no one.

13,239. Do you swear you did not say it to Mackley?—Certainly; nor to anyone else.

13,240. Do you mean to say that you took no money with you that day anywhere?—I do.

13,241. Did you offer anybody any money that day?—Not a soul. I could have had them for any money the latter part of the day, but I said, "Go and vote like men; not a glass of beer will you have from me."

13,242. How many do you think you might have had?—If I had put any machinery to work I could have had them; if I had said, "Go down there and get beer," I daresay they could be picked up. I assure you they were very reluctant to vote without money.

13,243. How many could you have picked up?—I cannot say; it would wholly depend on the time I had to have done it.

13,244. How many do you think you could have picked up?—If I had went to work the last hour, I think I could have bought scores of voters for a pot of beer each.

13,245. How many in all do you think you could have bought?—I did not go in for the purpose of buying, and therefore I cannot answer the question as to how many I could have bought. I should think if proper machinery had been put to work, similar to what the other side had got to work, hundreds might have been bought.

13,246. You spoke about the machinery of the other side. What machinery are you alluding to?—The one I have heard of since the inquiry.

13,247. Let me understand to what you are alluding, that I may know what is passing in your mind?—I am alluding to the men that have done the work which I suspected they were capable of doing, and it has turned out they have done it; therefore it is, I say, if we had a machinery like that, and were willing to put it in force, as they did, hundreds might have been bought.

13,248. Do you know of any money having been spent in any way on your side in bribery that day?—Not a farthing.

13,249. Do you know of any money having been provided for such a purpose?—I do not. I believe there was none. I believe we were as straight and as pure as ever there was an election in Norwich this time.

13,250. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you belong to the Tillett party?—Yes.

13,251. You are a member of the organisation?—Yes.

13,252. You said you subscribed to that?—Yes.

13,253. How much did you subscribe?—I do not know whether it was a sovereign or half a sovereign; but the secretary will tell you that.

13,254. When did you subscribe?—It might be a meeting or two from the first formation.

13,255. When was the first formation ?—I can only say what I said before; about 12 months previous to the election, as near as I can guess.

13,256. What are the objects of this organisation ?—The objects of the organisation were, in my mind, and I think in all that joined it, to return a working man's representative to Parliament; that was my object.

13,257. You subscribed funds and had meetings?—The funds were merely, to my mind, for the purpose of paying the expenses of the organisation, and nothing further.

13,258. Were meetings held regularly ?—Oh yes.

13,259. Where ?—We had the meeting places in different wards, and I could give you the meetings almost, if you gave me time, where we held them. I know our eighth ward was for three months at Mackley's, and then afterwards we had the schoolroom in St. Martin's.

13,260. Did you ever see a balance sheet of the expenses ?—No, I did not.

13,261. Do they not produce a balance sheet?—I do not know.

13,262. Who has the management of the funds ?—All I can tell you is that Mr. Copeman, I think, was treasurer, and Mr. Causton was secretary; and further than that I cannot tell you, except as to the committee; of course we had ward committees and central committees, and so on, but as to the funds I had nothing whatever to do with them.

13,263. What part was this organisation taking immediately before the election ?—Canvassing I should say.

13,264. Was Mr. Copeman canvassing ?—I do not know.

13,265. Were any of the committee canvassing ?—Some of the committee canvassed down in my ward.

13,266. The committee were the persons who regulated the distribution of the funds ?—Not that I am aware of.

13,267. You do not suppose that the treasurer would hand over money without authority ?—No, I should think not, but I had nothing whatever to do with the money, nor was I present at any meetings when money matters were discussed.

13,268. Do you know the amount of the money that was subscribed ?—No.

13,269. You have been a member since it first started ?—Yes.

13,270. How was it when you were going round to these public-houses you only went to the Liberal public-houses ? These two Mackleys you knew to be old and great bribers ?—I could not be everywhere. I made the best of my time when I heard bribery was on. I could not be everywhere.

13,271. What made you go first to the Whig places ?—I do not know. As I have said before, I went where I heard the voters were.

13,272. It is very odd that you should select them ?—I do not know that I only went to them; I passed through different public-houses. Those two were clearly what you call Whig public-houses, but I passed a great number of others and there did not appear to be much doing. I went into another public-house near where I live, which is Middleton's.

13,273. Did you go into any Tory public-houses ?—That is a Tory public-house.

13,274. (*Mr. Biron.*) It does not seem much to matter if there is money going ?—No, I think not; not at all.

13,275. You got to Mackley's about 3, did you not, the second time ?—Yes, about 3 the second time.

13,276. Did you there see a cart outside the door ?—Yes.

13,277. Did you ask whose it was ?—Yes.

13,278. Of whom ?—I asked the man Madge that I have spoken of.

13,279. Did he tell you it was Hardiment's cart ?—Yes.

13,280. After that you had a conversation which you have told us about, "Mackley, you are selling us," and so forth ?—Yes.

13,281. Before Mackley came to you in that backyard, did you see anybody else there ?—Yes, I saw that great man as I have observed at the door.

13,282. Did you see a man of the name of Vines there ?—Yes, he spoke to me.

13,283. What did he say ?—He called out, "Harper, it is no use you coming here; we go in to win."

13,284. Who is Vines ?—I know him by no other name than the Conservative working man. A leader and a Conservative working man, or something of that kind. I know him when I see him.

13,285. Did you ever hear his name in connexion with Yarmouth ?—Yes, I heard that he cut a pretty figure there.

13,286. Is he the man who was examined in the election inquiry at Yarmouth; I do not mean the Commission, but when the judge came the other day ?—Yes, I believe he was.

13,287. Can you give me his address ?—I do not know where he lives. I know where I have seen him.

13,288. This organisation. Were there canvassers belonging to it ?—Yes, that was the object.

13,289. Were they paid ?—No, not that I am aware of. I should think not.

13,290. Can you say whether they were or not ?—I should say not. I know nothing about paying them.

13,291. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter before this election ?—Yes.

13,292. I suppose you knew of a very considerable amount of bribery at the two preceding elections ?—I did not, only as I have heard.

13,293. You took no part in them ?—No, not a bit.

13,294. No part in bribery ?—No.

13,295. Did you pay any money, or know of any money being paid to anybody personally ?—No, I never knew anything of the kind. I should not mix up with bribery.

JOHN WEBSTER sworn and examined.

J. Webster.

13,296. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A tailor.

13,297. Who did you vote for at the last election ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

13,298. At what time did you vote ?—As near as I can recollect, about a quarter to 10 in the morning.

13,299. Do you know a person of the name of Dowson ?—Yes.

13,300. Do you recollect being in his company on the day of the election ?—I was in the marking off room a great time during the day of the election.

13,301. Have you seen him this morning ?—Yes, I have seen him this morning.

13,302. When ?—I saw him pass the hall at the time I was in this room.

13,303. Have you spoken to him this morning ?—No.

13,304. Has anybody spoken to you about him this morning ?—No, I have had no conversation about him this morning.

13,305. Or about what he has been saying here ?—No.

13,306. Do you remember on the day of the election seeing him in conversation with a man of the name of Pointer ?—Yes, I think I saw Pointer; he was a servant for Mrs. Snowden; he came into the marking off room and asked for Mr. Dowson, and I told him I thought he was in the other room.

13,307. Did you see any money pass between them ?—No.

13,308. Will you swear that you were not present when money was paid by Dowson to Pointer ?—I am perfectly satisfied of that.

13,309. Is Pointer since dead ?—Yes; I believe he drowned himself.

13,310. Did you know him well by sight ?—Yes, I

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knew him by sight; I knew him more distinctly possibly by his having his livery on, and he was a very small man.

13,311. Did you hear Pointer say anything about money?—No, I never heard a word of it.

13,312. What time of the day was this?—It was in the afternoon.

13,313. Was it after 2?—Yes, it was after 2.

13,314. Was it before 3?—No, I should say not; I would rather say it was after 3.

13,315. Ten or 15 minutes after?—I could not be positive.

13,316. Put it as near as you can?—I should say it was that, or it might be a little more.

13,317. Say 15 minutes to 20 minutes?—Yes, I should say it might be half-past perhaps.

13,318. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

13,319. Who canvassed you?—I was not canvassed at all by either party.

13,320. Has anything been promised to you for your vote?—No.

13,321. Not upon this or any former election?—No.

13,322. No money has been paid to you upon any previous election?—Not a farthing. I have never had a vote before this election.

13,323. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see Pointer go into the other room?—Yes, I saw him go into the other room. I told him I thought he would find Mr. Dowson in the other room, and I would not be certain, but I almost think I opened the door for him; I saw him go in.

13,324. Have you heard of any bets being made about five to one?—No, I have not heard any bets at all.

13,325. You did not take an active part in the election?—No, I am not a very active man at an election.

A. C. Nottley.

ALFRED CASE NOTTLEY sworn and examined.

13,326. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a carpenter by trade.

13,327. Did you vote at the last election?—I never voted at all.

13,328. Were you canvassed?—No.

13,329. Did not anyone ask you for your vote?—Yes.

13,330. Who was it?—I am sure I cannot tell you who it was, it is so long ago.

13,331. What day was it you were asked for your vote?—That I cannot tell you.

13,332. Was it on the morning of the polling day?—I leave in the morning a little before six, and I am not at home more than an hour the whole day till after I leave work at night.

13,333. Somebody or another asked you, you say, for your vote; was it the day of the polling?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

13,334. What were you doing all the day of the polling?—Following my own employment.

13,335. Where?—At Mr. Lacey's.

13,336. All day long?—Yes.

13,337. Did you not go home to breakfast?—Yes; I say I have about an hour during the day, once to breakfast and once to dinner.

13,338. Did you go by the polling place?—No.

13,339. How far was the polling place from your house?—I should say it might be 100 yards.

13,340. Surely you could have called in there and voted?—I did not.

13,341. You could if you pleased?—I could if I pleased, but I did not go near the polling place the whole day.

13,342. Were you not asked for your vote on that day?—Not on the election day, not by anybody. I am certain about that.

13,343. If it was not on the election day, when was it?—I cannot tell you.

13,344. How long before the election day?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

13,345. Your mind seems an absolute blank?—Very likely. I am not in any way wrapt up in electioneering matters. I do not trouble myself about them.

13,345*a*. That makes it all the more likely you should remember the man who asked you; did you promise your vote when you were asked?—Yes, I think I did to Mr. H. Lacey. I recollect I did now three or four days before.

13,346. Who is Mr. H. Lacey?—Brother to Mr. James Lacey.

13,347. How was it you did not keep your promise?—Mr. James Lacey asked me which way I was going to vote, and I did not tell him which way I was going to vote.

13,348. Why not?—I do not know particularly what my reason was, but I did not tell Mr. Lacey which way I was going to vote.

13,349. Why did you give that answer to Mr. Lacey?—I do not know that I had any particular reason why I gave it to him.

13,350. You must have had some reason?—He asked me which way I thought about voting, and I told him I did not exactly know, that I had not exactly made up my mind, though I had promised Mr. H. Lacey a day or two before.

13,351. Did you tell Mr. Lacey you had already promised Mr. H. Lacey?—Yes, I told him if I voted I should vote for Mr. Russell.

13,352. He was canvassing you for Sir Henry Stracey?—He only merely asked me, when he came out of the shop, which way I thought about voting, and I told him if I voted at all I should vote for Mr. Russell.

13,353. Did he ask you to vote the other way?—No.

13,354. Did you know that he wished you to vote the other way?—He did not ask me to vote the other way.

13,355. Did you know which way he voted?—I suppose he voted for Mr. Stracey, but I cannot say; I never asked and never heard about it.

13,356. A gentleman came and asked you which way you were going to vote. You knew which candidate it was for whom he wished you to vote?—Mr. H. Lacey asked me which way I was going to vote, and I told him I should vote for Mr. Russell.

13,357. You knew when the other gentleman asked you which way you were going to vote, for whom he wanted you to vote?—Mr. Lacey asked me which way I was going to vote, and I never gave him any answer.

13,358. You knew which way Mr. Lacey wished you to vote?—He did not ask me to vote any way.

13,359. Did he not canvass you for Sir Henry Stracey?—No, he certainly did not.

13,360. Did anyone come to you and canvass you for Sir Henry Stracey?—No, no one canvassed me but Mr. H. Lacey; he asked me which way I was going to vote.

13,361. Did either of those gentlemen offer you 5*s*. for your vote?—No.

13,362. Did anyone offer you 5*s*. for your vote?—There was a man came down to me; I think it was a little after three, and asked me if I had voted, and I said, "No." He said, "Do you intend to vote?" "Well," I said, "No;" and he said, says he, "The price is 5*s*., if you like to vote," but he never offered me any money.

13,363. Who was that?—A man by the name of Gent; he lives in Muspole Street.

13,364. Did you get 5*s*.?—No, I could not get it, because I never accepted it.

13,365. You promised to vote?—I know I did.

13,366. Why did you not keep your promise?—I never intended to vote. I fully made up my mind after breakfast I would not vote.

13,367. Why did you not keep that promise?—I took and made up my mind that I would not vote at all.

13,368. Why?—I had no particular reason.

13,369. When you promised you had made up your mind to vote?—I did not keep my vote back because I wanted money. I was not waiting for that. It is not money that would induce me to vote.

13,370. Did you not get 5*s.* to vote?—No; I might have had 5*s.* if I had liked to have voted.

13,371. Did you not get 5*s.*, to prevent your voting for Tillett?—No.

13,372. Did your wife get 5*s.*?—No.

13,373. That is a very faint "no" indeed. Now, what is the truth of it?—The truth of it is what I now tell you. I came here to speak the truth, and I have spoken the truth. I did not vote, and might have had 5*s.* if I had liked to have voted. I did not vote, and did not receive a shilling. I could have had 5*s.* by the offer of Mr. Gent if I had liked to have accepted it, and I refused it, and did not vote at all.

13,374. Have you never received any money since?—I have not received a penny.

13,375. Or your wife?—No.

13,376. Has any money been left at your place?—Not a penny.

13,377. Did you make any bet about the election?—No.

13,378. Not about 5*s.*?—No, I never heard no more about it from that day to this; in fact if they had left it or offered it to me I should not have accepted it.

13,379. I hope you are speaking the truth; you have a very queer manner with you?—It is as queer as you like. I have told you the truth.

13,380. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Your tale is a very singular one. You made a promise. You broke it, and you assign no reason; there was a motive which might influence you in breaking it; a sum is offered to you, and after that your promise is not kept. There are certain sequences of reasoning which people go through, and really I cannot say that your tale is at all satisfactory.—I certainly did not promise. I told Mr. H. Lacey if I voted at all I should vote for Mr. Russell; those are the words I said.

13,381. When people make promises and they do not keep them they must not complain that persons should suppose there was something wrong?—I cannot help what people think.

JOHN HART BOWGEN sworn and examined.

J. H. Bowgen.

13,382. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—An innkeeper.

13,383. Where do you live?—St. Faith's Lane, at the Hop Pole Gardens.

13,384. In which ward?—In the first ward. I have not been long there.

13,385. Are you a voter?—Yes.

13,386. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

13,387. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

13,388. What time in the day did you vote?—At half-past 8 in the morning.

13,389. Have you had anything given to you for your vote?—No.

13,390. Or anything promised?—No.

13,391. Had your house been engaged?—Yes.

13,392. By the Conservatives?—Yes.

13,393. Was beer supplied there during that day?—No.

13,394. None at all?—No.

13,395. Was there only a committee room in your house?—A meeting.

13,396. What were you paid for the meeting?—3*l.*; there were two meetings; it is a large room, holding about 400.

13,397. Nothing else?—No, nothing else.

13,398. You know Hulme, the chemist?—Yes.

13,399. On the day of the election did you receive any money from him?—5*l.*

13,400. Was that to give voters?—Yes.

13,401. And to get up voters?—Yes.

13,402. Whom did you get up?—I gave the money to Charlie Andrews.

13,403. Why did you not use it yourself if you received it?—He asked me to get it. I asked Mr. Hulme if he could give me anything, and he gave me 5*l.*, and I gave it to Mr. Andrews; but how he laid it out I cannot say.

13,404. What time in the day was that?—Half-past 3 I think.

13,405. Where did he ask you?—In the street against the Charing Cross, St. Benedict's.

13,406. Did you go in to Mr. Hulme?—Yes, to the committee room.

13,407. Why did not the man go in himself?—I do not know I am sure. I was standing about there along with Mr. Hulme.

13,408. Did you know the man?—Yes; he kept a public-house.

13,409. Did he not know Mr. Hulme?—I do not know I am sure.

13,410. Do you know how it was spent?—No, that I cannot say.

13,411. Did he tell you how he was going to spend it?—No; he said he had some friends in his house that would require about 5*l.*, and I asked Mr. Hulme, and he advanced it to me, and I gave it to Mr. Andrews.

13,412. Why did you not, having received this money and handed it over, come and give us information? Did anybody tell you not to do it?—No.

13,413. Has anybody been to you about it?—No, not a soul.

13,414. Nobody has been to speak to you about it, and prevent you from doing it?—No.

13,415. Did not Mr. Hulme come to you?—He came the same day that he came before the court.

13,416. What did he say to you then?—He said merely that he had been before the court and spoken the truth, that is all.

13,417. Did he tell you what he had sworn?—He told me that he spoke before the court of the money he gave to me, and to Houghton, and so on.

13,418. That he told the court of the money he gave to you?—Yes.

13,419. What did he say?—He said nothing else. He called in for a glass of ale, that is all.

13,420. Had you not seen him before that?—No.

13,421. Had he not spoken to you before that?—No.

13,422. Not since the election?—Yes, since the election; he was down on the water with a party.

13,423. Before he came here were you not told to hold your tongue?—No, he did not say a word.

13,424. I do not say Hulme, but did not anybody else tell you to hold your tongue?—No, not a soul.

13,425. Did you see Dawson?—No.

13,426. Was there any meeting to consider what should be done about this Commission?—I have never been to one meeting.

13,427. Did you hear of one?—I cannot say that parties in the different wards going down on the water with me might say it.

13,428. You might have heard that there was a meeting to consider what should be done about giving evidence before the Commission?—I might have heard a talk about it upon the water.

13,429. What was the talk?—I cannot recollect.

13,430. That you were all to hold your tongues?—No.

13,431. Did not these people say what was done at the meeting, and that it was to keep your counsel?—No, I never heard of it.

13,432. Do you mean to say you did not understand perfectly well that to hold your tongue was the best thing?—No, there was no one to teach me anything.

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13,433. Did you not hear them say, "This Commission is all very well, but people would be fools if "they told anything;" was not that the substance of the talk?—In the tap-room there was talk, but I had no one to come and teach me.

13,434. Have not people been round to different public-houses telling the people that they would be great fools if they told anything?—I never heard it. No one came to mine and said it.

13,435. When you have been at public-houses have you heard it?—Yes, I might go into a public-house and hear a conversation, but I never studied the interest of public-house talk as far as that.

13,436. That has been the talk in the public-houses? Very likely.

13,437. To hold their own?—It is most likely.

13,438. And not to tell anything; is not that what you heard in the public-houses?—We hear different remarks.

13,439. Lest the city should be disfranchised; lest you should lose your members of parliament for the city?—Yes, certainly.

13,440. Do you know of anything having been given to anybody for their vote?—No.

13,441. Except what you have mentioned?—No, except what I have mentioned.

JOHN METCALF sworn and examined.

J. Metcalf.

13,442. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a fishmonger. I keep a fishmonger's shop.

13,443. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

13,444. About what time in the day?—About half-past 12.

13,445. Who asked you to vote for Stracey?—Mr. Freestone came past in a pony cart, and he said, "Have you been to vote?" I said, "Not yet, I am busy now." I had some gentlemen that I was dealing with, and I said, "I will go in half an hour or an hour," and these gentlemen said they would stop; they said, "If you like to go we will stop till you come back."

13,446. Was Hardiment there?—Yes, I rode along with him.

13,447. Did you go straight to the poll?—Yes, and came back again. I had one glass of ale afterwards, and paid for it, and came back again.

13,448. Did they give you a glass of beer?—No, I paid for it.

13,449. What became of you afterwards?—I went home to see after my business.

13,450. You had been canvassed before at this election?—No.

13,451. Who beckoned you in the cart, Freestone or Hardiment?—I got in myself.

13,452. One of them called to you?—He was in the street, and I came out of my house and jumped in the cart. He said, "You had better go and vote now, time is getting short; it is 12 o'clock."

13,453. Had Freestone spoken to you before?—No.

13,454. Had anybody spoken to you before about voting?—No.

13,455. Had you promised to vote before?—Yes, I had promised to vote; I said I should vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

13,456. Had you not promised to vote for Mr. Tillett before?—No.

13,457. Nor Sir William Russell?—No.

13,458. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

13,459. To whom did you make the promise to vote for Stracey?—Young Stracey.

13,460. Did he come to your place?—He says, "Will you vote for me?" I said, "I do not trouble about voting." He says, "Will you vote against me?" and I says, "If I vote I shall vote for you."

13,461. Who was with young Stracey when he called?—Plunkett.

13,462. Who else?—Mr. Wiseman.

13,463. And Hardiment?—No.

13,464. Was Freestone there?—No.

13,465. Were there only those three?—Yes.

13,466. That was the day before?—No, that was some time before, a day or two, I cannot say exactly; two or three days I suppose it might be.

13,467. Had you known Hardiment before?—Yes. I cannot help knowing him, because he lives in t'other street.

13,468. You know him to talk to?—No, I never spoke to the man in my life.

13,469. He spoke to you that day?—He said, "Come on, you may as well vote as not;" and I says, "I may as well go and vote, because I want to get back again."

13,470. What did he give you?—Nothing at all. I never see the sight of a farthing. I never had such a thing.

13,471. Was anything left with your wife for you?—No.

13,472. Was nothing left at your house?—No. I never thought about it.

13,473. Did you not go somewhere the next day to get something?—No.

13,474. Nor the day after that?—No.

13,475. Have you received nothing since?—Nothing.

13,476. Is this the first time you have ever voted?—Yes. That is quite right, I can assure you.

13,477. Did you hear of any money going about that morning?—I heard people talking of it, but I did not go out after it. I kept at home, and did not go among any of them.

13,478. Had you known Freestone before?—Yes. I cannot help knowing him; he lives a little way off me, and has lived there for years, so that I must know him.

ROBERT FISHER sworn and examined.

R. Fisher.

13,479. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A grocer.

13,480. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

13,481. For whom did you vote?—Russell and Tillett.

13,482. At what hour in the day did you vote?—I polled about eight in the morning; I should think it was about 10 minutes past eight when I voted.

13,483. Did you get anything for voting?—No; I always voted for the Liberals.

13,484. Were you about the committee room in the middle of the day?—I believe I went in about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. That is the only time I did go in.

13,485. Did you meet Joshua Harper there?—I met him at that hour in the day, but whether it was there or not I do not know.

13,486. You met him, at all events?—Yes

13,487. Did he ask you to take him for a drive?—He said, "Will you just drive round Mackley's, in St. Martin's; I want to go round that way."

13,488. Can you remember where it was you met him when he asked you that?—I cannot remember.

13,489. Was it anywhere near the central committee room?—Yes, I think it was very close.

13,490. You had got your cart with you?—I was riding in my dog-cart.

13,491. Did you take him up?—He asked me whether I would drive him round to Mackley's, St. Martin's, and I said, "Yes, I had no objection."

13,492. When he was driving with you, did you observe whether he had any heavy bag in his pocket?—No, I did not observe anything of the kind.

13,493. Did he get out of your trap when you got to Mackley's?—Yes, at Mackley's door.

13,494. As he got out, did you observe whether he was holding up his pocket as if he were keeping up some money?—No, I did not see anything of the kind.

13,495. Did you see him go in?—He went just inside the street door; the stairs are just as you enter the front door, and he attempted to go upstairs, but a man stopped him.

13,496. Were there men standing about the doorway and in the passage?—Not outside; I believe not.

13,497. Inside?—Yes, just inside there were one or two. I did not get out of my cart, so that I could not see who were inside.

13,498. Did you hear the men say anything?—No. Mr. Mackley came out a few minutes afterwards and went with Mr. Harper into a yard adjoining, and Mr. Harper said, "You have sold us, Mackley." He made use of those words. Mackley said, "You could have had them if you liked;" and Harper says, "What, by buying of them?" He said, "Yes;" and Harper said, "We do not do that."

13,499. Before Harper and Mackley had that conversation in the yard, did you hear any of the men say, upon seeing Harper, "Harper is come; it is all right now," or something to that effect?—No, I did not; I do not remember those words.

13,500. Could you say whether that passed or not?—I really cannot say; it might have done. I did not get out of my cart, although I was close to the kerb; he was not many minutes.

13,501. Did you see when Harper passed in a lot of voters following Harper?—No; there was a cart standing at the door, and I believe three or four voters came down at the time and rushed off to vote. Three or four got in the cart, and someone drove them off, but who it was I do not know. I did hear it was Hardiment's cart.

13,502. Can you give me the names of any of the men?—I did not know any of them. I did not go into the house.

13,503. Do I gather from you that you did not hear these voters or these men say, "It is all right, Harper has come"?—I heard words like these, that Hardiment was upstairs and voters were there.

13,504. I am talking about Harper; did you not hear it said when Harper came upon the scene, "It is all right, Harper has come"?—I do not think such a thing took place. Harper was not out of my sight half a minute; he went inside and tried to get upstairs.

13,505. I am putting to you what some of the voters said?—No voters round the door spoke to Mr. Harper at all.

13,506. Or hanging about?—No, they were not hanging about, they were secreted upstairs.

13,507. Do not let us misapprehend each other or fence with words; I care not whether they were voters or not, hanging by the door or behind the door. Did you hear any of them say, when Harper appeared, "There is Harper; now it is all right"?—No; there were none standing about the place, they were upstairs, and there was a man standing at the door.

13,508. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How long did you stand at the door?—I should think it might be five minutes.

13,509. Harper got out of the cart and went into Mackley's; shortly after Mackley and he came out and had this conversation; did he then get into the cart and go away with you?—Yes; it all happened in about five minutes.

13,510. Where did you drive him to?—I believe we went round to the "Marquis of Granby" the other way, just for a drive. It might be about a quarter past 3 then or half past 3.

13,511. Do you know of anybody having been bribed upon that day?—No, I do not know of a farthing being spent upon either side; I never took any interest in elections at all.

RICHARD VINES sworn and examined.

R. Vines.

13,512. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

13,513. Where do you live?—In St. Gregory's.

13,514. Do you know Hardiment?—If I were to say I did not know the man I should tell a palpable falsehood; I do know the man, but not to know him as knowing him in the usual phrase; I know him by passing him and no more.

13,515. Were you down at Mackley's, the "Woolpack," on the day of the election?—Yes, I was, indeed.

13,516. Did you see Hardiment there?—I did not.

13,517. What time were you at the "Woolpack"?—I was there I might say alternately from 10 in the morning till half-past 3 in the afternoon.

13,518. You were there during the whole day?—Yes, during the whole day.

13,519. Did you hear of Hardiment being there?—I did not.

13,520. Did you see Mr. Harper?—Oh yes, that I did.

13,521. What time did you see Harper there?—I could hardly name you the time, though I so well recollect the circumstance of the man's being there.

13,522. Was Mr. Fisher there?—There are two Fishers, grocers.

13,523. I am speaking of Robert Fisher?—In St. George's?

13,524. Yes?—I do not think that at that moment Mr. Fisher of St. George's was there.

13,525. Did you see Mr. Fisher there?—No, I did not, and if he had been there I could have sworn to it, because I know him so well.

13,526. Did you go outside the house?—Yes, I did.

13,527. Did you see Mr. Fisher there?—No; I saw some gentleman with Mr. Harper, but in the confusion and excitement of the moment I could not say whether it was Mr. Fisher or not.

13,528. Would you undertake to say it was not Mr. Fisher?—No.

13,529. Was there a cart there?—Yes, I think there was.

13,530. Was there more than one cart?—No, I think there was only one to the best of my knowledge.

13,531. Do you mean to say there were not two carts there?—To the best of my memory I saw but one.

13,532. How long did Mr. Harper remain there?—If you will allow me to tell the tale in my own way, I think it will be much better.

13,533. Tell me the whole tale?—The whole tale is this. On the afternoon of the election day——

13,534. At what time?—I think it would be near 3, but I think not 3, and the reason that makes me believe that was the excitement that took place shortly after 3; I should say the close of the poll was near at hand, and great excitement took place amongst the voters then, but I do not think that Mr. Harper came in till after 3, if he did it was totally unbeknown to me; I would not positively swear, so excited was I at the time, that it was before or after 3.

13,535. Do not waste words about it, say that it was about 3?—Well then, I will go to the point. I met Mr. Harper and he wanted to go through the half-bar door to see Mr. Mackley, I said, "Well, Mr. "Harper, what do you want to see Mr. Mackley "for?"

13,536. What concern was it of yours?—Well, my plain answer is this much, and I think you will say it is an honest answer; as a party man, seeing Mr. Harper was an opposite party man to mine, and thinking that he wanted to get at Mr. Mackley at that identical moment, I thought it was my right, as another party man, to stop him from seeing Mr. Mackley.

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13,537. Why did you try to prevent this particular person from seeing Mr. Mackley?—Because he was on the opposite side.

13,538. And Mr. Mackley was on the opposite side?—To be sure.

13,539. Why should you prevent Mr. Harper, who was upon the same side from seeing Mr. Mackley?—Well, if you ask me why I so particularly objected, I should say that my own idea was that Mr. Harper came there with no pure principles to see Mr. Mackley. Mind you, I do not say that he offered anything.

13,540. What led you to suppose that?—I do not believe it.

13,541. What induced you to suppose that Mr. Harper was not there with pure principles?—I hope I am allowed to draw my own inferences.

13,542. What made you draw any inference; a man comes into a public-house and asks for the landlord, they are of the same politics, and therefore you immediately conclude——?—I beg your pardon, they are opposite politics.

13,543. Mackley's house had been used by the Liberals for their own meetings?—Oh, but that is quite a mistake; it was never so used, and Mr. O. D. Ray will tell you the same.

13,544. The working man's organisation met there?—The organisation met there.

13,545. Tell me your own tale in your own way?—My own tale is this: that I conceived a thorough strong idea that when Mr. Harper walked in that afternoon about 3 or a few minutes past 3, that he did not come there with any very pure idea to see Mr. Mackley, or so earnestly to seek him at that identical time, if he were as I justly remarked 600 ahead, what did he want to see Mr. Mackley for?

13,546. Go on.—I cannot tell you any more.

13,547. Did Mr. Harper then go away?—He went outside the door, but not until I used other means besides that.

13,548. What other means did you use?—The other means I used were these; he stood hesitating a long time, but remembering that Mr. Harper shortly before that had stated at a guardian's dinner——

13,549. I do not care about what occurred at a dinner. I do not want a long rambling tale containing all sorts of rubbish?—You asked me for the truth, and I am bound to answer it.

13,550. I want what occurred there?—If you ask me what occurred there through a circumstance that happened with Mr. Harper, I was obliged to put the females on to him to get him out by that means.

13,551. You put the females on to him?—Yes, I did.

13,552. What did the females do?—They told Mr. Harper that he, as a guardian of the parish, had used Mr. Stuart Mill's idea, that any woman or man who had more than a certain number of children ought to be punished.

13,553. This is a lot of rubbish.—That is the truth; that is how I got rid of him.

13,554. Did he not see Mackley?—To my knowledge he did not; once only.

13,555. Did he see Mackley?—I understood that he saw Mackley after that.

13,556. Did he see Mackley?—To my knowledge positively not.

13,557. Where were you?—In the house.

13,558. Where Mackley was?—A portion of the time.

13,559. Do you mean to say Mackley was not in his bar?—Not at the time I was speaking to Mr. Harper.

13,560. Did you go out and see Mackley and Harper speaking together?—I did not; it is a positive lie if anybody has told you so.

13,561. Did you hear them speaking together?—I did not.

13,562. Where did you sit?—I did not sit, I stood all the time.

13,563. Where were you standing?—In front of the bar.

13,564. It is untrue that Mackley and Harper passed out of the house in front of the bar?—It is untrue that Mackley and Harper passed out conjointly.

13,565. Do you know a man of the name of Bradbury?—Yes.

13,566. Where was he?—He stood up at the time.

13,567. Did he not stand up against the bar?—No, I do not believe that.

13,568. Did you not see Hardiment there at that time?—No, decidedly not.

13,569. Did you not see him before pass up the stairs?—No.

13,570. Did you not see the men pass down the stairs for the purpose of voting?—No, not at that time.

13,571. Did you see them at all?—Yes, I did.

13,572. When?—Some time previous to that.

13,573. Did you see nobody afterwards pass down the stairs to go to vote?—I never saw nobody go for the purpose of voting. If you will allow me to explain——

13,574. Did you go on the Sunday before the election to Sir Samuel Bignold's?—Certainly not.

13,575. Did you see Sir Samuel Bignold on the Sunday before the election?—Decidedly not.

13,576. Did you have any money given to you on that day?—Decidedly not.

13,577. Had you any money to spend in Pockthorpe?—Not one farthing.

13,578. If you stated that it was a gross falsehood?—I never stated it; it is a palpable lie for anyone to say so.

13,579. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you have any conversation with Harper when he came there?—The general conversation I had with him amounted to this. He said, "I want to see Mackley." I said, "If you want "to see Mackley what use is it? You say you are "600 ahead." He still said so, and I said, "You shall not." I then stood at the bar, and that is the only circumstance that took place. Harper then hesitated for a few minutes, and I went to speak to some females about the circumstance I have told you of and that was quite sufficient to set them afloat.

13,580. Did you say "It is no use your coming here, we are going in to win?"—Yes.

13,581. Why did you say that?—My simple reason for saying that was, because I imagined that his coming there at that time in the afternoon was with one ulterior object, and that was to bribe. I thought we had no funds to bribe with and that was the reason why I would keep him back as long as possible.

13,582, Who had no funds?—We had none.

13,583. Hardiment was there?—Hardiment was not there at that time, and anyone saying so tells you a lie.

13,584. He had been there?—No, he had not been there.

13,585. At the time you were there had he not been there?—No.

13,586. How long had you been there?—I had been there the whole day.

13,587. In what part of the house?—The bar of the house. Half a moment: just alter that from the bar of the house into the second room. Have an understanding that that has a connection with the back part of the house, but not an open connection.

13,588. From where you were could you see people going in and out?—Yes, I could see plenty of people.

13,589. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You swore just now that Hardiment was not there the whole of the day?—That would be a moral impossibility. I could not tell, my being in the front of the bar, what took place in another part of the house.

13,590. You did swear it; it is on the notes?—You may take what notes you please, that is the truth.

13,591. (*Mr. Biron.*) I put the question to you?—

I tell you frankly Mr. Hardiment was there once in the course of the day, I have no doubt.

13,592. What time was that?—I should say that might have been within a very few minutes of 4. You ask me of my own knowledge, and of my own knowledge I speak, and nothing else.

13,593. Where were you when Mr. Harper came in?—In the front of the bar.

13,594. Did he ask you whose cart that was at the door?—He did not ask me that.

13,595. Did you hear that question asked?—No, I never heard that question asked.

13,596. Did you see a cart outside the door?—It might have been Hardiment's cart, for all I know.

13,597. Did you know Hardiment's cart?—No, I should not know it from a hundred.

13,598. Do you mean to say that you did not know Hardiment's cart?—No, I should not know it from a thousand if I saw it.

13,599. You saw a cart there?—Yes, I distinctly saw a cart there.

13,600. You heard Mr. Harper ask whose cart it was?—No, I did not.

13,601. What were you there for?—Why simply as a party man, urging on my own party's benefit. That was my reason, and no other, for being there.

13,602. In the character of a patriot?—In the character of a good party man; not a patriot who would nobble up all the crumbs, and get all the dust.

13,603. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you receive nothing for your day's work?—Not one penny.

13,604. Who paid for the beer you had?—My own pocket; and I say this much——

You may stand down, you are a disgrace to the city.

WILLIAM BROWN sworn and examined.

W. Brown.

13,605. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shopkeeper.

13,606. Did you vote at this election?—Yes.

13,607. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

13,608. At what time in the day?—About 10 in the morning.

13,609. In the course of the day you were about the town, I suppose?—Part of the time.

13,610. Were you at the "Woolpack" in the course of the day?—No.

13,611. Are you certain of that?—I am quite certain of it.

13,612. Where were you during the day?—I was about the city part of the day.

13,613. Were you at any public-houses?—No.

13,614. Not at any public-house at all during the day?—No.

13,615. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

13,616. Did you receive any promise?—No.

13,617. Have you been paid anything since?—No.

13,618. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

13,619. Who asked you for your vote?—The Tory party came and solicited my vote, but I did not promise it to anybody. I said if I voted, I should not vote against them.

PINFOLD BLACK sworn and examined.

P. Black.

13,620. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A caner.

13,621. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

13,622. At what hour in the day?—About 2 o'clock.

13,623. Why did you not vote before that?—Because I had some work to look after.

13,624. What work?—Cane work; I cane chairs.

13,625. Were you very busy that morning?—Yes.

13,626. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—There had been some gentlemen there, but I was not at home; I was out looking after my work.

13,627. That morning?—Yes.

13,628. Did they see your wife?—Not that I am aware of.

13,629. How came you to vote?—That is the first vote I had in my life; I never voted before.

13,630. What made you vote for Stracey?—I do not know, I am sure.

13,631. You are not much of a politician?—No.

13,632. Did your wife tell you you had better vote for Stracey?—No.

13,633. Who asked you for your vote?—No one; I voted of my own accord.

13,634. Did you get anything for voting?—Not a farthing.

13,635. Or any promise of anything?—Not a halfpenny.

13,636. Have you got anything since for having voted?—No, nothing.

13,637. Did anybody recommend you to vote for Stracey, and say it would be better for you?—No.

THOMAS BENFATHER sworn and examined.

T. Benfather.

13,638. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You keep the "Royal Oak," do you not?—Yes.

13,639. Did you on the day of the election see Hardiment?—I never saw him on that day until after the election was over. That is the truth, sir.

13,640. Did he come to your house that day?—I never saw him in my house that day; he never came to my house that day. I was at home up till 1 o'clock, and he never came there up to that time.

13,641. You are sure he never came to your house that day?—Not during that day. I am on my oath, and I believe I can swear that he never came to my house that day.

13,642. Now will you swear that you did not see Hardiment and Freestone at your house on that day?—I will swear. I am on oath, and I say distinctly that I never saw Mr. Hardiment, nor yet Mr. Freestone, on that day until after the election was over, and then I only saw Mr. Hardiment as he was going home with his pony and cart.

13,643. Do you know Clarke's beerhouse?—Yes.

13,644. Did you go there on that day?—Yes.

13,645. Do you know a man of the name of Thorpe?—Yes.

13,646. Was he there?—He was there when I was there.

13,647. Did you go into a back room at Clarke's?—Not privately I did not, only publicly.

13,648. Do you know a place which is called the bake office?—There is a place called the bake office there, but I never saw no baking utensils to constitute a bake office.

13,649. Did you go into that bake office?—I passed and repassed through there one or two or three times.

13,650. Did you see several men in that room?—Yes, and all about the house.

13,651. Did you give any of them any money?—Not a farthing, I had none to give.

13,652. Did you see the elder Wiseman that day?—Yes, I saw him in the committee room when I went up with two men to vote; I asked him for the voting cards, and that is all.

13,653. Did he not give you some money?—Not a farthing.

13,654. Did he never give you a farthing to give to the voters?—No.

13,655. Did you ask him for anything?—Not a farthing; I did not ask anybody for anything.

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T. Benfather.

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13,656. Did you not call four or five men into that bake office separately ?—No, not separately I did not ; I asked several men to go in.

13,657. Did you call them in together ?—No.

13,658. Did they come into you ? — They were passing in and out of the room the same as I was.

13,659. Did you not speak to any of them in the room about money ?—Not any of them.

13,660. Did you see Thorpe there ?—Yes, and if you like I will tell you where I saw him. I saw him lying on a settle, that is the only place I saw Mr. Thorpe on that day.

13,661. Did you not give Thorpe 5*s.* there ?—Not a farthing.

13,662. Did you not say to Thorpe "Here are five "shillings for you," and did you not also say, "If "5*s.* is of any use to you you can have it" ?—No.

13,663. Did not Thorpe say that 5*s.* was of no use to him ?—No, not to me ; he did not say so to me ; whether he did to anybody else I must leave ; but he did not to me.

13,664. Were you in the room when that was said to or by Thorpe ?—That I must leave ; I did not hear Thorpe say so.

13,665. Did you hear anybody say to Thorpe, "If "5*s.* is of any use to you you may have it "?—No, I did not hear anyone say that much.

13,666. Did they mention any sum of money to you ?—Who do you mean by "they," sir ; do you mean an individual or many ?

13,667. The men in Clarke's beerhouse ?—No, not one of them.

13,668. Not one ?—They asked me, "How do the "election get on, Tom ? " and I said, "I believe it is "on a level as near as possible," and I said, "What "are you waiting about here for together ? " They said, "We don't care anything about going to vote." I said, "Go and vote like men, the same as you are ; "you may depend upon it," says I, "that Stracey will "win." I said so, but I never offered no sum to nobody for I had none to offer.

13,669. Did not they say to you anything about their wages, or a day's pay, or something to drink ?—I never heard nobody say anything about a day's wage, or that there was anything to be given.

13,670. Or anything to drink ? — Or anything to drink ; I will tell you what I did do. I treated an old uncle of mine with a pot of the best ale, and that is all I treated on that day, and I should think he was between 80 and 90 years of age. That is all I done on that day. I would have treated Mr. Stracey if I had seen him.

13,671. Did you not lend a 5*l.* note to Hardiment on that day ?—I told you before that I never saw Mr. Hardiment on that day until after the election was over. I should have liked to have seen the shape of a 5*l.* note, it would have been very convenient.

13,672. Do you know John Warren ?—Yes, I do.

13,673. Was not Warren there when you were there ?—Yes, I believe he was there.

13,674. Did you pay him 5*s.* ?—Not a farthing, I had none to pay, I am only a poor man.

13,675. Do you mean to say upon your oath that you gave no man in that house a single shilling on that day ?—I mean to say I had none to give, and even had I been commissioned, I should not have thought about paying a man like Mr. John Warren ; he never was only a lodger.

13,676. Had you no money that day ?—I had no money only my own, and that was very little, I will promise you.

13,677. What money had you in your pocket when you went into Clarke's ?—I might, perhaps, have 5*s.* or 6*s.*

13,678. Not more ?—Not more.

13,679. You did not receive a single farthing to spend on the election ?—I did not.

13,680. From anybody ?—Not from anyone.

13,681. And did not give a single farthing away that day in Clarke's beerhouse ?—Not in the shape of money.

13,682. Will you undertake to swear that you did not give to any man on that day in that house a single shilling ?—No.

13,683. You will swear that, will you ? — I will ; as I told you before, I spent only sixpence in the house while I was there.

13,684. Have you received any money since the election ?—Not a farthing.

13,685. Have you applied for any money ?—Yes.

13,686. To whom did you apply ? — I applied to Mr. Lake.

13,687. Who is he ?—Why, Mr. Lake, I suppose, was one of the committee.

13,688. Why did you apply to him ?—Because I thought I had a right to make some little appliance to him.

13,689. What did you apply to him for ?—To be paid for what I had done for the party as I had done all I possibly could.

13,690. What had you done ?—Got up voters.

13,691. Was that all that you applied to him to be paid for ?—That is all.

13,692. How much did you apply for ?—2*l.*

13,693. Was anything for beer in that ?—Nothing.

13,694. Only for your own self ?—That is all.

13,695. You thought that your exertions in getting up voters on the day of the election were worth 2*l.* ? —Yes, I thought so.

13,696. And you mean to swear that what you applied to him for was simply 2*l.* for getting up voters ? —That is all.

13,697. And not for any money paid by you ?—Not a farthing.

13,698. Now will you tell us who the voters were that you took up ?—Oh, I took up several, I don't know the names of them now.

13,699. You know where you went to ?—I did not go only to Mr. Clarke's to get up voters.

13,700. What voters did you get up from Clarke's ?—I can name one man ; Mr. Charles Moss was one.

13,701. Who else ?—I believe another man by the name of Colman.

13,702. Cannot you mention another ?—I do not know of any more, but I got up several.

13,703. You wanted 2*l.* for getting up voters ; you must have got up a good numbers of voters for 2*l.* Just mention one or two more ?—I don't know about the number of voters. I exerted myself and that like.

13,704. If you got up so many voters you can tell us more than two ?—No, I don't know no more names. I asked them whether they were voters ; I did not ask their names.

13,705. Did you get up any more ?—Well, I should think I did.

13,706. Did you ?—Yes, several.

13,707. That is all you can say for having applied for 2*l.* for getting up voters ?—That is all.

13,708. And that you mean to say upon your oath ? —I mean to say it ; I have sworn it heavenly.

13,709. You got no more than those two voters that you can recollect, and you applied for 2*l.* for your services ?—That is it.

13,710. I think your evidence is so unsatisfactory that you ought not to be paid a single farthing for it. —Very well, sir, I did not ask for it.

G. Harper.

GEORGE HARPER sworn and examined.

13,711. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ? —I am a librarian now.

13,712. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

13,713. For whom did you vote at this last election ?—Russell and Tillett.

13,714. What time in the day ?—I think it was 11 o'clock.

13,715. Did you receive anything for your vote ? —Never in my life.

13,716. Were you promised anything?—Never. I never thought about it.

13,717. Have you always voted on the Liberal side?—Not always. I have voted for the Conservatives.

13,718. What made you vote for the Liberals this time?—Well, sir, my principles are quite Liberal.

13,719. Do you recollect hearing any conversation between Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Gedge about the election?—No.

13,720. Are you quite certain of that?—I was ill at the time.

13,721. But after the election?—No.

13,722. You have not heard anything said about the election by either of those two men?—No, I merely was passing to my home, and I have seen Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Gedge very active in the street, but I never heard any conversation.

13,723. Did you ever hear anything?—No.

13,724. Have you ever said you had heard anything?—I never said I had heard anything. I merely supposed there was something going on, but I never said I heard anything.

13,725. Do you mean to say you never said you had heard anything about the election said either by Gedge or Wiseman?—Certainly not.

JAMES WILLIAM GENT sworn and examined. *J. W. Gent.*

13,726. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A plumber.

13,727. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

13,728. At what hour in the day?—That I can scarcely tell, but I should say from twelve to two.

13,729. Did you canvass at all before the polling day?—Well, yes. I think I went about one day and a piece of another, but I do not exactly recollect that.

13,730. Did you do anything on the polling day towards getting up voters?—No.

13,731. Did you not go to anybody on the polling day and ask them to vote?—No.

13,732. Try and recollect. Did you not between three and four go and ask for a vote?—No.

13,733. Did you ask a man of the name of Nottley to vote?—Yes, I did. I recollect that.

13,734. At what hour was that?—That I should say was handy on 4 o'clock.

13,735. For whom did you ask him to vote?—He lives just behind where I live, and I asked him whether he was disposed to vote.

13,736. Did you offer him 5*s.* if he would vote?—No.

13,737. Did you tell him that 5*s.* was the price?—No.

13,738. Did you say anything about 5*s.*?—I did say that I supposed he might have that.

13,739. What was it you said to him?—I said I understood that he might have 5*s.*

13,740. Had anybody sent you to him?—No.

13,741. From whom did you understand that he could have 5*s.*?—I heard it spoken of in the committee room.

13,742. By whom?—I cannot tell you; there was three or four talking about it.

13,743. Then give me one of the three?—Well, I really cannot recollect.

13,744. Which committee room was it?—In Calvert Street.

13,745–6. In what ward is that?—That is in the eighth ward.

13,747. Was Wiseman there?—Wiseman was there.

13,748. Was it he who said that —— ?—No, it was not him. I do not recollect its being him.

13,749. If it was not he, who was it?—I don't recollect its being him, but still it might be him. I don't know that I recollect him, but I know it was said there would be 5*s.*

13,750. It made such an impression upon you that you went off to this man to tell him?—He was a man living in my locality; in fact I let him a cottage up the yard in which I live. I asked him if he had voted. He told me he had not, and I said I understood there was to be 5*s.* if he liked to go.

13,751. Did you tell him where he could get it?—No, that I did not; neither could I give it to him, because of course I had no money.

13,752. Why did you not tell him where to go?—I did not think it was any consequence doing that. I thought they would come down to the committee room after they had voted.

13,753. Was that the arrangement at the committee room, that they were to vote first and then come back and be paid?—I don't know anything about an arrangement.

13,754. But you understood something from what you had heard at the committee room?—Yes.

13,755. Was it the understanding that the men were to vote first?—No, there was no understanding that they were to vote first, but after they had voted they would get 5*s.*

13,756. If they voted, and then went to the committee room they would get 5*s.*?—Yes.

13,757. Do you know anyone else who did that?——No, that is the only man that I know.

13,758. Just recollect; who gave you to understand that?—I would tell you if I could recollect.

13,759. Did you get your 5*s.*?—No.

13,760. How was that?—I never was paid for a vote in my life.

13,761. You understood that 5*s.* was to be had for voting?—There was nothing named about money when I went to vote; this was nearly 4 o'clock what I am telling you about.

13,762. Why did you not say you had voted, and ask for 5*s.*?—Of course I did not do that. I considered I had no right to it. I went and voted voluntarily. I never was paid for a vote in my life.

13,763. You had voted without, and therefore thought you were not entitled to it?—Of course I did.

13,764. Now, really I think you can tell me the names of the people in the committee room if you try?—There was sometimes three or four; there was a man by the name of Abel in the room.

13,765. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) John Abel, the horse dealer?—No, a man of the name of William Abel, who lives at St. Martin's at Oak.

13,766. (*Mr. Biron.*) Was it he who said something that led you to understand that 5*s.* was to be given?—No, I do not recollect that the man said anything about it.

13,767. Who else was there?—There was a lot of them backwards and forwards on the committee.

13,768. That I am aware of, I am asking you their names?—Lake, of St. George's, was there, in and out, but I am not able to say whether he was there at the time or not.

13,769. Do I understand that this was a common topic of conversation between three or four people at the committee room?—Well, it was said it would be 5*s.* if they could get them.

13,770. Whether you can give the names of those who said it or not, give me the names of some more men who were there between 3 and 4?—Well, the clerk of the committee was present at the time.

13,771. Who was he?—I don't know; he was sitting there all day; then Thirkettle was another.

13,772. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It was the talk in the committee room was it?—Well, it was spoke of by them about that time.

13,773. That 5*s.* would be given for every voter?—He did not say "every voter," but "if you know anybody there is 5*s.*"

13,774. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told this to Nottley. How

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many more men did you tell it to?—I do not recollect speaking to a soul but him.

13,775. Why did you pick him out?—Because I happen to know the man, the man lived behind where I live, in my back yard.

13,776. You wanted to do him a good turn?—Well, yes.

13,777. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you heard of any other man who got the 5*s.*?—No.

13,778. Have you not been told that some more men went in and got the 5*s.*?—No.

13,779. Was it said who was to give the 5*s.*?—No.

13,780. How were they to get it, were they to come to the committee room or how?—I suppose that would be so.

13,781. It was not said who would pay it?—No.

13,782. Was it said who had subscribed it?—No.

13,783. Simply that there was 5*s.* for them if they voted?—Yes. I asked that man if he would come, because I believed there would be 5*s.*

13,784. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you not hear of some money being subscribed for this purpose?—No.

13,785. Not before the election?—No.

13,786. Nor since?—On my oath I have not, and I never saw any money in the committee room.

13,787. Where do you think it came from?—I don't know that; I am sure I could not tell you whether it came from their own private pockets.

C. Chaplin.

CHARLES CHAPLIN sworn and examined.

13,788. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*)—Are you a shoemaker?—Yes.

13,789. Are you a voter?—Yes.

13,790. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

13,791. For whom—Sir Henry Stracey.

13,792. Now, you know a person of the name of Worledge, do you not?—Quite well.

13,793. You were with him a good deal on the day of the election, were you not?—I was.

13,794. He was very active with yourself in getting up voters?—He was so.

13,795. Who did you get up in the first part of the morning?—The first man that I polled was a man by by the name of Taylor.

13,796. Where does he live?—In St. Edmunds.

13,797. Who was the next?—I can hardly answer you that question honestly.

13,798. Then tell me who was the next?—I believe, to the best of my knowledge the next man was John Eldon.

13,799. Where does he live?—In Cowgate Street.

13,800. Who was the next?—To the best of my knowledge I don't remember taking any other men up for somewhere about three hours, and those men's names I don't know.

13,801. Did you go into the houses with Worledge?—I went into some houses with him.

13,802. What time did Worledge begin to give the men money?—I never saw Mr. Worledge part with any money during the day of the election.

13,803. You may not have seen him do it, but do you not know that he gave money to the men?—Upon my oath I do not know.

13,804. Did you not hear it?—Certainly not.

13,805. Did you not hear him talking about money?—No, I did not.

13,806. Do you mean to say that any of the men did not ask for money?—I had men ask me for money, but I never heard anyone ask Worledge for money.

13,807. Did you give them any money?—Not one farthing.

13,808. Did you promise them some money?—Certainly not.

13,809. Did Worledge?—I don't know, not in my hearing.

13,810. Did Worledge take them on one side?—I never saw Worledge take any man on one side during the day of the election.

13,811. Did you see Worledge talking to them alone?—I saw Worledge talking to men alone during the day of the election.

13,812. What men did you take up between 2 and 4?—I don't believe I polled a man between 2 and 4.

13,813. Where were you between 2 and 4?—At 2 o'clock I drove Mr. Worledge home, he was very elevated with drink and noisy, and I drove him home, and set him down at his own residence, and from there I drove up to Heigham.

13,814. What did you do there?—I did nothing there, I polled no man there whatever, I called there to see a brother-in-law of mine, and when I got there I found that he had voted; I believe that he voted for Stracey and Russell, but he had voted and was out when I got there, so I drove back again.

13,815. Not finding him there, who else did you call upon?—I called nowhere else.

13,816. Did not Worledge tell you that he had been giving money for votes?—Certainly not.

13,817. Did he not tell you that he had been promising money?—No.

13,818. Did Worledge give any beer while you were with him?—Not in my seeing.

13,819. Did he go into the public-houses?—Certainly he did.

13,820. Into what public-houses did you go?—The first public-house that I remember going into with Mr. Worledge was Mr. Earles.

13,821. What is the sign of that?—I think it is the "Woolcombers' Arms," in Magdalen Street.

13,822. What was the next house?—The next house I went to, I think, was the "Two Brewers" in Magdalen Street.

13,823. What was the next?—The next house, I think, that we went into was "Clarke's," in St. Martin's.

13,824. What was the next?—The next, I think, was a house in the bottom of St. Stephen's, but I do not know the sign.

13,825. What was the next?—I do not remember going into any other houses with Mr. Worledge.

13,826. Did you go into any other house yourself?—Oh, I stepped into many houses and got a glass.

13,827. What where you in and out of all these public-houses for?—To find voters if I could.

13,828. Did you not find voters in everyone of them?—No.

13,829. For instance, take Clarke's beerhouse, there were plenty of voters there?—I did not see any voters there; there were no voters to my knowledge.

13,830. You would ask whether there were any voters, and you would have an immediate answer?—I did not ask that question.

13,831. Why did you not, if you were in search of voters?—Mr. Worledge was in there prior to me.

13,832. Then what Worledge did in there you do not know?—On my oath I do not know.

13,833. How long was Worledge in there before you went in?—Not more than a minute or two.

13,834. Did he go into the public-house before you went in?—He stepped in just before me, and I stepped in after.

13,835. But was he in all these public-houses for a few minutes before you went in?—Not all of them.

13,836. Several of them?—No, I was not in several houses during the day.

13,837. If you went in search of voters, did you inquire for voters?—We asked perhaps whether there was any voters there, or if we saw men in the bar, we asked if they were voters.

13,838. Did you not learn that at these public-houses there were voters?—No.

13,839. At which public-houses were there no voters?—I do not remember hearing of any, except in the "Two Brewers," that was my father-in-law,

which I went expressly for, and that is the only house where there was a man polled from to my knowledge.

13,840. Do you really mean to represent that there were no voters in any of these public-houses except that one?—There might be, but not to my knowledge.

13,841. When you saw people there, did you not inquire whether they were voters or not?—I did not inquire no further than asking whether there was any voters, and whether they had voted, and so on.

13,842. Do you mean to say, that in none of these houses you got the answer that there were voters, except one?—There was one house where they told me there was voters, and I took two men out and polled them.

13,843. What house is that?—It is a house on St. Martin's Plain; I do not know the sign.

13,844. What time of the day was that?—As near as I can say, about 12 o'clock.

13,845. Was Worledge with you then?—No.

13,846. You were there alone?—I was there alone; I was not with Mr. Worledge the whole of the day up to two o'clock; we parted on many occasions.

13,847. Did you see Mr. Wiseman that day?—Yes.

13,848. Where did you see him?—At the committee room.

13,849. At what time in the day?—I saw him from nine to ten, and from one to two.

13,850. Did you not see him after two o'clock?—Certainly not, not until after the close of the poll.

13,851. Are you certain of that?—Quite certain.

13,852. Did Worledge hand you any money?—No.

13,853. Did you see Benfather?—No.

13,854. You know him?—I know him perfectly well, but I never saw him on the election day.

13,855. Did you hear any bets made about the election?—Not before the election; I have heard of some since the election.

13,856. Were there no bets with men of five to one that they would not vote for Stracey?—I know nothing of that, it's Latin to me; I never heard of it before.

13,857. Did you hear anything of the sort?—Certainly not.

13,858. Was Worledge saying to the men, "I will bet you five to one that you won't vote for Stracey"?—Not to me, nor have I heard of it.

13,859. You heard of it afterwards?—Not of that; I heard of betting on the inquiry.

13,860. Do you mean to say that you did not hear that many people betted voters five to one that Sir Henry Stracey would not win, or five to one that they would not vote for Stracey?—On my oath I did not.

13,861. Do I understand you to swear that you made no such bet?—Certainly not.

13,862. Do you know of any money being paid to voters upon the day of the election?—No.

13,863. Do you know of any money having been promised to voters on the day of the election?—No.

13,864. Did you hear on that day of any money being offered to voters?—No.

13,865. Or paid to them?—No.

13,866. Or promised them?—No.

13,867. You never even heard of that?—No.

13,868. Did you see Worledge give tickets to men?—Yes.

13,869. Where was that?—In St. Martin's.

13,870. At what house?—I did not see him giving them at a house at all; I saw only two given, and they were given in the street.

13,871. What were they for?—Sixpenny worth of drink, I believe.

13,872. Who were they to, they must have been directed to some one?—No; they were not directed at all, they were simply Mr. Worledge's address cards, and if they were presented sixpence worth would be allowed.

13,873. To whom did he give those cards?—I cannot tell, I do not know the gentlemen, I do not indeed.

13,874. They were voters, I suppose?—That I must leave.

13,875. Have you any doubt that they were voters?—I have no doubt whether they were or were not, for I am sure I don't know.

13,876. Did he not say that that was what he was doing?—No.

13,877. Worledge told you, I suppose, that there were lots of men who wanted money for their votes?—No, I never heard of that; it was fairly agreed between me and Mr. Worledge that we should not buy any men, or pay any more.

13,878. Did he not tell you that there were men who wanted something to drink, or some money for voting?—I never heard him name it, I did not indeed.

13,879. Do you recollect his talking to Thorpe?—I don't know Mr. Thorpe.

13,880. A person in Clarke's beerhouse?—I don't know Thorpe.

13,881. Were you present when Thorpe came and spoke to him?—There might be a man come and speak to him, and if the man was placed here I might perhaps know him, but I do not know Thorpe.

13,882. You did not go with Worledge, did you, up to Brandish's?—No.

13,883. Have you not heard that Worledge had given voters half a sovereign each for voting?—No.

13,884. Never?—No.

13,885. Have you not heard it reported?—I have heard a report that he bribed.

13,886-7. Has not Worledge told you that he gave it?—Certainly not, and I don't believe he did do so.

13,888. Do you mean to say that having heard that report, you have not spoken to him about it?—I have spoken to him about it, and he has utterly denied such being the fact.

13,889. Where have you heard it reported?—I have heard it reported in different houses. I have been in to have a glass of ale after business hours, I have heard it reported that this, that, and the other has been done.

13,890. Where did you hear it first?—That I could not answer.

13,891. Was it not immediately after the election?—Yes. I heard reports flying about from place to place, the same as reports have been put about about me that I have bribed people, but I defy anyone to say that I have given a single farthing, either on the day of the election, or since the election. I have given no man a shilling, and yet reports have gone about that I have done this, that, and the other, which have been very detrimental to me in business; but I defy any man to stand before me and say I have given him a shilling.

13,892. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You were very busy on the day of the election?—Yes, I was.

13,983. Did you hear during that day of any reports of money having been paid?—I never heard of it during the day of the election.

13,894. Is this your first election at Norwich?—The first election I had ever anything to do with.

13,895. Were you a voter before?—No.

13,896. You know a good many of the chief men of the party, do you not, Wiseman and others?—I know Mr. Wiseman.

13,897. And several others?—There is very few others that I know of the leading party.

13,898. You never heard anything about money during the day?—No, I did not.

13,899. Did you hear anything about it that night?—No, but I was thoroughly dissatisfied when I saw by the report in the paper that Mr. Wiseman had received 100*l.*, because he distinctly stated to me, and showed me a letter the night before the election, that

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there was not to be one farthing spent. He handed the letter over to me, and I read it, and it specified that Sir Henry Stracey would sooner lose the election than spend one shilling.

13,900. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) That, I suppose, was because he was afraid you would spend money?—Yes; but it does not appear that he spent much himself.

13,901. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) It was your first election, and they would not trust your inexperienced youth?—Yes, and I am very glad they did not.

B. Clarke.

BENJAMIN CLARKE sworn and examined.

13,902. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

13,903. For whom did you vote at this last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

13,904. At what time of the day?—About a quarter before 9 in the morning.

13,905. Had you been asked to vote by anybody?—I was never asked to vote.

13,906. Had you promised to vote?—No, they came round to mine, but I was not there.

13,907. Did you say who you had promised to vote for?—I said I should always vote for Mr. Stracey.

13,908. Had you not promised your vote before the day?—No.

13,909. Will you swear you had not promised to vote for Tillett?—No.

13,910. Did you not give a promise to Mr. Hart and Dr. Bloomfield?—No.

13,911. You had an interview with them about voting the night before, had you not?—There was some men come, but I don't know who they were; I don't know the gentlemen.

13,912. Did you not promise them that you would vote for Tillett?—They asked me to vote for Tillett, because he was of the Liberal party.

13,913. Did you not say that you would?—No, I said I did not think I should.

13,914. Are you sure about that?—Yes.

13,915. Did they take a note of it in a book?—They said they would do that, but I said, "that is not my intentions."

13,916. Was this the first time you had voted?—Yes.

13,917. Who took you up to the poll?—I went in Mr. Worledge's little cart.

13,918. Was anybody else with you?—A master shoemaker. I don't know his name, he lives in St. George's; the man who just went out I think is the same man.

13,919. What did he give you to vote?—He gave me nothing.

13,920. Did he not give you any beer?—No.

13,921. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

13,922. Did he not promise you anything?—No.

13,923. What were you doing the whole of the day of the election?—I went and worked until near dinner time, and I found other people were loitering about, and I thought I might just as well enjoy myself as them.

13,924. Then you went to a public-house after dinner?—Yes.

13,925. Which house?—To my neighbour's, the "Leaping Horse," in St. Edmunds.

13,926. How many other public-houses did you go into?—I did not go into any others during the day.

13,927. You had quite enough at the first?—No; I did not drink a sight of beer, it does not suit me.

13,928. Who paid for your beer?—I paid for it myself.

13,929. What! for all of it?—I paid for two or three half pints, and that is all I had during the day.

13,930. Were there not some men there who asked you to drink with them, as they usually do at election times?—No, unless there was a neighbour who might say, "Have a glass?"

13,931. Are you a married man?—No.

13,932. Has any bet been made with you about this election?—No.

13,933. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Or any bet about voting?—No.

13,934. (*Mr. Biron.*) Why did you not go up before Worledge came to you?—I was at breakfast at the time when Mr. Worledge did come.

13,935. Early in the morning, was it?—Yes, and as he was my master I went with him.

J. Gibbons.

JOHN GIBBONS sworn and examined.

13,936. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An engineer.

13,937. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

13,938. At what hour in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

13,939. Why did you not vote earlier than that?—Because I went out along with some friends early in the morning, and was not home to dinner until 3 o'clock, and I then went and voted.

13,940. Where did you go to?—I was in another part of the city; I was not in the ward at all.

13,941. In public-houses?—Well, I was in one or two public-houses, not many.

13,942. What was the last one you went to before you voted?—I think it was the "Oxford," in the market place.

13,943. Were you not at Cartwright's?—I do not know anybody of that name.

13,944. Don't you know Cartwright's, in Rosemary Lane?—No.

13,945. A general shopkeeper?—No.

13,946. A man who keeps a little grocer's shop, and sells beer?—No.

13,947. Did you see Hardiment on that day?—No, I don't know Hardiment.

13,948. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

13,949. Were you canvassed before?—Only by the blues. They went to my house, but I was not at home. They said they should call again, but my wife told them it would be of no use, because I was going to vote for Stracey.

13,950. Your wife said you were going to vote for Stracey?—Yes.

13,951. Had you ever voted before?—No.

13,952. How long was this before the election?—I think something like three or four days.

13,953. Did you not receive a sovereign for voting?—No.

13,954. Did you get one after you had voted?—No.

13,955. Did you get a sovereign at all?—No.

13,956. Did anybody lend you a sovereign that day?—No sir, I don't want to borrow while I can earn,

13,957. Then you tell me that neither directly nor indirectly did you receive a sovereign or any other money for voting?—No.

13,958. Or for having voted?—No.

13,959. Or a promise of anything?—No.

13,960. Are you an eighth ward man?—Yes.

13,961. Do you live in the Gildencroft?—Yes.

13,962. Were you at Cartwright's that day at all?—I never was in Cartwright's house in my life, and did not know there was a public-house there until after the election.

13,963. When did you first hear about Cartwright's?—When Baron Martin was down here. I wondered what I was subpœnaed for; one of the men said, "You are summoned for taking some money at Cartwright's," and I said, "I don't know where the house is, I never was in the house in my life; I don't know the man; I do just know where the house is, but that is all."

13,964. Were you at Clarke's beerhouse that day?—No, and nowhere in the street.

WILLIAM FISHER sworn and examined.

13,965. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

13,966. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

13,967. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

13,968. At what time of the day?—I cannot say exactly,—close upon 4.

13,969. Where had you been the whole of the day?—I had been out on business.

13,970. What business?—I am a master wood turner by trade.

13,971. That would keep you at home I should have thought?—I should say not, sir; I have to go out after my orders.

13,972. Where were you out?—All about the city.

13,973. Well, if you were all about the city you could have voted very easily?—I could, but I was not in my ward.

13,974. Yes, but you were near your home?—Oh no, sir, I have to go a long way from that.

13,975. You started in the morning, I suppose, and came back to breakfast?—Oh no.

13,976. You came back to dinner?—No, I did not do that, I did not come home until the afternoon.

13,977. Were you never in your ward again until the afternoon?—I was there early in the morning, but I did not return until after dinner. It was after breakfast when I went out.

13,978. You were all about the city, surely you had plenty of time to vote?—Yes.

13,979. Had you been canvassed for your vote beforehand?—No.

13,980. Had not anybody asked you for your vote?—No.

13,981. Did you want a day's pay?—No, I never asked any such thing, and never wished for it.

13,982. You did not want any money for it?—No.

13,983. Have you ever asked anybody for it?—No.

13,984. Or ever suggested to anybody to pay you?—No, certainly not.

13,985. And never received anything for your vote?—Not a farthing.

13,986. Did you go to Clarke's beerhouse?—I believe I went once during the day.

13,987. What time was that?—Somewhere about 3 o'clock, I should say, during the afternoon.

13,988. You know Worledge, don't you?—Oh yes.

13,989. He came there, did he not?—I never saw him there.

13,990. Did you not see Worledge there?—No.

13,991. Pray be careful!—I will speak the truth, sir.

13,992. Perhaps you did not see him in the house. Did you know a man of the name of Robert Brandish?—A smith?

13,993. Yes?—He is dead, sir. I knew him before he was dead, for I live close by.

13,994. Did you see him that day going to his shop?—Yes, of course I did; I live close by, my premises adjoin his.

13,995. Did you go into Brandish's forge that day?—I cannot say, I might perhaps; sometimes I give the man a job to do, and I might run in that day.

13,996. Did you see Worledge there?—No, I cannot say that I did.

13,997. Will you undertake to say that you did not see Worledge there? Now, mind.—Well, I speak the truth.

13,998. When I say "Mind," I don't wish to impute anything wrong to you; I am calling your attention to a thing which occurred now ten months ago, therefore you may have forgotten it. We have got the statement of a person who says he saw you?—All I say is that I might be in Brandish's shop that day; I might go in, but I cannot say that I saw Worledge there.

13,999. Did Brandish speak to you, or did you speak to him about voting?—I should say not.

14,000. But did you not. Consider?—No, I don't believe I did; I remember the time that I saw Brandish, and Brandish told me he was going to vote.

14,001. Did not Brandish say that he wanted *5s.* to vote?—No, not to my hearing.

14,002. Brandish did not vote until just before four, did he?—I don't know.

14,003. What time was it he told you he was going to vote?—That was in the morning, I should say, before I went up to town.

14,004. You should say?—Well, I am certain it was in the morning.

14,005. Were you not in there between three and four, and had Brandish omitted to vote up to that time?—I cannot say.

14,006. Now, did you not hear Worledge offer him *5s.*?—No.

14,007. Did you hear him ask Worledge for *5s.*?—No.

14,008. Did he ask you for *5s.*?—No.

14,009. Did he speak to anybody in your presence about *5s.*?—No.

14,010. Or any other sum of money?—Nothing.

14,011. Did you see no money put down in the place?—No.

14,012. Not by anybody?—Not by anybody.

14,013. Did you see Brandish go out to vote?—No.

14,014. Can you say you did not?—I should say so, sir.

14,015. But can you?—I should say I never saw the man go away to vote.

14,016. Will you undertake to swear that you were not there when Brandish went away to vote?—This man often goes out of his shop all day long. I don't know anything about his voting; I never had any conversation with him about his voting.

14,017. The polling booth was just opposite, or very close, was it not?—Oh no.

14,018. Where was the polling booth?—The nearest one I could get was in St. Mary's, I believe.

14,019. Was there not a polling booth close to Clarke's beerhouse?—No, not that I am aware of; I live close by, but I am not aware that there was one so near.

14,020. Do you know a person of the name of George Gedge?—I saw an old gentleman they call Mr. Gedge, the dyer, if that is the man.

14,021. Has he ever spoken to you about money for voting?—He never spoke to me in his life.

14,022. You know no other person of the name of Gedge?—No.

RICHARD ROSS sworn and examined.

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14,023. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A cordwainer.

14,024. Did you vote?—I did not vote at all.

14,025. Did you promise to vote for anyone?—No,

14,026. Have you a vote?—Yes.

14,027. Where were you during the day?—I was in Mr. Clarke's some part of the day.

14,028. Drinking there?—Yes.

14,029. Who paid for the beer, do you know?—Well, I am sure I cannot say; I paid for some myself.

14,030. You did not pay for all of it I suppose?—Well, no, of course not.

14,031. There was a good deal of drinking going on there?—Well, there were several pots during the day, I believe.

14,032. Who did you see there?—I am sure I cannot say the name.

14,033. Did you see Mr. Hardiment there?—I saw him come in once or twice during the day.

14,034. Did you see Mr. Freestone there?—I do not know the man.

14,035. Did you see Mr. Worledge there?—Yes.

14,036. Was anything said about money in Clarke's beerhouse?—I never heard of anything of the sort.

14,037. Did you not hear of some people getting money there?—No.

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14,038. Was not 5*s.* offered to you ?—No.

14,039. Are you quite certain of that ? — Quite certain. I had no money offered to me.

14,040. Did you not ask for some money ?—No.

14,041. Was not something promised you ?—No.

14,042. Were you not asked to go and vote while you were there ?—Yes, several of them asked me if I was going to vote.

14,043. What did you say ?—I never thought about voting from the first ; I did not trouble about voting.

14,044. You did not choose to vote without getting a day's wages for it ?—Well, if I had got paid I should have voted but not without ; but no one ever offered it to me, and I never asked them.

14,045. You let them know that you would not go unless you were paid for it ?—I had no one ask me that question.

14,046. For how much would you have voted ?—I should have taken anything I could have got.

14,047. Who were you talking to about your vote ? —I never talked to anybody about it, only people asked me to vote.

14,048. Was not Benfather there ? — I saw him there during the day.

14,049. And he talked to you about voting ?—He asked me if I would go and vote like the rest of them.

14,050. And you gave him that answer ?—No, I said all along I did not care about voting.

14,051. Was any sum named, 5*s.* or 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—I never heard anything of the sort.

14,052. Did you not say what you would take to go and vote ?—No, I did not.

14,053. What would you have taken for your vote ? —Half-a-sovereign or a sovereign, or anything like that, perhaps.

14,054. I suppose that was the current price that day was it not ?—I did not hear anything about it. If it was offered me I should have taken it and voted.

14,055. You knew that there was money going ?— No, I did not.

14,056. What made you keep there all the day ?— I was in Clarke's the chief of the day, but I never heard anything about money.

14,057. You were there when Hardiment came there ?—I was there when he came in, but the man never mentioned it to me or I spoke to him.

14,058. The business was very lively after Mr. Hardiment's visit, was it not ?—Not that I know of, only drinking as usual.

14,059. And people going up to the poll ?—That I do not know.

14,060. Do you know a place there called the bake office ?—I know there was a bake office there.

14,061. Did you see people going in there ?—No, I never saw anybody going in.

14,062. Are you certain of that ?—I am certain of that.

14,063. What part of the beerhouse were you in ? —Some of the day I was in the bar and some of the day in the back place, in the tap-room as they call it.

14,064. Did you not see the people going into one of the back rooms ?—I never saw anyone only passing in and out to go out the back way.

14,065. Did you hear any promise made about money ?—No.

14,066. Did you hear people asking for money ?— No, I did not.

14,067. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were in there the whole day, were you not ? — I went in about half-past 11 in the morning, went home and got my dinner, and went in again in the afternoon.

14,068. Charles Moss was there was he not ?—I believe he was there during the day.

14,069. William Mills was there ? — Yes, he was there during the day.

14,070. Francis Cutlock ?—He was there.

14,071. George Ellis ?—I never saw him.

14,072. Do you know him ?—I do not know him.

14,073. Do you know George Ellis of Rathbone Yard ?—Yes, I know him, but I never saw him there that day.

14,074. Was Thorpe there ?—Yes.

14,075. Did you see Brandish in the house at all ? —Do you mean poor old Mr. Brandish ?

14,076. Old Mr. Brandish that is dead ?—Yes, I saw him in the house.

14,077. Did you have some of the beer that Worledge paid for ?—Yes, I had some of it, but he did not give none of it to any voters.

14,078. Of course not, that is not the way in which it is done. Do you recollect Wiseman coming in and giving some beer ?—No, I do not recollect seeing Mr. Wiseman come in, and giving any beer.

14,079. Not young Wiseman ? — No, I do not remember it.

14,080. Do you recollect Anthony Freestone coming in ?—I do not know Mr. Freestone.

14,081. Did a gentleman come to you and ask you to vote ?—Well, several of them during the day asked me if I would vote as they in general do.

14,082. Did you not say, "I shall not vote unless "I am paid" ?—No.

14,083. What did you say ?—I said I did not care anything about voting.

14,084. You did not care anything about voting unless you had something for it ?—Well, I did not say that.

14,085–6. But that is what you meant ?—If I had had anything offered me I should have took it.

14,087–8. Was Thorpe there when Benfather came in ?—Yes, Thorpe was there the chief of the day.

14,089. Did not you see Benfather go into a little room, the bakehouse ?—No, I did not.

14,090. You know the bake office ?—I know what it is by going out the back way.

14,091. Did you not see Benfather going in there ? —No.

14,092. Did you not see some men go into the bake office ?—No.

14,093. Did you see Moss and one of the other men go off in a cab with Benfather ?—I did not see him.

14,094–5. Were you quite sober ?—Well, not so very sober of course, being in a place like that during the day.

14,096. Did you see Benfather leave the house ?— I saw him come to the house and leave it two or three times.

14,097. Did you hear what Benfather said ? — I never heard anything.

14,098. Did you not hear the men talking to Benfather ?—No.

14,099. What was Benfather doing there ?—Coming in and asking the people.

14,100. Do you really wish to represent to us that you heard nothing of what was said by Benfather ?— I did not.

14,101. Were you very drunk ?—No, not so very drunk.

14,102. What you call moderately drunk then ?— Well, I might be a little the worse for drink.

14,103. Were you so drunk that you went to the poll, but you could not get up until just after the time for closing ?—No, I did not go at all.

14,104. Do you nor recollect going to the poll and being just too late ?—No, I did not go at all.

14,105. The poll was near there, was it not ?—On St. Mary's Plain, I believe.

14,106. That is close by ?—Close by.

14,107. Were you so drunk that you could not be sent up there in time for voting ?—I did not go at all.

14,108. But could you not see the polling booth from Clarke's, and did you not see that it was closed ? —I did not go back to look.

14,109. You did not go at all, that is very true ;

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but the only reason why you did not go was that you were too late, was it not?—No, that was not the reason.

14,110. You would have taken money you know?—Yes, if I had any offered me.

14,111. Was 5*s.* offered you?—No.

14,112. Was not 5*s.* offered you, and did you not say that you wanted some more?—No.

14,113. Was anything offered you to vote?—Nothing was offered me to vote.

14,114. Did you talk to Benfather at all?—No, I did not talk to the man, nothing particular; the man asked me once or twice if I would go and vote, and I told him no.

14,115. Did you say that you wanted some money?—I never told Benfather that I wanted any money, and he never offered me any.

14,116. No, but you might ask him for it although he did not offer it, you know. What did you say to Benfather when he asked you to vote?—I told him I did not care anything about it, and I was not going to vote.

14,117. Was that the only answer you gave?—That is all; that I did not care anything about voting.

14,118. (*Mr. Biron.*) If you wanted money why did you not say you wanted it?—I did not say anything about it.

14,119. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you not know that Moss and these other people were paid 5*s.* a-piece to go and vote?—I do not know anything about it.

14,120. Was it not the common talk?—I do not know anything about it.

14,121. Did you not hear them talk about having 5*s.* for their votes?—No.

14,122. Or 10*s.*?—No.

14,123. They did not bid up to 10*s.* for you?—No, nor yet nothing.

14,124. You would have gone for 5*s.*?—No, I do not think I should have gone for a sum like that; I might perhaps, but I do not know; I never was offered it.

14,125. Perhaps you would have refused 5*s.* at first, but when it got close upon 4 you would have been willing to take 5*s.*?—It was not offered me.

14,126. You would have taken 5*s.* just before 4?—I might have done if it had been offered to me, but I do not know.

14,127. Did you not hang out so long that you were too late for the poll?—No.

ROBERT BRYANT sworn and examined.

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14,128. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shop keeper.

14,129. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

14,130. What time in the day?—About half-past 8 in the morning.

14,131. Did you get anything for your vote?—Nothing.

14,132. Or a promise of anything?—No.

14,133. Did you give any other voters anything for voting?—No.

14,134. Or promise them anything?—I gave no promise whatever.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10.30.

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THOMAS MACKLEY recalled and further examined.

14,135. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you in a sober state now?—Perfectly.

14,136. Do you recollect Mr. Hulme giving you 15*l.*?—Yes, quite well.

14,137. What did you do with that 15*l.*?—I gave a man of the name of Guyton half-a-sovereign; James Guyton.

14,138. Where does he live?—St. Gegory's Church Alley.

14,139. What is he?—A tailor.

14,140. Did you give anybody any more money?—No.

14,141. Did you give any money to any voters that day?—No.

14,142. Were you not at the "Trumpet" just before Christmas, and did you not then boast that you had bribed 50 voters in the course of the day?—No.

14,143. You said there that money had been given to you by Mr. Hulme, the chemist?—Yes.

14,144. You were talking then about the money that had been given you by Mr. Hulme, the chemist?—No.

14,145. I asked you just now whether you did not say there that the money had been given you by Mr. Hulme, the chemist; were you not talking about that at the "Trumpet"?—I was not in the "Trumpet" talking about it.

14,146. Perhaps you were so drunk there that you do not know; what time in the day was it that you received the money?—About a quarter to 3 in the afternoon.

14,147. You recollect that do you?—Yes.

14,148. When did you give the money to this man Guyton?—About 3 o'clock.

14,149. Where did you give it to him?—After I went to the poll I went home. I found that I had lost my money and I went home.

14,150. When did you find that you had lost your money?—Directly I left the poll. I lost it on account of the various persons standing about there.

14,151. Where did you go then?—I went home to my own house.

14,152. Where was it that you lost the money?—I lost it at the poll by some person that was standing about there no doubt.

14,153. In what house did you lose it?—I was in no house. I lost it at the poll, and when I came away from the poll I missed it.

14,154. Did you mention the loss of it to anybody?

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—No, I was rather ashamed of it to think I was not a little more cuter.

14,155. Did you mention to anybody that you had been robbed of your money?—I have since, but not on that day.

14,156. When did you mention it to any soul?—Not till I came here the day before yesterday.

14,157. Having lost 14*l.* 10*s.* out of your pocket on that day, up to the time you came here you had not mentioned it to a single soul?—No, I thought I should be laughed at, and for that reason I did not mention it.

14,158. Did it not burn a hole in your pocket?—No; I had it in a purse and they took it all away at once.

14,159. You put it in your purse, did you?—Yes, I did.

14,160. Did you happen at the North Norfolk election to have any money in your pocket?—I thought you were here for the purpose of inquiring into the Norwich election.

14,161. Yes, but I am asking you as to the North Norfolk election?—I am not here for that, and I shall not answer as to that.

14,162. I will take care that you shall answer. My question is did you have money at the North Norfolk election?—I am here for the purpose of answering questions as to the Norwich election.

14,163. Never mind that; you shall answer that question?—I do not consider that that is fair.

14,164. We have to estimate your character and to judge of your credibility?—Character, I have got a very good character I know.

14,165. I will have the question answered?—Then I shall take time to consider.

14,166. I will advise you to answer it?—I do not think you are sent here for that purpose.

14,167. If you do not answer the question there is only one alternative, we shall send you away?—If you do I cannot help it. I do not know that it would be of much consequence to me.

14,168. Unless you answer the question I shall commit you to gaol until you do?—Well, I had some money.

14,169. And did you lose that money out of your pocket?—No, I spent it.

14,170. Did you not say that you had lost it?—No, I did not.

14,171. How much was that?—About 7*l.* I think, or something like that. I cannot say to a shilling or two.

14,172. You say you never mentioned having lost this money to a single soul until you came here?—No, I did not.

14,173. Have you seen Mr. Hulme frequently in the interval between that time and this?—Yes.

14,174. Did you ever mention it to him?—I never told him that I had lost the money until I came here.

14,175. Why did you not go to him and say, "I "received that 15*l.* from you, but I had my pocket "picked and lost it"?—I have told you that I did not want anybody to know it lest I should be laughed at; that is the reason why I did not mention it. I did not wish to be laughed at.

14,176. Why should you think that anybody would laugh at a man who has had the misfortune to have his pocket picked?—I think it very likely that I should have been laughed at.

14,177. The idea that you might be laughed at is the only thing that deterred you from mentioning this loss?—That is it.

14,178. You never mentioned it to a policeman?—No.

14,179. Was your reason for not mentioning it, that you would be laughed at, and that not a soul would believe your statement?—I should think not. There is many a clever man picked up, though I am not clever myself.

14,180. Up to the time of the Norwich election you had been in the habit of drawing your beer direct from the cask had you not?—Sometimes.

14,181. Had you any beer engine up to that time?—Oh yes.

14,182. Had you?—Yes.

14,183. Did you not have a new beer engine immediately afterwards?—No.

14,184. Have you not had a new beer engine since?—No; I have had a beer engine; it is an old one.

14,185. What did you pay for it?—I did not buy it at all; it was lent to me by Mr. Probert at Patteson's brewery. I asked him for an engine as I was very poor, and he said, "Well, I will oblige you as long as you draw for me," and he did so.

14,186. Then you have not bought that engine?—No.

14,187. Do you believe that there is anybody in this court or in the city of Norwich who credits your statement?—I am come here to speak the truth, and nothing but the truth.

R. Francis.

ROBERT FRANCIS sworn and examined.

14,188. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A brickmaker.

14,189. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I did not vote at all.

14,190. Are you a voter?—No.

14,191. Do you recollect on the day of the election being at the "Edinburgh Castle"?—Yes.

14,192. Who keeps that house?—Mr. Fuller.

14,193. Did you see Hardiment and Freestone, the baker, come in?—Yes.

14,194. I think they asked for Fuller, did they not?—Yes.

14,195. He was in bed?—Yes.

14,196. I think Fuller presently came downstairs?—Yes.

14,197. What conversation took place between Fuller and Hardiment?—He asked him to go and vote, and he said that he should not vote without he had something.

14,198. Did you say anything to Hardiment?—I did not.

14,199. Was anything said to him about a shilling?—Yes; Mr. Hardiment stood a pot of beer, and gave him a shilling, and then he went and voted.

14,200. Was any beer had in?—Yes.

14,201. Did you get any of it?—Yes.

14,202. You took up the shilling?—Yes.

14,203. And who did you hand it to?—Mr. Fuller.

14,204. Then Fuller went away with Hardiment and Freestone?—Yes.

14,205. And to the best of your belief he voted?—Yes.

14,206. Afterwards Fuller came back?—Yes.

14,207. And drank out the money?—Yes.

14,208. Did you hear anything else pass about money?—He said he was all right, he did not care.

14,209. Did you hear of any other people getting money?—No.

14,210. Did you see any other money pass?—No.

14,211. Was anything paid for beer by Hardiment and Freestone?—Yes.

14,212. Besides that you have spoken of?—Yes.

14,213. Who was it given to?—Anybody who liked to drink it.

14,214. How much beer—a gallon?—No; two pots of best ale.

14,215. Did you know the men who had it?—Yes.

14,216. Were they voters?—No.

14,217. How do you know that?—I am certain of it. One of them has drowned himself since then.

14,218. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see anybody else paid that day?—No.

ARTHUR MORRIS FOSTER MORGAN sworn and examined.

14,219. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a surgeon.

14,220. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Russell and Tillett.

14,221. I believe that before the coalition you took an active part in promoting Mr. Tillett's canvass?—Both before and after.

14,222. Are you the chairman of the Liberal organisation—the working men's organisation?—I am.

14,223. When was that organisation got up?—It was commenced in the month of October; I believe October twelvemonth, previous to the election, about 13 months before the election.

14,224. And was it originated for the purpose of securing the return of a working man's candidate?—That was its main object. Perhaps you will allow me to state what its objects were, and what induced us to form it.

14,225. The reasons for the organisation are immaterial to this inquiry; the question is whether it was formed for purposes having any reference to the subject of our investigation. Did the organisation take up Mr. Tillett as a candidate?—Not at first; at first it was formed for the purpose of giving the artizans who were newly enfranchised the power of selecting their candidate. It was commenced to be formed in October, and in the middle of July Mr. Tillett was asked to come forward.

14,226. When the association was started, was there any money subscribed?—I believe not, but there was a treasurer appointed who is now in court. I can say that I never subscribed. I believe that the only expenditure I was at was that I paid a bill poster's bill of 7*s.* 6*d.*

14,227. You did not subscribe yourself any money?—No, I did not.

14,228. And you do not know of any money being subscribed?—I do not.

14,229. When Mr. Tillett came forward did the organisation send out canvassers to canvass for him?—The organisation was formed of the working men who took a strong interest in the matter, and who volunteered to be canvassers. The secretary is in court, and at my request he has brought the books; the small canvass books that we sent out, and the minute book of the society.

14,230. May we take it from you that he is better acquainted with the details of the working of the organisation than you are yourself?—Undoubtedly.

14,231. And he knows the details of any payments that were made, and how the money was expended if there was any?—Yes, my duty as chairman was to attend the various meetings, both board meetings and general meetings, and to act as chairman.

14,232. Except as regards the meetings of this society you took no active part in the election?—Oh yes, I did, I continually took an active part in persuading persons whom I knew, or over whom I had some moral influence, to keep right with us. The fact was that we always had a lively anticipation that we should have to fight against illegal means, and we were trying to strengthen these men's minds to withstand the temptation that we feared would be put before them.

14,233. Did you pay or promise anybody anything?—No, never in my life.

14,234. Have you any knowledge of any corrupt practices having been carried on at the last election?—I have no direct personal knowledge of it. I have the knowledge that all Norwich has, but I have no abstract knowledge of bribery.

14,235. You have no knowledge that you think would help us?—I am afraid not. I can only speak as to my moral impression. I cannot speak from any abstract knowledge.

14,236. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you take any part in the election?—During the day of the election I was principally in my own ward. I was considered jointly with the legal manager of the ward the manager, and between that and the committee room, the second ward and the central committee room, I passed pretty nearly the whole of the day. I took two or three personal acquaintances of mine to the poll, but not any large number.

14,237. Was any suggestion made to you or to the committee of that ward that money was being found on the other side, and that it would be expedient to find money on the Liberal side too?—No; very early in the day when the first or second voting card came in we were told by experienced men that there were men on that card who they were certain had been bought, and it was the common subject of conversation in our committee room that bribery was going on, but there was no suggestion as to the advisability or possibility of our meeting it.

14,238. Do you know the men whose names were mentioned to you?—No, I do not.

14,239. Were they men in your own ward?—Yes, but I do not remember their names.

14,240. Who was it that gave you this information in the committee room?—A man named Copland; he put his finger on one or two names and said, "I am certain those men have been bought."

14,241. You have said that you did not know that there was any subscription?—Yes.

14,242. How came you then to appoint a treasurer? We appointed a treasurer before there were any funds.

14,243. How came you to appoint a treasurer if you did not anticipate that there would be funds?—We did anticipate that there would be funds, and I have no doubt that there were subscriptions for the legitimate purposes of the organisation for printing bills and circulars, for hiring rooms for meetings and so on. But I have no knowledge personally of that and I never subscribed.

14,244. You never took part in the distribution of the funds?—Certainly not.

14,245. Not by either directing the distribution of them, or by distributing them yourself?—Neither, with the exception of the 7*s.* 6*d.* which I paid to a billposter.

14,246. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You would have to sign the minutes of each meeting?—I think I did; the minute book is in court.

14,247. At what time in the day did you first become acquainted with the fact that bribery was going on?—I think it was between 12 and 1 o'clock. I went from my ward to the central ward to inform them of what we found, and within three or four minutes a messenger came from the third ward, and he was followed by a messenger from the eighth, and then by another messenger from the seventh ward. Four wards sent up those messages in the course of 20 minutes.

14,248. Who were the messengers, or who sent the messages?—The messages were sent from the managers of the wards.

14,249. In consequence of those messages were any steps taken?—Not that I am aware of.

14,250. Were any persons sent down to verify them?—Yes, I think that Mr. Daynes accompanied by Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Ray went to see whether those statements were true.

14,251. And Mr. Harper?—No; I think Mr. Harper was keeping himself in his own ward. I do not think he was in the central committee room until the latter part of the day.

14,252. You say that many of these working men volunteered to act as canvassers?—Yes.

14,253. Are you aware of their receiving any remuneration;—I do not believe they did; one or two of them might, but the great body of those men were working for love of the cause; they canvassed in the evening principally after their labour was over in the day.

14,254. Their object was to try moral and legitimate means. Were you aware that any other kind of

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pressure was used by those men on voters?—I do not know it, nor do I at all believe it.

14,255. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you heard of any species of pressure having been used by the workmen to their fellow-workmen upon the subject?—I have not heard one case.

14,256. Because that would be as illegitimate you know as giving money. Coercion is as bad as bribery?—Quite so. I do not think there was any intimidation. We suffered rather from intimidation from a body of roughs who were parading the streets for days. I received continually insults, and on the polling day an absolute assault from 100 of those ruffians.

14,257. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you aware of any of those persons you call roughs having been hired on the day of election to make a mob in the streets?—I saw a body of roughs adorned with cocked hats made with orange bills, come out of one house in the occupation of either Mr. Clarke, the inspector, or his son.

14,258. And did that gang of persons take an active part in assaulting voters, or people going to the poll?—They were for days about the streets insulting everybody they supposed or knew to be on the other side in politics.

14,259. Was that a public-house?—No; it was a private house in Redwell Street, opposite to the side windows of the house we were using as our central committee room, and we afterwards changed the committee room to St. Andrew's Street.

14,260. Was it the house of inspector Clarke?—I believe it is in the tenancy of inspector Clarke and of his son. We stood and watched the procession come out from the side windows of our committee room; the men had orange bills grotesquely made into cocked hats which they wore and orange ribbons in their waistcoats.

14,261. Did you see any of those men guilty of any acts of violence and intimidation?—Not intimidation; the same body of men assaulted me in the market place. I cannot say the same men but the same class of men; a body of men that looked more like cannibals in their war paint than christian men.

14,262. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) They were not voters?—No, I think not.

J. Copeman.

JOHN COPEMAN sworn and examined.

14,263. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city?—Yes.

14,264. You voted for Tillett and Russell?—I did.

14,265. You are the treasurer of the working man's organisation?—Yes.

14,266. We have heard when that started. When did you begin to collect funds?—There was no decided effort made to collect funds at all.

14,267. When did you receive and up to what time did you continue to receive funds before the election?—I began to receive funds about the month of May 1868.

14,268. Then there had been no collection up to that time?—No, none.

14,269. What was the date of your appointment?—The first official meeting of the organisation, when that was I do not recollect.

14,270. What was the amount of subscriptions you received on the 19th of November last?—The actual receipts did not amount to 2*l.*

14,271. But what did the subscriptions amount to?—I had a verbal guarantee from some five or six friends of ours requesting me to pay the bills as they came in, and to see that nothing corrupt was paid by the secretary.

14,272. Were not names put down as subscribing a given amount?—Not in writing until just before the election.

14,273. Have you got a list of names which were put down just before the election?—I have not that list. I will just explain this if you will allow me. When the organisation was first thought of, it was a mere matter of conversation among some half dozen individuals.

14,274. I want to know exactly what was the number of subscribers, and what was the amount of subscriptions on the day of the election?—Mr. Joseph Smith took charge of that particular subscription, and can furnish you with all those particulars. I cannot. He collected the money which was then for a double purpose; that is, for the organisation and for the election.

14,275. Do you know what was collected for the organisation, and what was collected for the election;—I do not know the amount.

14,276. What money have you received since the election?—Nothing.

14,277. Then although you are treasurer, 2*l.* seems to be the amount of the fund that has got into your hands?—That is all.

14,278. How was it, because it seems a strange thing that you being treasurer the funds did not get into your hands?—The office of treasurer is not exactly a correct description of the office I hold; it was more that of a finance secretary. I paid everything but I have received next to nothing. I can go into the payments of the organisation if you desire it.

14,279. Under those circumstances can you tell me what you have paid?—Yes, I can tell you that.

14,280. Have you the particulars here in a book?—Yes (*handing a book to the Commissioners*).

14,281. Who is Causton?—The Secretary. I am not sure but I think I have got the vouchers for every one of those payments now in my hand.

14,282. I see here, "Chamberlin 5*l.*," who is he?—He is a man who was kept in the constant employ of the organisation; a messenger or runner to deliver bills and to wait on the secretary.

14,283. Tuxford, what is he?—A stationer.

14,284. I see here is an item for flag making?—There was a soirée held in the hall in May last, and the organisation ordered the decoration of the hall.

14,285. Then there is "Smith, 6*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*"?—That was for meetings held at his house—the rent of the room.

14,286. Were all your meetings held there?—No; that was the regular meeting place of the committee for several months.

14,287. Are you sure none of that was for any refreshments or anything of that sort on the day of the election?—Perfectly sure.

14,288. "Abel Tillett 50*l.*" What is that?—That was a cheque given to Mr. Tillett from the fund on account of the election petition. That Mr. Smith will pay. That was merely paid by me, and will be repaid by Mr. Smith. We kept the two funds perfectly distinct as far as the expenditure went. Those items are all payments on account of the organisation, and have nothing to do with the election.

14,289. Who are Jarrolds?—The stationers.

14,290. And Kings?—The decorators of flags.

14,291. You paid a great sum for flags?—That was for decorating St. Andrew's Hall at the soirée.

14,292. Who is Gilbert?—That was for some carpentering work at St. Andrew's Hall, or at a public meeting. I really do not know exactly, but it was for work done by him as a carpenter.

14,293. I see here are a number of items, "May 14th, 16th, 21st, 27th?" and there is a bracket against it, something, tickets; what are those?—The soirée. That was in May I think.

14,294. Then you have been out of pocket 340*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*?—No, not so much. The credits are off.

14,295. 57*l.* odd, leaving a balance in your favour of 222*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*?—That is about it. I think that is about the amount.

14,296. You know of no sum having been paid improperly away?—I know of nothing. I paid those

bills which had the voucher of the secretary and which I was satisfied myself were perfectly legal and had no connexion with corruption in any shape or form.

14,297. Had you some bills sent in which you considered were illegal?—Not in the sense in which you put it. I thought some were excessive, and I cut them down. I would not pay an extortionate demand.

14,298. I do not speak of excess, but of fundamental principle. Were there items which were objectionable in themselves?—There was no payment with which I was connected that could be considered illegal.

14,299. I am not speaking of payments, but of claims made upon you?—There were none.

14,300. Are you aware of the expenditure of any sum of money for the payment of voters, or anything of that sort at the election?—I am not. I was not out on the election day.

14,301. Are you aware of anything that has come to your knowledge in your connexion with this organisation of that sort?—Only as I hear it talked about. I know nothing of that sort of my own knowledge whatever.

14,302. Did anybody come to you and give you any information as to anything, not that which is the general knowledge of the world, but any particular knowledge as to what had been doing with regard to bribery by either side at this election?—I cannot at this moment remember anything that I could definitely refer to.

14,303. Were there meetings of this society at different places; and especially, was there one at a place called Mousehold?—I did not attend all the meetings by a great many.

14,304. But you attended some of them?—Some of them I did.

14,305. Did you attend the one at Mousehold?—No, I did not. I know where Mousehold is.

14,306. Do you know whether there are bills outstanding for refreshments and other things supplied at these meetings?—No, certainly not.

14,307. Has not that been told you by persons connected with this organisation?—No.

14,308. You have received no bill for it?—I have received no bill.

14,309. You have received no claim?—No claim; never heard of it.

14,310. You have paid no claim?—I have paid none.

14,311. At the meetings at which you were present was not beer supplied to the men?—I cannot say that I did not see any men drinking at these places. Our meetings were principally held in the open air.

14,312. But at these meetings which were held in public-houses, was not beer supplied?—No, not by us or anybody connected with us that I know of.

14,313. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did anybody else pay anything for this organisation but you?—No, I paid everything, and I examined every account before I paid it to see what it was for, and I have got vouchers for it here in court.

14,314. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was there a meeting in St. Andrew's Hall?—Yes.

14,315. When was that?—Last May twelve months.

14,316. Were there tickets given to the men then?—No; only there was a choir, and music was introduced, and they had tea provided for them; but every person who went in there had to pay for his ticket with that exception, and they did pay. That payment covered everything that was eaten and drunk.

14,317. (*Mr. Biron.*) It was two months before Mr. Tillett came upon the scene?—Mr. Tillett was not a candidate then.

14,318. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You had a band on the day of the election?—Yes, I was going to mention that.

14,319. Who selected that band?—That was the only thing approaching an illegitimate expense.

14,320. Who got up that band?—It was the night before the election. There was a large meeting held in the city, and several individuals said, "We must have a band," and they put down their names for various sums to pay for it, and I don't know what amount exactly, but 5*l.* or 6*l.* were subscribed. I engaged that band, and paid for it on the strength of those subscriptions.

14,321. Were the members of the band voters?—I don't know. I only saw the bandmaster, Mr. Widdows, and he told me what his charge was and I paid him.

14,322. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) They were hired for the election day?—They were hired for the election day.

14,323. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) That band account was not entirely paid by the organisation committee?—That is not paid quite now.

14,324. Has Mr. Tillett paid any portion of that?—No, not a farthing. I paid the whole of it the day after the election.

14,325–6. But you said that something is left?—There is something left.

14,327. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You debited the organisation with that?—It does not belong to the organisation at all.

14,328. I see there is a charge for a band here?—Yes.

14,329. (*Mr. Biron.*) "Band, election, 1*l.* 4*s.*"?—That was a payment made for persons to carry banners I think.

14,330. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were they voters?—That I don't know.

14,331. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who superintended them?—That I don't know.

14,332. Who collected them?—I don't know that I can recollect that.

14,333. To whom did you pay the money?—I forget his name.

14,334. You have a voucher for everything you say?—Yes.

14,335. That would put you in possession of the name?—Is there not a name against the item?

14,336. (*Mr. Biron.*) "Band, election, November 20th, 1868."—Here it is. Stride was the name of the man who was paid.

14,337. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Can you tell us where the money came from for this society?—Mr. Smith will tell you that.

14,338. (*Mr. Biron.*) You have told us that he was the permanent messenger?—He was one of the messengers. Chamberlin was the more permanent man.

14,339. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where does Stride live?—That I don't know. It can be easily ascertained.

14,340. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You do not know at all where the money has come from which you have disbursed?—Which money?

14,341. Between 200*l.* and 300*l.*?—It comes out of my own pocket at present.

14,342. (*Mr. Biron.*) You have received by subscriptions 1*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*?—That is about it.

14,343. And you have spent as you say for the society (but it rather seems to me for your own self), 290*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.*?—290*l.* and 57*l.* off.

14,344. 57*l.* comes off, and you received 1*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* in subscriptions?—That is it.

14,345. Then you paid those who provided for the tea and so on?—Yes.

(*Mr. Biron.*) I should resign if I were you the office of secretary for that society at the earliest opportunity.

14,346. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I suppose you are an honorary secretary?—I receive no salary.

14,347. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You have not received that money back?—I have not yet, not a farthing. That will be all squared up when the time comes.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

E. Thirkettle.

2 Sept. 1869.

EDWARD THIRKETTLE sworn and examined.

14,348. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You were at one time in the service of Mr. Hardiment, he fellmonger?—Yes, I was, after the election was over. Monday, the 7th of December is when I entered his service.

14,349. At that time Mr. Hardiment was away?—No, not then.

14,350. When did he leave?—Monday, the 21st of December in the afternoon.

14,351. Before Mr. Baron Martin came down?—Before Baron Martin came down.

14,352. And he did not return during Mr. Baron Martin's stay?—He did not.

14,353. When did he return?—On Saturday, the 23rd of January at about half-past 6 in the morning, but he told me he returned on Friday night, got off at Thorpe station, and came up by the 9 o'clock train.

14,354. Were you at Norwich at the time of the election?—Yes.

14,355. Were you engaged in canvassing?—A very small portion of it. That I will tell you easily. I was clerk in the committee room of the eighth ward at Mr. Wiseman's recommendation. Mr. Dawson, the agent, was the person who engaged me.

14,356. There was a good deal of business going on in the eighth ward?—I will tell you all if you will allow me. I was engaged on Thursday, the 12th. I had the regular business of the committee room to do, in folding and directing circulars. I was engaged on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There was a little dispute on the Saturday between Wiseman and Hardiment because Hardiment had not come to the committee room and Hardiment told Wiseman that he had his own business to attend to. So there was a little dispute. St. Martin's was not canvassed. On Monday Mr. Hardiment said he would be very willing to canvass St. Martin's if anybody would go with him. Nobody offered to do so, so I went with him at about half an hour before 12. We went to a few people. Some said they would vote for Stracey; some said they would vote for Russell and Tillet, and some would not give an answer. They said they would wait and see what to-morrow brought forth. We concluded that matter, which Mr. Hardiment will tell you when he gets in front of you. We concluded that at half-past 12.

14,357. On what day?—Monday, the 16th.

14,358. The day before the polling?—The day before the poll. We concluded that about 20 minutes before 1. I went home to my dinner. Directly I got my dinner I went back to the committee room. That is the extent of my canvassing.

14,359. When you found these men refusing to promise, was any note taken of their names?—We had strips of paper which I made out myself. They were canvassing books, small penny memorandum books, with the almanack at each end of them.

14,360. Have you got any of them?—No. They were returned to Mr. Robert Wiseman, senior. All the papers on the night before the election.

14,361. Did you see Mr. Edward Stracey on the night of that Monday?—I saw one. I should know them both now if I saw them, but I don't know their names. I think they said it was Mr. Edward.

14,362. Were they in company with you and Hardiment?—Not with me. I believe Mr. Stracey, Mr. Wiseman, and, I believe, Mr. Dawson canvassed together, but I had to be attending to the committee room; therefore I had not to go out.

14,363. During the day of the poll what were you engaged upon?—During the day of the poll I was a candidate's check on the part of Sir Henry Stracey, in the eighth ward, compartment No. 1, house of Mr. Henry Atkinson, in the parish of St. Mary.

14,364. During that day did you hear of voters being got hold of by Hardiment?—I did not because I was inside.

14,365. When did you hear of Hardiment having got up voters?—I saw him very busy during the day backward and forward at my own polling place, very busy.

14,366. Did not you know he had been paying voters?—I did not.

14,367. When did you hear that?—I heard the same night of bribery, but I have no positive proof of that. It is only hearsay. It was the same night of the polling, when the bands were going round.

14,368. Are you aware of claims being made upon Hardiment for money promised by him during the election?—You see my time with Mr. Hardiment was very——

14,369. I mean afterwards?—After he came home do you mean?

14,370. Any claims at any time?—A man came. I was in the counting house, which is a very small place, and he took him in there.

14,371. Have you heard of anybody coming to Hardiment for money?—No, I have not. Many have come down to ask me where he was.

14,372. During the time of the election?—No. I mean during the time of Mr. Baron Martin being here.

14,373. I mean on the polling day?—I was in the eighth ward.

14,374. The day after the polling?—I was not with him then. The polling was on the 17th of November. I never went to Mr. Hardiment till Monday, the 7th of December. I was clerk to the committee room but not to Mr. Hardiment, and I never knew there was such a man as Mr. Hardiment till I was clerk to the committee room, and I am very sorry I know him now.

14,375. You can give us no information of improper practices at this election?—Only from what I have heard. I have heard plenty of talk about it in the public places of resort, and also in the newspapers. I know of nothing myself. I have nothing to keep back; therefore any question you ask me I will gladly answer you.

14,376. Did you vote yourself?—I did not for this reason; I asked Mr. Chittock whether it would be right I should vote after being a clerk in the committee room. He said no. Therefore, I did not do so.

14,377. Have you ever voted before?—I never did.

14,378. Did you communicate with Hardiment during his absence?—Yes.

14,379. When he was on the continent?—Yes.

14,380. Where was he then?—He was at Paris, at the house of Mr. Laing, 122, Rue de Bach; the same as I said before Baron Martin. I believe the Laings are some relation of Mr. Hardiment.

14,381. Was he there the whole of the time?—As far as I can say. I received letters from him with the Paris post mark.

14,382. Was it your duty to forward money?—No. He gave me an unlimited order on Gurney's bank to carry on the business and pay money into the bank, unless they were petty payments that went into the current account.

14,383. Did Mr. Hardiment carry on a considerable business?—Yes. We would say about 250*l.* a week. He was away about a month, and I think I spent 900*l.* for him in debts and in cash.

14,384. In how long a time?—From the 21st of December when he went away till the Saturday morning of the 23rd of January, when I first saw him and balanced his cash up and paid him the balance on the Saturday morning.

14,385. You said you were constantly hearing from him?—Oh yes, I heard from him.

14,386. Was anything said about the election then by him to you?—You might easily draw your own inference upon that. Of course there would be remarks made about the election.

14,387, Was anything said about money?—No; only as to how it was getting on.

14,388. Not as to money he had spent himself?—No; he was very discreet about that. He was a man that was not so easy to be got at.

14,389. Have you yourself promised anything with

regard to the last election?—No. I never had it in my power and never was authorised. I defy any man to say so.

14,390. Were you asked to promise anything?—Never by no man.

14,391. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you in the committee room hear reports that bribery was going on?—I went in about half-past 7 in the morning and happened to see Mr. Wiseman, who got myself the situation as clerk, as I had nothing to do, and from that time I did not enter till about a quarter-past 4 in the afternoon when there was a large concourse of people.

14,392. There were a good many men who came up to the poll drunk?—There were not so many as you would suppose.

14,393. I do not "suppose" anything, I only want evidence?—I will easily tell you. I have not been a voter, but I have seen a good many elections at Norwich. The citizens of Norwich generally take that as a half holiday. Those that go and vote early in the morning do so as well, because I have been in situations myself.

14,394. Were a number on both sides drunk?—Yes, but not so as they could not answer questions. They made answers to all the questions.

14,395. The stage or degree of drunkenness is not so material. There were a good number who came up intoxicated?—A good number. My ward was rather a low ward.

14,396. You were with Hardiment?—Yes.

14,397. Did you hear men speaking to Hardiment about money he had promised them at the election?—When do you mean?

14,398. You were with Hardiment after he returned?—Yes, but only from Saturday the 23d of January to Friday the 29th, when I left him.

14,399. How many days were you with him before he went away?—From the Monday morning the 7th of December till the 21st, one fortnight.

14,400. During that time did you hear of any persons coming to him and asking him for money which he promised?—I told you I fancied one man came down for that.

14,401. I want to know whether you know of any man who came and spoke to him about anything of that kind?—No; because when people came to speak to him about anything private he went into the other room with them.

14,402. Did Hardiment tell you why he was going away?—I pretty well knew.

14,403. I want to know whether he told you?—He told me he was going to Paris on business.

14,404. Did he say anything about going away because of the election petition?—I had not the slightest doubt he was going away about that.

14,405. You did not have any conversation about the money he spent on the election?—I once spoke to him about that, but he shirked it, and very soon dropped the conversation.

14,406. You spoke to him about it and you found him very tender on the subject?—Yes.

14,407. (*Mr. Biron.*) He was not to be pumped?—No. He was a very awkward man to be with. He gave me a character which was all I required, and I left him.

JOHN MICHAEL CROKER sworn and examined. *J. M. Croker.*

14,408. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

14,409. Did you give anybody anything for voting?—Never a farthing.

14,410. Or promised anybody anything?—Never.

14,411. Were you about the city that day?—I was.

14,412. Did you give any man money for beer that day?—No, never.

14,413. Do you know a man of the name of Varvel?—I do.

14,414. A butcher at St. Stephen's?—Yes.

14,415. Did you see him on the day of the polling?—I did.

14,416. Did you send him after a voter?—No. I got him to vote. I got Varvel to vote at about half-past 3. I persuaded him to vote and he voted at half-past 3. At least I did my best to persuade him.

14,417. Did you give him anything for voting?—Certainly not,

14,418. Did you instruct Varvel to give any other voter money?—Certainly not.

14,419. To your knowledge did Varvel give anybody else money to vote on the day of the election?—No. I will tell you exactly how it happened, if you like. I went into the committee room at about half-past 3 and Mr. Stockings, who was the head man, said to me, "Captain Croker, Varvel has not "voted yet. If you can, have some influence with "him." I went to him and said, "Have you voted?" He said, "I don't intend to vote at all." I said, "I "do not ask you to plump for Stracey. Vote for "Stracey and Russell." He said to his wife, "Give me my hat," and he went and voted for Stracey and Russell.

14,420. That is all you know?—Yes. I think he said, "I can get one or two more." I think he said something of that kind, but I do not recollect, when he was going away. I have an impression that he said, "I think I can get one or two more, but it is very late." That is the whole.

14,421. You said nothing about money to him?—Certainly not, not a word.

14,422. Or that if he could get them for a little money it would be all right, or something of that sort?—No; I never heard a word about money till it was sworn in this box before Baron Martin.

14,423. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you go into any public-house with Varvel?—No, I did not. I left Varvel the moment he voted.

14,424. You went straight to the polling place from Varvel's shop?—The polling place was not more than 10 yards from Varvel's shop.

14,425. And you went direct to the polling place?—Yes. When he voted I said, "Thank you," and walked away.

14,426. Do you recollect any subscription which was raised at or about the time of the election for the purpose of conducting the election on the part of Sir Henry Stracey?—I do not recollect it at all.

14,427. Have you not been asked to subscribe?—Not to my knowledge. I do not recollect anything of the kind. I do not think I spent one single farthing at or about the election, that I am aware of.

14,428. Has either of the Stockings spoken to you about supplying money for the payment of anything on the day of the election?—I do not recollect a single word of it, I assure you. If I was asked for anything upon that day I have really no recollection of it.

14,429. Have you been asked since?—I was asked to subscribe to what they call the defence fund.

14,430. That is a totally different thing?—That is all I recollect.

14,431. Who asked you to subscribe to the defence fund?—Stockings.

14,432. When?—That was after Baron Martin was here.

14,433. Did you receive any applications to subscribe to anything before the election petition?—No, not to my knowledge, not a farthing.

14,434. Have you not heard that there was such a subscription?—Indeed I have not.

14,435. Of independent persons?—Indeed I have not. I never heard of it.

14,436. Are you a member of the club of that ward?

THIRTEENTH DAY.

J. M. Croker.

2 Sept. 1869.

—I don't know. I gave them 5*s.* one year, but they have never asked me for it since. That is about four years ago. I have not attended a meeting in my life. I don't know whether they call me a member.

14,437. You have not subscribed to that club lately?—I have not. I think I gave them 5*s.* in 1865, and that is all I ever gave them in my life.

14,438. Then you know of no money being spent or paid through this fund?—Indeed I do not, not a farthing.

14,439. Do you know of any bets being made at the time of the election of 5 to 1?—I have heard of bets being made.

14,440. Of 5 to 1 to voters who were reluctant to vote?—No, I did not hear of that.

14,441. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you heard of any account being rendered of the expenses of the defence fund?—No. I have not paid my subscription to the defence fund. I don't know whether there is such a thing at all.

T. Hutchins.

THOMAS HUTCHINS sworn and examined.

14,442. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city?—Yes.

14,443. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

14,444. You have been a voter at former elections, have you not?—Yes.

14,445. Did you always vote Liberal before this last election?—Yes.

14,446. What time in the day did you vote?—A few minutes after 3.

14,447. Before you voted were you at the "Woolpack"?—I were.

14,448. When did you go to the "Woolpack"?—About half-past 2, or it might be later.

14,449. Did you see Hardiment there?—He came the time I was there.

14,450. Do you know a man of the name of Adcock?—Yes, I know him by sight, not by name.

14,451. Did Hardiment give you any money to vote?—He gave me a sovereign.

14,452. Where did he give it you?—On the staircase, the landing you may call it.

14,453. Did he give Adcock anything there?—He gave Adcock a sovereign.

14,454. Did you see him give money to anybody else?—I cannot say that. As soon as I took my money I went away to vote.

14,455. Were you the first persons who went up to Hardiment after he came into the house?—No.

14,456. Had others gone up before you?—Yes.

14,457. How many?—I cannot tell you, several.

14,458. Can you give me the names of any of those who went up before you?—I cannot tell, except Samuel Robins.

14,459. I will put a few names to you, because perhaps you may remember some of them. Do you know Henry Pleasants?—No.

14,460. William Drake?—No.

14,461. Charles Morse?—No.

14,462. Benjamin Sexton?—I know a Sexton in St. Martin's, at Oak, but he was not in the room that I knowed of.

14,463. George Sexton?—I know George Sexton too.

14,464. Was not he there?—He was not there.

14,465. You did not see him?—Not to the best of my recollection.

14,466. Do you know George Goodman?—Yes.

14,467. Was he there?—He was in the tap-room. I never see him upstairs.

14,468. William Tillett?—I don't know him.

14,469. Walter Fearnley?—I don't know him.

14,470. John Metcalfe?—I don't know him. I know him by sight, but he was not in the room when I was.

14,471. Frederick Crane?—I don't know him.

14,472. William Moore?—I don't know him.

14,473. Henry Newman?—No.

14,474. Jonathan Middleton?—I don't know him.

14,475. Abraham Fitzgerald?—I don't know him.

14,476. Charles Nobbs?—George Nobbs I know.

14,477. Do you know Charles?—No.

14,478. Do you know a man named Betts?—No.

14,479. Can you mention any other man that you saw going up or coming down the stairs when you were there?—I cannot recollect any. I and Robins went up together.

14,480. Adcock?—Adcock was up before I went up.

14,481. How many men were there at the time you were paid?—I should say there was five or six.

14,482. Then some had gone down before you had gone out?—Certainly.

14,483. When you were going down did you see others coming up?—No.

14,484. Getting money for their votes was the common talk of people in Mackley's that day?—Yes.

14,485. Had any money been given at Mackley's before Hardiment came?—I believe not.

14,486. Had any beer been given them?—I believe not.

14,487. You had had none?—Only what I paid for.

14,488. Did you see a man of the name of Vines there?—No, I did not, and I don't believe he was there.

14,489. Did you hear any other men say that they had had money from Hardiment?—No, I can only say for myself and what I see Adcock took. After I got my money I took it and went and voted.

14,490. Adcock did the same?—Yes.

14,491. You recollect Money being there?—No. I don't know the man.

14,492. Did you go and vote with Adcock?—No. I went and voted the same with Robins.

14,493. Do you know of any other men receiving money that day for their votes?—All that were in that room received as much as I did.

14,494. There had been a talk about the Liberal side sending down some money, had there not?—I have heard since, but I never heard it inside. I have heard it since.

14,495. You knew it at the time?—I believe there was talk about it, but there was very little. What I heard was that Mr. Harper had been there for some money.

14,496. That was afterwards?—Yes.

14,497. Do you know Clarke's beer-house?—Yes, I know it, up at the top of St. Martin's.

14,498. Did you go there that day?—No.

14,499. You merely confined your attention to Mackley's?—When I came out of Mackley's I did not go to Mackley's no more.

14,500. Where did you go after that?—I think I went into the "Whip and Nag."

14,501. You did not see anybody paid anywhere else?—Not a halfpenny.

14,502. Or know of its being paid anywhere else?—I didn't know of where it was paid.

14,503. You did not know of money being paid to a voter anywhere else?—No, I didn't. What I have told you is the truth, and nothing else.

G. W. W. Firth.

GEORGE WARREN WATTS FIRTH sworn and examined.

14,504. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a medical man?—I am.

14,505. Do you know Robert Wiseman, senior?—Yes.

14,506. Have you been his medical attendant?—Yes, for some years.

14,507. Is he now suffering under any disease or disorder?—Yes.

14,508. Of what nature?—Among other diseases he has a dilated heart and palpitation of the heart.

14,509. Is he in a condition in which he could be examined here in a public court?—I think not without danger to his health.

14,510. Do you think it would endanger his life?—It might be endangered.

14,511. But I suppose there would be no difficulty in examining him privately?—No, certainly not.

JOSEPH DE CARLE SMITH sworn and examined. *J. de C. Smith.*

14,512. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) I believe you are the secretary of the Organisation Society?—I am not.

14,513. Did you get any money by means of any subscription for the purpose of the election?—I obtained a guarantee list for the expenses of Mr. Tillett's election.

14,514. Have you got that list here?—No, I have not, but I can let you have it.

14,515. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Can you give us a list of the expenditure?—I cannot give it to you, as I passed the money over to Mr. Copeman. I can give you a list of all the monies I received, from my own cash book. I did not expend the money myself.

14,516. What was the amount guaranteed?—I think altogether it must have been about 1,600*l.*, the guarantee list.

14,517. What was the amount of money actually subscribed that you received under that guarantee?—I could not tell you exactly, unless I referred to the account. I can do so.

14,518. Will you have the goodness to let us have that list, and also the name of the person who had the disbursement of any funds that were provided on behalf of the Organisation Society?—I will do so.

14,519. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) There were two funds apparently?—I had only to do with one of them.

14,520. We want to know about a fund raised by the Organisation Society?—That I know nothing about. I was not aware that there was a fund.

14,521. Are you a member of that society?—I am.

14,522. You know nothing of their proceedings?—Yes; but I never had anything to do with their funds in any way whatever.

(*Mr. Copeman.*) Mr. Smith collected the funds and paid the amount into the National Provincial Bank, and I was requested by Mr. Tillett to draw cheques against that fund.

(*Mr. Biron, to Mr. Copeman.*) You received a certain amount of money from this gentleman (Mr. Smith) which you paid into a bank.

(*Mr. Copeman.*) He paid it in and I drew against it. I drew a cheque for the sheriff's charges and other expenses. The bank book will show the disbursements.

14,523. (*Mr. Mansfield, to the witness.*) You had nothing to do with the organisation fund?—Certainly not.

14,524. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It was a guarantee fund for the expenses of the election?—It was a guarantee fund for the expenses of Mr. Tillett's election, and after the election was lost I went to several of the guarantors and said, "Now, instead of having "money to return you we shall require more money "for the purpose of the inquiry," and they allowed the amount they had guaranteed to remain for that purpose.

14,525. And Mr. Copeman has disbursed that for the purpose of satisfying claims in respect of the election?—Just so.

14,526. (*To Mr. Copeman.*) Who disbursed that fund?—I drew the cheques. Mr. Stevens, Mr. Tillett's agent, was the principal person who called upon me.

14,527. Can you tell us to whom you gave every cheque you drew?—I will do so if you will allow me to get the book.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We shall be glad if you will do so.

(*Mr. Smith.*) And do you require also a list of the guarantees?

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) If you please.

HENRY PLEASANTS sworn and examined. *H. Pleasants.*

14,528. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

14,529. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

14,530. At what time of the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4.

14,531. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

14,532. Were you at Mackley's when you left to go and vote?—I went from Mr. Mackley's.

14,533–4. Was it Mackley's of the "Woolpack?"—I do not know the sign.

14,535. Did you see Mr. Hardiment there?—Not that I know of; I do not know the man.

14,536. Did you see any man there giving money to the men?—No, I never saw any man give money.

14,537. How long had you been at Mackley's?—I was at work till 2 o'clock.

14,538. You were at Mackley's from 2 o'clock till you voted?—No, I did not go out till 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and I was going that way, and I felt dry and went into Mr. Mackley's to get a glass of ale, and I had a glass or two of ale and then went and voted.

14,539. Had you been canvassed before?—Yes, I had.

14,540. By whom?—By Mr. Sutton and young Mr. Gilbert.

14,541. Did you promise your vote?—No.

14,542. Why did you not?—I do not know about that.

14,543. Oh yes, you do. Had you not made up your mind?—No.

14,544. What induced you to make up your mind at last?—Because I thought Mr. Stracey to be a more fit man to be a member for this city than Mr. Tillett was.

14,545. Did that come into your head about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, or shortly before the poll closed?—No, I thought that all the way through.

14,546. Then why did you not promise your vote?—I did not promise Mr. Sutton and Mr. Gilbert, because they are on the opposite party.

14,547. Did anybody ask you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

14,548. Not at all?—No.

14,549. Are you sure of that?—Yes, that is the way I intended to vote all the way through.

14,550–1. Did nobody ask you to vote for him in the afternoon of the polling day?—No, no one.

14,552. Who did you see at Mackley's?—There were several people there, but I do not know who they were.

14,553. Oh yes, you do?—No, I do not know that I can mention one name.

14,554. Did you see Mackley?—Yes, I think Mr. Mackley was in the way.

14,555. Did he give you anything?—No, I did not get a farthing. I got a glass of ale and paid for it.

14,556. Did you get anything afterwards?—No, not a farthing.

14,557. Did you go back to Mackley's after you had voted?—No.

14,558. Where did you go?—I went home.

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H. Pleasants.

2 Sept. 1869.

14,559. Did your wife say anything to you that day about voting?—I have not got one.

14,560. Did you see a man named Hutchins at Mackley's?—Not that I know of.

14,561. You did not go there with your eyes shut, did you?—I did not take any notice of anyone there. I went in and got a glass of ale. That was all I wanted.

14,562. How long were you there?—I do not know. I went in there after 3 o'clock and went and voted before 4, so I was not there long.

14,563. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time did you go to work that morning?—About 5 o'clock.

14,564. For whom were you at work then?—I am working for my master, Mr. Nockalls.

14,565. What were you doing for him?—I am a shoemaker by trade, and I was at work in my trade.

14,566. Are you paid by the day?—No, I am paid what I earn in the day.

14,567. Are you paid by the hour or the day, or by the job, or what?—I work and get so much a pair for the work I do.

14,568. Do you work at home or at your master's?—I work at home.

14,569. Were you not out of your house between the time you came to work that morning and the time of your going to Mackley's?—No, I could not go to vote before I did.

14,570. The polling place was close to your house, was it not?—It was not far off.

14,571. Why then did you not go and vote instead of loitering about a public-house?—Because I had work that I was obliged to get done at a certain time, so I could not go before.

14,572. How came it that you could not go out that short distance and vote?—I had not time.

14,573. How came you to go to the public-house before you went to vote?—I had not time to go till I had done my work.

14,574. When did you make up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—As soon as the election came on, and before it did come on.

14,575. Did you tell anybody how you intended to vote?—No, I would never tell any man my business.

14,576. How came you not to tell somebody that you intended to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I did not tell anybody.

14,577. Did you think you might get something if you kept it a secret?—No, I did not think about that.

14,578. Did anybody suggest to you that it would be better to keep from voting, and that something would be moving in the course of the afternoon?—No; my work was in a hurry and I could not get out to vote before I did.

14,579. Had you no conversation with anybody about voting that day?—No.

14,580. Did you hear anything said at Mackley's about voting?—No.

14,581. Nobody was talking about it?—They might be talking about it, but I did not take notice of it if they were. I got my glass of ale and went and voted.

14,582. Was not the election the great topic of the day?—Of course it was.

14,583. And did you not talk about it?—No, I do not know that I did I am sure.

14,584. Did anybody talk to you about it?—No.

14,585. Did you hear the name of Hardiment mentioned there?—No, not that I know of. I do not recollect it.

14,586. Did you hear of anybody having sovereigns upstairs on the landing?—No.

14,587. Do you mean to say you did not hear that there was a man upstairs on the landing with sovereigns?—No, I did not hear anything about it.

14,588. Did Mackley say anything to you about money?—No.

14,589. Not a word?—No.

14,590. Did you receive any money from anybody that day?—Not a farthing.

14,591. Did nobody offer you any money?—No.

J. Crotch.

JOHN CROTCH sworn and examined.

14,592. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

14,593. Did you vote?—Yes.

14,594. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

14,595. What were you paid for voting?—Four and ninepence.

14,596. Was that taking 3*d.* discount off 5*s.* for ready money?—Yes.

14,597. (*Mr. Biron.*) It was 4*s.* 9*d.* and a pint of ale?—Yes, and he took part of it.

14,598. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who paid it to you?—John Houghton.

14,599. Did you see Houghton pay anybody else?—No.

14,600. Did you threaten to peach on Houghton?—No, I never said a word to him.

14,601. Did Houghton come to you before he went away on the election petition?—No.

14,602. You had not frightened him, then?—No; He frightened himself, I suppose.

14,603. (*Mr. Biron.*) Had you told anybody about Houghton giving you the 5*s.* before the petition?—No, I had never mentioned a word about it.

D. Houghton.

DAVID HOUGHTON sworn and examined.

14,604. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—An innkeeper.

14,605. Were you very busy at the last election?—No.

14,606. Not at all?—No, not at all.

14,607. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

14,608. At what time in the day did you vote?—Between 11 and 12.

14,609. In which ward is your inn?—The fourth.

14,610. Who is your brewer?—Mr. Bircham, of Reepham.

14,611. Did you canvass any voter?—Not one.

14,612. Were there any voters hanging about in your house on that day?—Not that I am aware of.

14,613. Are you certain of that?—Not to my knowledge, at all events.

14,614. Was any canvassing going on in your house?—Not the slightest.

14,615. Was much beer ordered there?—No.

14,616. None at all?—None at all; not a pint, nor half a pint, that I am aware of.

14,617. Did you hear of any money being paid to voters that day?—Not a farthing.

14,618. Did you pay anything yourself?—Not a farthing.

14,619. Had you anything to do with the previous election?—Not beyond voting. I have never been canvassed becasue I have always voted one side.

14,620. Have you ever promised anybody money for his vote?—Never.

14,621. Have you ever received any money yourself?—Never a penny.

14,622. What is your house rated at?—I cannot tell. I do not remember exactly.

14,623. Forty or fifty pounds?—Yes, forty pounds or fifty pounds.

WILLIAM NICKALLS, junior, sworn and examined.

14,624. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

14,625. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

14,626. Did you vote?—Yes.

14,627. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

14,628. Were you a check clerk?—No.

14,629. Were you employed on the day of the election?—Not at all.

14,630. Or before the election?—Nor yet before the election. I never had a situation in my life.

14,631. I want to know whether you were in any way paid for any services on the day of the election?—No.

14,632-3. Or before the election?—Or before the election.

14,634. Were you not employed as check clerk in No. 2 compartment in the eighth ward?—That is a son of mine.

14,635. Is he a voter?—No.

14,636. When did you make the arrangement for your son?—I did not make it at all; he went and got the situation himself.

14,637. You had nothing whatever to do with it?—I had nothing whatever to do with it at all.

14,638. It was not promised you if you would vote?—No.

14,639. No arrangement of that kind was made?—No.

14,640. Did you receive anything for voting?—No.

14,641. Did you get any promise?—No, nor a promise; not the value of a glass of beer.

14,642. Do you know of anything being paid anybody for their votes?—No; I take very little interest in electioneering. I just go and vote myself. I never ask anybody.

14,643. Have you been a voter before?—Yes, these 26 years.

14,644. Did you ever receive anything or promise anything to anybody for voting?—No.

14,645. Have you always voted on the Conservative side?—Yes; I always go and vote on the Conservative side, independent of everybody.

HENRY BRADBURY sworn and examined.

H. Bradbury

14,646. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A dealer.

14,647. Do you live in Parker's Yard, St. Martin's at Oak?—Yes.

14,648. Were you at the "Woolpack" on the day of the election?—Yes.

14,649. For how long?—Several hours.

14,650. When did you go there, in the morning?—About 11 o'clock.

14,651. There were a lot of voters, were there not, there?—There was a lot of people there.

14,652. In the house?—Yes.

14,653. Do you not know they were voters?—I do not know they were all voters.

14,654. A good many of them were voters?—I daresay they were.

14,655. You know they were, do you not?—No, I do not.

14,656. You believe they were?—I believe there were some of them there.

14,657. Did you see Hardiment there?—No.

14,658. Not at all?—No, not at all.

14,659. Do you remember Mr. Harper coming there?—Yes, I do, twice.

14,660. Do you remember a cart being outside at the "Woolpack" when he was there?—I did not see no cart. I remember Mr. Harper coming there with a Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Theodore Madge, and another man.

14,661. Do you recollect when he came with Fisher?—I do not know about Fisher. I do not know the other man; there was four of them came.

14,662. Do you recollect them driving up in a cart?—No, they came walking into the bar.

14,663. Did you see them more than once?—Twice.

14,664. When was the second time?—About 3 o'clock.

14,665. Did you see Harper try to get up into the room upstairs?—No, below in a cellar.

14,666. You prevented him?—No, I did not.

14,667. Did you say he must not come that way?—No, not me. I sat against the door on a form; not against the door he went through but against the front door.

14,668. Do I understand you to say you did not prevent his going anywhere?—No, certainly not.

14,669. Into any room?—Certainly not.

14,670. Did you say anything to him?—I did when he came the second time.

14,671. I am speaking of the second time?—I heard what he said to Mr. Mackley; he asked what these men were waiting for, and Mackley says, "For a day's pay I suppose." He says, "How many are there of them"? Mackley said, Several, and he says, "Will you give me a quarter of an hour to get the money?" And he came back and brought the money in his pocket like *this*, and says, "Where are the men, let me see them, I have got the money." I stood right at the back of him.

14,672. Did you see the money?—No, I did not see it; that is what I should like to have got hold on.

14,673. Was Hardiment upstairs at this time?—I do not know; I did not go upstairs.

14,674. You heard what passed between him and Mackley?—Yes, and I heard him say to Mr. Mackley, "Is Hardiment upstairs?" Mackley says, "I do not know, there is somebody upstairs," and he says, "If he is upstairs the election is all over."

14,675. Did you hear him say to Mackley, "Hardi-"ment is upstairs buying men, you have sold us "Mackley"?—No, I did not hear him say that. I heard him say, "If Hardiment is upstairs the election is all over."

14,676. Where was this bench upon which you were sitting?—Just against the door, the bar door.

14,677. Was that close by the door that would lead upstairs?—No, just as you go in the house the front door.

14,678. Could you see people passing up and down stairs where you sat?—No, I could not; they can get in the back way.

14,679. Did you hear that Hardiment was there?—I heard Mr. Harper say to Mr. Mackley, "If Hardiment is upstairs the election is all over."

14,680. What did Mackley say to that?—He said, "There is somebody upstairs, I do not know who he is."

14,681. Did you not hear him say that Hardiment was upstairs?—No.

14,682. Did you not hear him say that Hardiment's cart was at the door?—I did not see the cart.

14,683. Do you mean to say you do not know very well that Hardiment was upstairs?—No, I do not; I saw him in the street, up and down, backwards and forwards.

14,684. Has Hardiment given you anything for what you did that day?—For what?

14,685. For work?—Not he or anybody else.

14,686. Have you ever told anybody that Hardiment gave you 2*l.*?—No.

14,687. Did you vote?—Yes.

14,688. When did you vote?—A little before 4.

14,689. Why did you not vote before?—Because I knew when the poll was shut up, and I voted when I liked. I never knew that there was anything to compel anybody to vote. If the poll had closed at 5 o'clock I should have voted a little before 5.

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H. Bradbury.

2 Sept. 1869.

14,690. Do you mean to say that 2*l.* was not paid to you for voting ?—Certainly not.

14,691. Was anything paid to you ?—No, nothing.

14,692. After you voted was anything paid to you? —No.

14,693. Have you said since the election that you had 2*l.* ?—When ?

14,694. Since the election ?—I have had several 2*l.* since then.

14,695. I mean 2*l.* for voting ?—No.

14,696. Have you said that you kept guard upon the men at Mackley's all day and would not let any of them out of your sight except to go in the yard ?—No, it is not likely.

14,697. Whether it is likely or not did you say it ? —No, certainly not ; I would as soon vote for 10 Straceys as one Tillett. I do not like the lawyers.

14,698. Did you ever speak to Fuller about what you had done on the day of the election ?—What Fuller ?

14,699. Any Fuller ?—No, never.

14,700. You did not speak to any man of the name of Fuller ?—No.

14,701. Did you tell anybody that you took three persons up to the poll ?—No.

14,702. To whom you had to pay half a sovereign each ?—No, certainly not.

14,703. Did you have a fight with a man at the poll that day ?—No, only young Tillett wanted not to record my vote because I had no card, and I said, " Sir, you must record my vote for I am a freeman ; " he wanted to put me back.

14,704. Did anybody hit you outside the poll booth at the " Royal " ?—No ; if he did I should hit him again. I should not care who he was.

14,705. Did you see Wiseman that day ?—No.

14,706. I mean old Wiseman ?—No.

14,707. Did you see Freestone the baker at the " Woolpack " that day ?—I see him come into the bar.

14,708. Did you see him go upstairs ?—You have to go through a little door and go in a cellar.

14,709. Did you see him come in with Hardiment ? —No, I did not.

14,710. Do you know Hardiment ?—Yes, I see him four or five times a week, sometimes four or five times a day.

14,711. Do you mean to say you do not know that Hardiment was at the " Woolpack " that day ?—I did not know that he was. I heard that he was afterwards, but I never see him.

14,712. Did you hear anybody say that Hardiment had given the men money to vote ?—I heard Hudson say afterwards that Hardiment gave him a pound.

14,713. Which Hudson was that ? — Thomas Hudson.

14,714. Do you mean Hudson or Hutchins ?—Hutchins.

14,715. Did you not hear anybody else talk about it ?—No.

14,716. Do you know nothing more than what you have said as to what took place at the " Woolpack " that day ?—No.

14,717. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) If Freestone says he came in with Hardiment that is not true ?—He might have come in with Hardiment, but I never saw him.

14,718. If Freestone swears that he came in with Hardiment that is not true ?—No ; Hardiment is big enough to see. I see Freestone come in alone.

14,719. You were at the door all day ?—I went in to get my dinner.

14,720. At what time was that ?—1 o'clock.

14,721. How long does it take you to dine ?—It is according to what I have got to eat.

14,722. What time did you go back ?—A little after 2.

14,723. And remained there the rest of the day ?—Yes.

14,724. You saw people go in and out ?—Yes, certainly.

14,725. You did not see Hardiment go in or out ?—No ; there is a back gate which you can go in by and get upstairs without anybody seeing you if you are in the bar.

14,726. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were subpœnaed, were you not, to attend before Mr. Baron Martin ?—Yes.

14,727. You bolted out of the house immediately you got it ?—I would not get it ; he tried to serve it to me but I would not have it.

14,728. Why did you bolt away from the man who came to serve you with a subpœna ?—I knew nothing at all about it and wanted to have nothing to do with it.

14,729. That is your only reason ?—Yes, that is my only reason.

14,730. You say you saw Mr. Harper come in ?—Yes, most decidedly I did with three more people.

14,731. You say you saw him come in with his coat over his arm ?—That is the second time.

14,732. Who was with him then ?—Nobody, he was alone.

14,733. Did you hear a conversation upon the first occasion ?—No, I did not. They went into the cellar, and when they came out I heard Mr. Baldwin say to Theodore Madge and Harper, " There, you see I told " you what you would do ; you took us right into " the lion's mouth."

14,734. Did Harper, Mackley, and these other men go down into the cellar ?—No, they did not go into the cellar ; it is on a level floor.

14,735. Where did they go to and have this talk ? —Just against the cellar door.

14,736. They had a conversation with Mackley there ?—They did not stop three minutes.

14,737. They went in there and had a conversation ? —Yes.

14,738. All three ?—Mr. Harper, and Baldwin, and Theodore Madge stood just outside the door.

14,739. What became of the other man ?—He stopped outside.

14,740. Did you hear the conversation that took place upon that occasion ?—No, I did not.

14,741. You heard when they were coming away Baldwin or Madge say that he had taken him into the lion's mouth ?—Yes.

14,742. You have said that upon that occasion he said, " Give me a quarter of an hour " ?—No, not then ; Harper came back again.

14,743. He went away with those three ?—Yes.

14,744. When did he return ?—I should think it would be a few minutes before 3.

14,745. Did he speak to Mackley then ?—He went up to the bar to Mr. Mackley.

14,746. Was anybody present ?—Yes, three or four persons were present besides me.

14,747. Who else was present ?—Mr. Goodman heard it ; he stood at the back of me.

14,748. They could hear what was said ?—Yes ; he went up to Mackley, and he asked Mackley what the men were stopping there for, and he said, " I suppose a day's pay." He said, " How many of them are there ? " He says, " I do not know ;" and then he says, " Give me a quarter of an hour, and I will go to the committee room." He was only gone 14 minutes, because we watched the clock, and he stood with the money like *this*. I stood at the back of him, and I said, " Get hold of that."

14,749. You watched the clock ?—Yes.

14,750. Why did you watch the clock ?—To see whether he was back in time.

14,751. If he had not been back in time what did you intend to do ?—I do not know.

14,752. Why should you watch the clock ?—To see whether he came back in a quarter of an hour.

14,753. Why should you be so precise to a quarter of an hour ?—I do not know why I should.

14,754. Why should you be so particular to a quarter of an hour ?—I laid plenty of bets to see whether the man could do it in the quarter.

14,755. Did he come back in a quarter of an hour ? —Yes, he came back in 14 minutes. He had only to

go into St. George's Middle Street; I should think I could do it in 10 minutes.

14,756. When he came back where did he go to?—He came into the bar.

14,757. Was Mrs. Mackley there?—No, there was only Mr. Mackley in the back of the bar.

14,758. Where were you?—Just behind Mr. Harper; just at the back of Mr. Harper, about a foot off.

14,759. Who was there besides?—Mr. Goodman and several more.

14,760. Can you mention any others?—I do not know whether Gilmore was there, and a man of the name of Jeremiah Cook.

14,761. They could hear what they said?—They were put on sentry at that house; I told them so as soon as they came.

14,762. They were there and could hear what was said?—I do not know.

14,763. They were close enough to hear?—If they were listening. There was a man of the name of Staff, and I told him that he was there sentry, and he went away.

14,764. When he came back his expression was that he had got the money?—Yes, and Mackley said to him, "I dare not let you go, there will be a row about it; I shall get in a row."

14,765. Mackley hesitated because he might get in a row?—Yes.

14,766. You are sure it was not Harper said, "Why Hardiment is upstairs"?—He said, "If Hardiment is upstairs the election is lost."

14,767. Did he ask Mackley whether Hardiment was upstairs?—Yes, he did, and Mackley said, "I do not know; there is somebody upstairs."

14,768. I suppose Mackley knows Hardiment very well?—I daresay he does; the man lives up at the top of the street, and he passes three or four times a day.

14,769. Did you see anyone go upstairs?—No, I could not; I was in the bar, and they came round the back way.

14,770. If Hardiment came in at the front door, must you have seen him?—Yes, I must have seen him.

14,771. Will you swear he did not come in at the front door?—Yes, while I was there.

14,772. Did you see Hardiment go out?—No; I must have seen him if he had gone out. If he went out at the bar door I must have seen him.

14,773. Did you see any man go upstairs?—No; I could not see them where I was.

14,774. Did you see any men pass?—They can go in at the back gate and go upstairs without my seeing them in the bar.

14,775. If they pass before the bar, you must see them?—I would see anybody pass to go upstairs.

14,776. If anybody went in to go upstairs they must have gone in at the back door?—No, I would not say "must;" there are three or four ways of getting up. They can get up two ways without going in at the front door.

14,777. If they went in at the front door and went upstairs, you must have seen them?—Yes.

14,778. You did not see any men come to the door, and crowd round the door, directly Harper came?—No.

14,779. You swear that?—I have sworn it.

14,780. You swear that a number of men did not follow Harper immediately at his back?—I do swear it.

14,781. You must have seen them if they had come?—Yes, I must have seen them if they had come in there.

14,782. You did not hear a single soul say anything about having received money in that house?—No.

14,783. And you did not dream about a single soul having received anything?—Very seldom I dream; I wish I did.

14,784. You did not dream that day?—No.

14,785. You had no notion that anybody received money in that house that day?—I do not say that.

14,786. You felt sure that not a single soul received money in that house on that day?—I never feel my way about. I always look my way about; my eyesight is good.

14,787. Did you inquire about who the gentleman was upstairs?—No, I had no occasion to.

14,788. Mackley came behind you, and was with you?—He was behind the bar.

14,789. You could talk to him?—What had I to talk to him about?

14,790. He is an acquaintance of yours?—I merely go in the man's house.

14,791. You never thought for a single instant that the man upstairs was paying money to voters?—No; I did not know there was a man upstairs.

14,792. Did not Mr. Mackley say there was a man upstairs?—He did say so, but I was not going to undertake to swear there was a man upstairs.

14,793. Did you not believe what Mr. Mackley said?—I should not believe what anybody said.

14,794. You do not believe anybody in Norwich?—Only myself.

14,795. What became of you after the time the summons was attempted to be served, from the time you were served with the summons to appear before Mr. Baron Martin at the time of the election inquiry?—I went after my business.

14,796. Where was that?—Up to Eye, where I am going to-morrow, I hope.

14,797. Did anybody pay you anything for going there?—I wish I had been paid.

14,798. You may wish it, and yet you may have got it?—I never got it.

14,799. Do you swear you never received anything for voting?—Certainly I will.

14,800. Nor a promise of anything?—No, never a promise.

14,801. Not a single farthing?—No, not a single farthing, nor yet a shilling; I tell you I am a thorough-bred Conservative, and I would rather vote for 10 Straceys than one Tillett.

14,802. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you tell this story about Harper coming in with the money to anybody?—Yes, several; I told Mr. Baldwin of it over at Yarmouth races the other day.

14,803. Did you mention it before the petition?—I was not called up.

14,804. That is not my question. Did you mention it to anybody before the petition?—Yes, often enough, and so did Mackley and so did this Mr. Goodwin.

14,805. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you mean to say that nobody induced you to go away when you were served with the summons?—No; I went away of my own accord. I was home in time. I was home before Baron Martin came. I was home the day before, and was about the whole time.

14,806. Did you receive information that the service upon you was good, and therefore you had better come over?—No.

14,807. Do you know that they took counsel's opinion as to whether the service upon you was good enough?—I do not know what they did.

14,808. Were you told that they took counsel's opinion as to whether the service that had been effected with the summons upon you before Mr. Baron Martin was good?—Where was I told that?

14,809. Were you told it?—No, certainly not; no one came to see me.

14,810. Were you not told that you must come over, for the service of the summons was good?—If anybody told me that I never heard him, and I never saw anybody to tell me so.

14,811. Did not somebody send to you to come back after you had gone away?—No.

14,812. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you not receive a letter telling you you were to come back?—No, certainly not.

14,813. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) No communication was made to you of any sort or kind?—No; I received no communication from anybody.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

2 Sept. 1869.

Alfred Butcher sworn and examined.

A. Butcher.

14,814. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

14,815. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

14,816. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

14,817. Had anybody canvassed you for your vote before?—I think it was the Tuesday previous I was waited upon.

14,818. Did they canvass you for the Conservatives?—Yes.

14,819. Did you promise your vote?—I was so much engaged in my mind at that time that I did not promise.

14,820. You refused to give him a promise when he asked you for your vote on that particular day at half-past 1; what induced you to make up your mind?—I had no particular reason.

14,821. Did anybody come to you that day, or did you see anybody about voting?—Not anybody at all.

14,822. Did you not go out of your house that day?—I was not out more than an hour at a time, and that was to go on to the ground.

14,823. Were you in any public-house that morning?—No.

14,824. Did you receive anything for voting?—Not one farthing.

14,825. Or the promise of anything?—No.

E. Clarke.

Edmund Clarke sworn and examined.

14,826. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

14,827. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

14,828. For whom did you vote?—For Henry Stracey.

14,829. At what time in the day?—Just before 4, a few minutes before 4 o'clock.

14,830. For whom do you work?—I am working for a man of the name of Brewster now, a master bricklayer.

14,831. What made you vote so late?—I was at work outside the gates, and did not leave off until dinner time, and unfortunately I had not the number of my register with me, and I had to get the number, and then I went and voted.

14,832. Did you go into any public-houses?—Yes, only one house to have a glass of ale, and that was to ascertain where I was to get the number of my register.

14,833. What house was that?—The "Flower in Hand," in Pitt Street.

14,834. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—No.

14,835. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

14,836. Were you promised anything?—No, nothing at all; no one even canvassed me.

L. Warminger.

Lambert Warminger sworn and examined.

14,837. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A weaver.

14,838. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

14,839. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No; nobody ever asked me to vote for either the one or the other. I was never asked.

14,840. You got nothing for voting?—No, I never do.

14,841. Or the promise of anything?—No, I never get anything for voting. I have been a voter for 48 years, and never got a penny in my life.

J. Brown.

John Brown sworn and examined.

14,842. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you voter in this city?—Yes.

14,843. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

14,844. For whom did you vote?—Russell.

14,845. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

14,846. Had you been canvassed before for your vote?—Yes.

14,847. By whom?—By a cabinet maker here.

14,848. Did you promise your vote?—No, not to anybody.

14,849. Having refused to promise your vote, how came it that at half-past 3 that day you made up your mind to vote for Russell?—Because I was busy at my work.

14,850. Having refused to promise your vote, how came you to change your mind and vote for Russell?—Yes, I did.

14,851. What made you make up your mind at that time of the day to vote for Russell?—I had no particular reason for so doing.

14,852. No reason at all?—No.

14,853. It came into your head at that hour to go and vote for Russell, did it?—Yes, just so.

14,854. Did anybody come and offer you any money?—No, not a farthing.

14,855. Did you not want some money for your vote?—No.

14,856. Are you sure of that?—Yes, I am.

14,857. Did you not refuse to give a promise because you were in hopes that there would be some money going?—No.

14,858. Did anybody promise you any money for voting?—No, not a farthing,

14,859. Is there another man of your name that lives in your yard?—Yes.

H. Newman.

Henry Newman sworn and examined.

14,860. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A shopkeeper.

14,861. What are you rated at?—9*l.* assessment.

14,862. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

14,863. At what time of the day?—20 minutes after 12, as nearly as I can tell you.

14,864. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.

14,865. When?—When they met me in the "Marquis of Granby."

14,866. Who did you promise it to?—Mr. Patteson, Mr. Samuel Fletcher, and Mr. Dudley Stracey, and I think there were three or four more gentlemen besides.

14,867. Have you received anything for your vote?—No.

14,868. Have you been promised anything?—No.

14,869. Have you promised or paid anybody else for their vote?—No.

JOHN HUNT sworn and examined.

14,870. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am managing clerk to Mr. William Tillett, solicitor

14,871. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Tillett.

14,872. At what hour of the day?—A little after 3.

14,873. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

14,874. Or the promise of anything?—No, I would not have voted if I had had anything promised.

14,875. Did you promise anybody anything for voting?—No, I took no part in the election beyond voting.

ROBERT LEECH, jun., sworn and examined.

14,876. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes, I am.

14,877. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

14,878. At what time?—Between 3 and 4.

14,879. Where were you during the early part of that day?—Part of the time at home and part of the time up the town.

14,880. Wandering about?—Not particularly wandering about.

14,881. Why did you not vote before that time in the day?—I had not made up my mind to vote at all.

14,882. What money had you for voting?—Well, a small piece of gold.

14,883. A half sovereign I suppose?—I believe so.

14,884. That is the current coin of the realm here; who gave it to you?—I cannot say. I never saw the man before in my life.

14,885. Or since?—I do not believe I have; not to the best of my knowledge.

14,886. Where did he give it to you?—I received it in at the "Rosemary" tavern, St. Mary's.

14,887. Is that Cartwright's beerhouse?—Yes.

14,888. How many of you got it?—I was only singular in the room; there was only me and the gentleman who gave it to me.

14,889. He was a gentleman, was he?—I believe he was; he was in the shape of a man, whether or no. I took him to be a gentleman when he gave me half a sovereign.

14,890. Did you never hear his name?—Not to the best of my knowledge; at least I do not know the gentleman.

14,891. Did you never hear his name?—No.

14,892. Did you ask Mr. Cartwright who that kind gentleman was?—I did not; I never spoke to Mr. Cartwright.

14,893. I should have had the curiosity to know who it was who was so liberal with his money?—I did not know Mr. Cartwright.

14,894. (*Mr. Biron.*) The man who gives half sovereigns was the right sort of acquaintance to make?—There was only one man in the room. They were only allowed in one at a time.

14,895. How many went in before you?—I cannot say.

14,896. Several?—I do not know I am sure.

14,897. Where were you before you went in?—Outside.

14,898. Were you called in?—I was not.

14,899. How did you get in?—I walked in.

14,900. How came you to know when it came to your turn?—I did not know anything about that. I saw a cart stop at the door, and I saw one or two go in, and I had a curiosity to walk in myself.

14,901. Were there two men in the cart, and did one man get out and one stay in?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

14,902. You do not recollect that?—I do not.

14,903. How long after the cart stopped at the door did you go in?—Why not above a minute. It was not above two minutes before I was in and out again and voted.

14,904. Sharp was the word?—It was so.

14,905. It was sharp with some others as well?—I do not know. I can only answer for myself.

14,906. You see a gentleman go into Cartwright's beerhouse; because a gentleman goes in you would not go in, unless somebody gave you the idea that there was something right?—I had no idea at all; only on my own supposition there was something stirring I thought, and I thought I would be watching.

14,907. You were wide awake?—It appears like it. I was not asleep. I can only answer for myself.

14,908. There were others wide awake?—I cannot say.

14,909. Were there a good number outside?—One, I think, came up at the present time the cart stopped.

14,910. You saw several others there?—There were lots of people, but not in the house; it is a very small house.

14,911. Did you meet some people coming out as you went in?—Certainly not. I came direct out and went to the poll.

14,912. You went right away?—Yes, I went and voted, and went right home direct.

14,913. You do not know anybody that was there?—No, I do not.

WILLIAM VARVEL sworn and examined.

14,914. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A butcher.

14,915. Where do you live?—In St. Stephen's.

14,916. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Russell and Sir Henry Stracey.

14,917. Who asked you to vote?—I had several asked me.

14,918. Who was the last man who asked you, in consequence of which you voted?—I cannot say.

14,919. Did you see Captain Croker that day?—Yes.

14,920. Did he ask you to vote?—Yes.

14,921. What time in the day was that?—I should think about half-past 3.

14,922. Did you go and vote then?—I think it was about three or four minutes afterwards.

14,923. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

14,924. Did you go to a public-house?—No.

14,925. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

14,926. Have you received anything since for your vote?—No.

14,927. Are you a butcher on your own account?—Yes.

14,928. At what is your house rated?—I stand 30*l.* a year.

ROBERT LEECH, jun., recalled and further examined.

14,929. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What sort of a person was this man that gave you the half sovereign?—I think he was a lightish man.

14,930. Tall or short, or what?—He was sitting.

14,931. Light hair, fair?—I believe he was, to the best of my knowledge.

14,932. Had he a beard?—Well, I believe he had.

14,933. Was it light hair, not red, but sandy?—Light, flaxen. I never saw the gentleman before.

14,934. Should you know him again if you saw him?—I believe not.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

2 Sept. 1869.

Francis Gittings sworn and examined.

F. Gittings.

14,935. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A master bootmaker.

14,936. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Russell.

14,937. At what hour in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

14,938. Why did you not vote sooner?—Because I had a job in hand that I thought I would finish before I went to vote.

14,939. How far is the polling place from your work?—Faith's Lane.

14,940. How far is that off?—Three quarters of a mile.

14,941. From your polling place?—Yes.

14,942. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a halfpenny.

14,943. Or the promise of anything?—No.

14,944. Did you promise or give anybody anything for his vote?—No, I never promised anything of the sort.

14,945. Have you any knowledge of corrupt practices beyond what you have heard upon the proceedings before Mr. Baron Martin and this inquiry?—No, not any.

John Copeman recalled and further examined.

J. Copeman.

14,946. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you the accounts?—This (*producing it*) is the banking book, and consists of money paid in by Mr. Smith, and is debited with cheques drawn out by myself. There (*producing it*) is the cheque book.

14,947. (*Mr. Biron.*) It amounts to as nearly as possible 1,500*l.*?—I have not cast it up.

14,948. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I see, "November 12th, cheque to Stevens, 50*l.*" What is that for?—That is Mr. Stevens, the electoral agent, Mr. Tillett's agent.

14,949. Then on the 19th, "Stevens, 150*l.*; ditto, 25*l.*; ditto, 100*l.*;" and then on December 17th, "A. Tillett, 100*l.*" What was that?—That is Abel Tillett: that was on account of the petition. He is the solicitor who conducted the petition and got up the case here in the city.

14,950. There is Tillett again, 50*l.*; Stevens, 400*l.*?—That is the item he mentioned in his evidence.

14,951. Who is Mr. Foster?—The Under Sheriff.

14,952. Abel Tillett and Stevens are the persons who have received the whole of this fund, except the balance which is in the banker's hands?—Yes.

14,953. You know nothing more?—No, nothing more. Mr. Smith will give you the account of the fund, the source from whence that money came.

Joseph de Carle Smith recalled and further examined.

J. de C. Smith.

14,954. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you got the account of this fund?—I have (*producing it*) a copy of the account, which I found in my drawer just now, copied soon after the election, and I preferred to bring that rather than making a fresh one.

14,955. It is correct?—It is correct as far as I remember. There may have been the addition of a guinea, or something of that sort, but I think nothing more.

14,956. Those are the sums you received?—Yes, those are the sums which my own personal friends, for I asked no one else, guaranteed towards the election.

14,957. 1,605*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes, that is the amount; I believe it is quite correct, though I have not gone through it.

14,958. This was for the election expenses?—That was a guarantee list for election expenses.

14,959. Utterly unconnected with the petition?—In the first instance it was, but after the election——

14,960. If you will pardon me, my question is, whether this was wholly unconnected with the petition, and I can show you that it is so, because I find here two sums put down against the petition?—That has nothing whatever to do with it; that ought not to be on that paper. I will explain it; I merely put that memorandum at the time on the paper because I heard Sir William Russell say that he would pay 100*l.* himself towards the expenses of the petition, and I heard Mr. Coaks say the same thing.

14,961. This was a mixed fund for the purposes of the petition, as well as for the purposes of the election?—The fund was raised as a guarantee fund for the election alone, but when the election was over I went to several of the men who guaranteed the money, and said, "We shall want the whole of the money for the petition," otherwise I should have had only a certain rate to charge them; and they all said, "Keep it, by all means."

14,962. You used the whole fund they guaranteed?—Yes, certainly.

14,963. You can leave this list with us?—Yes, certainly.

Edmund Bunn sworn and examined.

E. Bunn.

14,964. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A bookbinder.

14,965. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

14,966. At what time did you give your vote?—20 minutes past 8 in the morning.

14,967. Had you promised your vote?—No, I had no one to canvass me from either party.

14,968. Where were you in the course of the day, after you voted?—Sometimes at work, and sometimes walking about, as most people.

14,969. Were you at any of the public-houses?—I do not know, without I was in for a glass.

14,970. Where?—Sometimes about the market, and sometimes in at home.

14,971. Were you at the "Woolpack?"—No, I was not the whole of the day.

14,972. Have you received anything for your vote?—No, I never did.

14,973. Were you promised anything?—No, never.

14,974. Was this the first time you voted?—No; 35 years I have been a voter.

14,975. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

14,976. For whom did you vote then?—Waters I think it was.

14,977. Did you receive anything then for your vote?—No, I never did.

14,978. Have you had nothing whatever to do with any bribery at this election?—No, never.

Robert Alexander Madge sworn and examined.

R. A. Madge.

14,979. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a clerk.

14,980. Have you a vote?—Yes.

14,981. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

14,982. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey, about 11 o'clock.

14,983. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

14,984. Or the promise of anything?—No.

14,985. Did you promise anybody else anything for voting?—No.

14,986. Or for having voted?—No.

14,987. Were you outside Clarke's beerhouse on the afternoon of the polling day?—No.

14,988. Or outside Mackley's?—No; I think you are referring to a Mr. Madge who lives lower down the street, named Theodore Madge.

14,989. During the whole of the polling day what were you doing after you voted?—I am sure I hardly know. I was attending about my own house.

14,990. You were about your own business?—Yes.

THOMAS TAYLOR sworn and examined. *T. Taylor.*

14,991. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

14,992. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

14,993. At what time?—Between 10 and 11.

14,994. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

14,995. Where had you been that morning?—At work.

14,996. For whom?—For my master.

14,997. What are you?—A horsehair weaver.

14,998. Did not somebody give something to you for voting?—No.

14,999. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—I was canvassed, I believe, but I did not vote for the blues.

15,000. Did you say you would not vote for them?—I told them I thought I should vote purple.

15,001. Who asksd you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No one; I had a paper come that was sent by post. No one came to me.

15,002. Are you sure no one spoke to you that morning and offered you some money?—No, not a soul.

15,003. Or promised you some work?—No. I work for Mr. Gunton.

15,004. Do you know which way Mr. Gunton voted?—No.

15,005. Had he canvassed you and asked you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I think Mr. Gunton is a blue.

15,006. Are you sure you voted independent?—Yes, and never had a farthing.

15,007. Had you voted at former elections?—No; this was my first vote.

15,008. Have you had any rates paid for you?—No; I paid them all myself.

15,009. Have you had any money furnished to pay rates?—No, not a farthing.

GIOVANNI BIANCHIA sworn and examined. *G. Bianchia.*

15,010. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—Artist.

15,011. For whom do you work?—For myself; for whomsoever likes to employ me.

15,012. Is this the first time you were a voter?—Oh no; I have had a vote more than 30 years.

15,013. Have you always voted?—No, not always; about 20 years.

15,014. Upon which side have you generally voted?—I have generally voted the other side, except this time.

15,015. About what time did you vote?—10 o'clock.

15,016. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No.

15,017. What made you change your party this time?—Because I promised Sir Henry Stracey.

15,018. To whom did you give that promise?—To him himself.

15,019. Did he canvass you himself?—No; about 10 years back I was working for him, and at the time I told him if ever he came to Norwich I would vote for him.

15,020. That is a good reason enough. Have you ever received any money for your vote?—No, never.

15,021. At any time in your life at Norwich?—No, never.

15,022. No promise?—No.

15,023. Have you ever had your rates paid for you?—No.

15,024. Have you ever asked anybody else to vote and promised them anything?—No.

15,025. You have not been employed in that sort of work?—No; I generally vote early and then go to work.

15,026. Which side do you vote at municipal elections?—The Liberal side.

15,027. Is there much money going at municipal elections?—I do not know, because I do not interfere with it.

WILLIAM JAMES BURRELL sworn and examined. *W. J. Burrell.*

15,028. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker.

15,029. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Tillett and Russell.

15,030. At what hour in the day?—About 20 minutes after 12.

15,031. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

15,032. Or any promise of anything?—No, not any.

15,033. Did you promise anybody money for voting?—No.

15,034. Or for having voted?—No.

15,035. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of any money having been paid to anybody to vote?—No, not a farthing.

WILLIAM MOORE sworn and examined. *W. Moore.*

15,036. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

15,037. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

15,038. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

15,039. At what time did you vote?—12 o'clock.

15,040. Had you promised your vote?—No, I never saw anybody that came and solicited me for it.

15,041. Had anybody asked you for your vote that day?—No.

15,042. Did you get or were you promised anything?—No, nothing at all.

15,043. Is this the first time you have been a voter?—No, I voted at the last election.

15,044. Did you get or were you promised anything on the former occasion?—No, not a farthing.

15,045. Which side have you always voted?—On the Tory side.

JEREMIAH TILLETT sworn and examined. *J. Tillett.*

15,046. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a fishmonger, I believe?—Yes.

15,047. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

15,048. At what time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock.

15,049. What made you vote so late?—I had a little business to go after for my governor.

15,050. In what part of the town do you carry on your business? Not far from the polling place, is it?—Not far.

15,051. You had been out before during the day?

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—Yes, I was riding about in my master's cart about my business.

15,052. Who asked you to vote ?—Not anyone.

15,053. Who paid you to vote ?—No one.

15,054. Have you been paid anything since ?—No.

15,055. Have you been promised anything since ?—No.

15,056. Do you know Cartwright's shop ?—No.

15,057. Do you know Cartwright's beerhouse ?—No, not that I know of.

15,058. What beerhouses were you at during the polling day ?—I was at Mr. Appleton's, down at St. James'.

15,059. What is the sign ?—The "King's Head," St. James'.

15,060. Were any voters there with you ?—No, I never see any.

15,061. Do you know Hardiment ?—No.

15,062. Did you never see him to your knowledge ?—No.

15,063. Did anyone else offer you any money that day ?—No.

15,064. Nor before ?—No.

T. Burrell.

THOMAS BURRELL sworn and examined.

15,065. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—I was a weaver when I could weave, but I am not a weaver now.

15,066. Did you not vote at the last election ?—Yes.

15,067. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey and Mr. Russell.

15,068. At what time in the day ?—Some time in the afternoon ; it was after 2 o'clock.

15,069. Why did you not vote sooner ?—I had a mind not to vote sooner.

15,070. Why was that ?—I had a mind to vote against Mr. Tillett.

15,071. Why did you not do it sooner ?—I did not like his actions.

15,072. If you did not like him why did you not do it sooner ?—That was because Mr. Tillett thought he was sure to be in.

15,073. Did you get anything for doing it ?—No.

15,074. Or a promise of anything ?—Nor a promise made me in no shape whatever.

15,075. Have you voted before ?—I voted free of expense.

15,076. Did you ever vote before at any other election ?—Oh yes ; ever since 1815 I have been a freeman.

15,077. For whom used you to vote, the Tories or Radicals ?—I voted for Richard Gurney, and all that came in that party.

15,078. Did you ever get anything before for voting ?—Never.

J. Middleton.

JONATHAN MIDDLETON sworn and examined.

15,079. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter ?—Yes.

15,080. For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

15,081. At what time did you vote ?—12 o'clock.

15,082. Had you been canvassed ?—Yes.

15,083. Who canvassed you ?—A party of gentlemen came round ; I do not know whether it was the Friday before the election.

15,084. Did you promise your vote ?—I promised my vote to Sir Henry Stracey.

15,085. Were you at the "Buck" on the day of the election ?—Yes.

15,086. At what time ?—I was going to say off and on the chief of the forenoon. I attended to my business. I should have went before to vote, but I attended to my business before I went.

15,087. You were in and out of the "Buck" the whole of the day ?—No, I beg your pardon, the chief of the forenoon till I went to vote.

15,088. You say you voted for Stracey ; there must be some mistake ?—I think there is a mistake in the poll book ; there is one John Middleton that voted for Tillett and Russell, and I think if you look it is put down Stracey. I voted for Stracey, and I think it is put down Tillett and Russell. I voted for Stracey, and I am not ashamed of it ; I gave a conscientious vote.

15,089. Did anybody offer you anything for your vote ?—No, and I never asked such a thing.

15,090. Do you know Hardiment ?—Yes.

15,091. Do you know Wiseman ?—Yes, I know Wiseman.

15,092. They were at the "Buck" that day ?—I never see Mr. Hardiment till 8 o'clock at night, but Mr. Wiseman I see him in the forenoon, so I did Mr. Dowson, so I did Mr. White.

15,093. I want to know whether you did not see Hardiment before you voted that morning ?—No, I did not ; I never see him till 8 o'clock that night.

15,094. Where did you see him that night ?—In at the "Buck."

15,095. Young Wiseman you had seen in the early part of the day ?—Yes, I had seen him in the early forenoon.

15,096. Did Wiseman give you anything to vote ?—No.

15,097. Or talk to you about anything for voting ?—No.

15,098. Or promise you anything for voting ?—No; and I did not ask for it, and did not intend.

15,099. You saw a lot of men at the "Buck ?"—There were five voters went up, four besides myself.

15,100. Young Wiseman was there before they went up to vote ?—He came in once or twice in the forenoon.

15,100*a*. You were in and out of the "Buck," did you not see a lot of other voters ?—I do not think there were above two more the whole blessed day, besides those that went with me.

15,101. You were not there at all in the afternoon ?—No.

15,102. You cannot say what occurred in the afternoon ?—I went home to my dinner a little after 1 o'clock ; soon after I came back from voting, and never went in any more till nearly 5.

15,103. You do not know what took place at the "Buck" afterwards ?—No ; I know nothing of other people's business.

15,104. You got nothing for voting ?—No, not one farthing, and never asked for it. It was the first vote that I ever had, and I did not intend to do anything of the kind.

W. Fisher.

WILLIAM FISHER recalled and further examined.

15,105-6. (*Mr. Biron.*) You were asked about Robert Brandish and Hardiment yesterday ?—No, I do not think I was.

15,107. Yes, you were. You were asked whether you went to Clarke's beerhouse during the day ?—Yes.

15,108. And you were asked whether you saw Hardiment ?—I never saw him during the day.

15,109. You were asked whether you saw Hardiment there ?—I never remember it.

15,110. At Clarke's beerhouse ?—I never saw him.

15,111. You were asked whether you saw him there ?—No, I do not think I was.

15,112. Did you see Hardiment that day ?—No.

15,113. After you left this box you talked to some people outside ?—Yesterday ?

15,114. Yes, yesterday ?—I might be talking to a great many people.

15,115. You said you —— thought they would get the whole thing out of you, and they had not done it ?—I do not think that.

15,116. You don't think it. When you went outside you began swearing, and saying that you were afraid that at one time the whole thing would come out ?—I do not believe that.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The expressions you made use of were a gross contempt of court, and if you do not speak the truth I will instantly send you to gaol.

15,117. (*Mr. Biron.*) What the chairman says to you will be carried out; away you will go unless you tell us all you know ?—I cannot tell you any more than what I have said.

15,118. You said yesterday, when you left the court, "I kept the —— thing back; I thought the "—— thing must have come out, but I kept the "mainspring back"?—I should say I did not say anything of the kind.

15,119. You may say it once more, but if you do away you go to gaol ?—You would not like me to say what I did not say.

15,120. You were outside the court using coarse language, and saying you kept something from us ?—I do not know anything about the thing myself, if I did I would say so. There might be a lot of people round me, bullying, and saying, "What did you say ?"

15,121. You went out there thinking you had done a very clever thing in deceiving us, and you said, "I kept the mainspring back ?"—No, I did not say that.

15,122. That is an expression you cannot forget ?—No, I did not say it.

15,123. Do you mean to say you did not say, when you left the box, "I thought at one time the whole "—— thing would come out"?—I say I did not.

15,124. Did you or did you not?—I say I did not.

15,125. What did you say?—I do not know that I said anything.

15,126. When you left the witness box did you speak to anybody ?—There were several people outside who wanted to know what I said.

15,127. What did you say ?—I said that I had been asked some questions and I had answered the questions.

15,128. Did you not say that you thought they would ask you about some other things you knew about, and they had not done it ?—No.

15,129. Did you not say, "They thought they knew "a good deal more than they did," and you managed to keep something back after all ?—No.

15,130. Or anything of that sort ?—No, nor anything of that sort.

PHILLIP PEARCE sworn and examined.

P. Pearce.

15,131. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A whitening manufacturer and licensed victualler.

15,132. Were you outside the court yesterday afternoon ?—Yes.

15,133. Do you know Fisher ?—I know he is the man that came out.

15,134. Were you outside when that man came out ?—Yes, I was.

15,135. Did you hear him say anything ?—Yes, I heard him talking to four or five more men.

15,136. Can you name any of the men ?—No, I do not know them, only by sight.

15,137. Were they men who had been examined here yesterday ?—I do not know. I was not in court yesterday.

15,138. Should you know them if you were to see them ?—I think I have seen one in the court to-day who was with him at the time; there were four or five got round him and asked him when he came out how he got on.

15,139. What did you hear ?—They congregated round this man and asked him how he got on, and he said he thought that the Commissioners knew as much as he did, and that he thought that at one time they would get it out of him. They got it up as far as here (*pointing to his throat*), but he endeavoured to keep the —— trick back, or something of that sort, and he said they asked him something about a man of the name of Brandish, and about his going there on that day; and he said he got over it by telling the Commissioners he done some jobs for him; and he said he was asked something about Hardiment and about Mr. Gedge, but I then went away and saw Mr. Self the gasfitter, and asked him whether he knew the man, and he followed him and told me his name was Fisher, and I told Mr. Self that I thought he was coming out of court and making a complete laugh of the Commissioners.

15,140. Did he say, "I kept the —— thing back ?"—He said it got about as far as here (*pointing to his throat*), but "I kept it back."

15,141. Did he say, "I kept the —— mainspring "back; they knew more than I thought they did, and "at one time I thought the whole thing would come "out ?"—Yes.

15,142. (*To William Fisher.*) You hear what Mr. Pearce has stated ?—I say it is quite false.

15,143. Now you go to gaol; it will be a warning to you and to others. You will be kept here until the warrant is made out to take you to gaol.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You have an opportunity now, if you choose, to tell the truth and save yourself from gaol.

HENRY BALDWIN sworn and examined.

H. Baldwin.

15,144. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you ?—A baker.

15,145. Are you a voter ?—Yes, and have been for these 40 years.

15,146. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

15,147. For whom did you vote ?—Tillett and Russell.

15,148. Do you know a person of the name of Freestone ?—Yes, quite well.

15,149. Do you know a man of the name of Hardiment ?—Yes, I know him quite well.

15,150. Do you recollect on the day of the election seeing Hardiment ?—I see him several times backwards and forwards.

15,151. Did you ride with him in his pony carriage at all that day ?—Certainly not; it was not hardly likely.

15,152. Have you ever ridden in his cart ?—Never in my life; that is why I come up without being subpœnaed, because I see it inserted in the paper that I went up in his cart with Freestone. I think I was the third voter the second hour, and should have been in the first hour provided I could have got away; when I saw it in the paper I thought it was my duty to come here and contradict it.

15,153. All that he says of you is that you got into a pony cart. He does not implicate you as to anything improper.—It is false, I never rode with him in a cart in my life. It is all false. Every word that he has said about me is false.

15,144–5. It is most likely a mistake in the name.—I cannot say that it is, because there is not ere another Baldwin a baker in Norwich. I think not.

15,156. You see all that he says of you is that you rode in the cart. He is asked, "Who rode in the cart besides yourself ?" and he says there were several persons rode in the cart, but he knows none but

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Baldwin the baker, and a man of the name of Mitchell. I never rode in a cart with the man in my life.

15,157. It is quite immaterial; it will not affect your character in any way, and if you voted for Tillett and Russell certainly it will not.—Still it does not do you any good.

15,158. Our impression is that you are not a very likely man to have been selected to ride in the cart. —I would sooner have Mr. Freestone to take me up.

15,159. (*Mr. Biron.*) A 20-stone man does not generally get invitations to ride in a pony cart?—No, they are rather too heavy.

15,160. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I do not think Mr. Hardiment would have selected you to ride?—No, because Mr. Hardiment, Mr. Freestone, and I have belonged to an association these two or three years, and I know their principles and they know mine, and they would not come and ask me.

15,161. There is another Henry Baldwin; possibly he has made a mistake?—I thought I was right to come to you and contradict it.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are quite right. No imputation is cast upon you.

H. Baldwin.

HENRY BALDWIN sworn and examined.

15,161*a*. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade? —A shoemaker.

15,162. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

15,163. At what time of the day?—Between 11 and 12.

15,164. Who asked you to vote for him?—Not anybody.

15,165. Did anybody pay you for voting for him? —No.

15,166. Did you see Hardiment during the day?— No.

15,167. Or Hart?—No.

15,168. Did you see Freestone during the day?— No.

15,169. Worledge?—No.

15,170. To what public-houses did you go?—I only went to one up the market, and that was at the corner of Golden Lane, next to St. Giles'.

15,171. Has any money been paid to you since?— No.

15,172. Has anything been promised you?—No.

15,173. Have your rates been paid?—Yes.

15,174. By whom?—The landlord paid my rates.

15,175. Who is your landlord?—Mr. Veitch.

15,176. Did he pay your rates before the election? —Yes.

15,177. Did he tell you to vote for Stracey?—No, he is a blue. Of course he did not tell me to vote for Stracey.

15,178. Have you paid anybody to go and vote?— No.

15,179. Or carried any money to people?—No, I had nothing to do with it.

15,180. You did not take an active part in the election?—No.

15,181. You only voted?—Yes, that is all.

15,182. Is this the first time you have voted?— Yes.

W. Barnes.

WILLIAM BARNES sworn and examined.

15,183. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A basket-maker.

15,184. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Tillett and Stracey.

15,185. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

15,186. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because I had an order that I was forced to complete.

15,187. Were you at it all day?—Yes; and when I went out of my house I went and voted.

15,188. Did anybody ask you for your vote?— About a month before I was asked for it.

15,189. Did you promise it then?—Yes, I did.

15,190. By whom were you asked?—Mr. Castle.

15,191. How came you to vote for Stracey and Tillett?—Because I always was a Tory man.

15,192. Then what made you vote for the Liberal? —Because I knew the man right well.

15,193. You voted for one for principle, and the other for friendship?—Yes.

15,194. Did you get anything for it?—No.

15,195. Or any promise of anything?—No.

H. Stangroom.

HENRY STANGROOM sworn and examined.

15,196. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?— Yes.

15,197. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I voted for Mr. Stracey.

15,198. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

15,199. Had you been a voter upon former elections?—Yes, I have always voted Liberal at elections, but this time I thought I would change it.

15,200. You have always received something for voting at former elections?—Yes.

15,201. What did you receive at this?—Nothing at all.

15,202. Are you sure of that?—Yes, that I am sure of.

15,203. Where were you on the day of the election? —I was at home at work until 3 o'clock, and then I carried home a job, and went and voted directly.

15,204. Why did not you vote before 3 o'clock?— Because I had a job, and I was obliged to do it before I could go away from my own home, and then I went and voted directly.

15,205. Were you at any public-houses that day? —No, not until after I had voted.

15,206. Did anybody come to you for your vote?— No; no one never solicited me at all for my vote.

15,207. Did anybody go with you to the poll?— No, I went all alone.

15,208. Did anybody see your wife?—Not that I know of, because when I went away I left my wife at home. I never saw nobody, but came down the street and went and voted.

15,209. For whom were you at work?—Well, I had done a job for Mr. Nobbs, and took the job home and went and voted direct.

15,210. Did he promise you some work if you voted that way?—No, I have worked for him off and on for the last four years, doing little jobs for him.

15,211. But you have always received money before?—Well, if I have received money it has been what you may call as a runner. I have been put on to deliver circulars, and have got paid for my work.

15,212. You received money as a runner, but did you not receive money without running at all?—No, I had always to work for it.

15,213. Are you sure that you were not promised anything for voting upon this occasion?—Nothing at all. I never saw any, nor nobody ever promised.

15,214. Have you or has your wife received anything since?—No, nothing at all. Nobody never came to speak to me about it.

EMANUEL SIMON HOWARD sworn and examined.

15,215. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

15,216. For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

15,217. At what hour in the day did you vote?—About half-past 2.

15,218. I think you had been at the "Woolpack," had you not?—I think I was there about one hour, between 1 and 2.

15,219. How long did you stop there?—About an hour.

15,220. Did you have some beer?—Well, I had one glass I think.

15,221. Who gave you that?—I bought it myself.

15,222. Did you pay for it?—Yes.

15,223. There were a good many other people there, were there not?—A great many.

15,224. And a good deal of beer going?—Only what people paid for.

15,225. Did you see Hardiment there?—No, I don't know him, that's the truth.

15,226. Who did you see there?—Well, a few people what were in the habit of using the house.

15,227. Do you know any of their names?—There was Bradbury and two or three more. I do not know their names.

15,228. Where was Bradbury?—In the bar.

15,229. That was between 1 and 2, was it?—Yes.

15,230. Was Bradbury there the whole time you were there?—Yes.

15,231. Were you where you could see everybody going in and out of the place?—Yes.

15,232. Did you hear there was somebody upstairs?—No.

15,233. Did you hear there was some money going?—No, I did not hear anything about money.

15,234. Did you see a cart at the door?—No.

15,235. Did you see two carts there?—No, I never saw any at all.

15,236. Did you see Mr. Harper come?—No.

15,237. You swear that you did not get anything for your vote?—Yes.

15,238. Were you promised anything?—No; in fact I did not wish for anything, because I always did vote that way, so I did not request much money.

15,239. But you might be paid for all that?—Oh no; I did not wish for it.

15,240. What took you to the "Woolpack?"—That is the house I am in the habit of using. I am a bird breeder, and Mr. Mackley is a bird fancier, and so I went there.

15,241. I suppose Mr. Mackley being your friend, told you there was some money going?—No, he did not.

15,242. Then he behaved very badly to you, because he told all his friends of it?—I am too much of a party man to do that for money.

15,243. Then you had nothing before to vote?—No.

15,244. Have you voted before?—Oh, yes; I voted for the Conservatives four times.

15,245. And you swear that you did not know that there was money going at that time in the "Woolpack?"—I can swear there was no money at the time I was there.

15,246. That you knew of?—Not that I knew of; there was none in the bar, I can swear to that.

15,247. But there were people going upstairs?—I never saw anything of it the time I was there.

WALTER JOHNSON sworn and examined.

15,248. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoe manufacturer.

15,249. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

15,250. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

15,251. Why did not you vote before?—Because business kept me at home. I did not go out until after dinner.

15,252. How far was the polling place from your house?—About a quarter of a mile.

15,253. You were busy all the forenoon?—Yes.

15,254. Did you get anything for voting?—Not a farthing.

15,255. Or a promise of anything?—No promise.

15,256. Or did you promise anything?—Not anything.

15,257. Or give anything to anybody for having voted?—No.

15,258. Or to vote?—No.

15,259. Had you been canvassed?—No.

15,260. Had you voted before?—No.

GEORGE SARSBY sworn and examined.

15,261. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

15,262. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

15,263. At what time of the day?—A few minutes before or after 10 in the morning.

15,264. Did you receive anything for voting?—No.

15,265. Or the promise of anything?—No.

15,266. What ward is yours?—The second ward.

15,267. Do you know the Houghtons?—Yes, by seeing of them on the day of the election, and from the canvass.

15,268. Did you have any conversation with the Houghtons?—Not on the day of the election; they were not canvassing with me.

15,269. Although you were not canvassing with them, were they talking to you on the day of the election?—I am not aware that I spoke to them at all.

15,270. Did they speak to you?—Not that I am aware of.

15,271. Was not something said by the Houghtons respecting money?—Not a word.

15,272. Did you say anything to either of them about it?—No.

15,273. Had you seen them upon the previous day?—I cannot say. I think it is likely I did.

15,274. Had you a conversation with them upon any day?—Yes, about the canvassing, and so on, because I was canvassing a week before the election.

15,275–6. But about money?—Not a word was mentioned between me and the Houghtons about money.

15,277. You know Hulme the chemist, do you not?—Yes.

15,278. Did you go to him on the election day?—I did.

15,279. Did you ask him for money for some people?—I asked him for some for one man.

15,280. Who was that?—I cannot tell you his name; he lives just past St. Andrew's Hall, up a yard just past the "Red Lion." He came from Attleborough, and he asked me to pay his expenses. I said I could not do it, but I would go and hear what Mr. Hulme said. I went to Mr. Hulme, and Mr. Hulme said, "I cannot do any such thing," consequently it was dropped.

15,281. What time of the day was that?—That would be between 12 and 1.

15,282. Did you get no money from Hulme?—Not a penny.

15,283. You have seen Hulme since, have you not?—Several times.

15,284. Has he spoken to you about money?—No.

15,285. Not about some money which he had?—No, he never mentioned the money to me on that day,

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and I was not aware that he ever had any until I saw it in the papers yesterday. I was altogether surprised that if he had any I should not know anything at all about it, being canvassing, and that like, because he knew of this voter that I asked him to pay his expenses, and my being on the committee, that he should not ask me to go for him again. I was taken by surprise that he had the money at all, and I have stated publicly several times that I did not believe any money was spent in the second ward, because I was very active in canvassing from the time Sir Henry Stracey was brought forward.

15,286. You went to him for money to pay expenses?—To pay the railway expenses.

15,287. Had the man voted?—I cannot tell.

15,288. Cannot you tell me his name?—I cannot; I can only tell you he lives up that way, and the reason I cannot tell you is that after the election I was taken very ill, and it was pretty near 12 weeks before I got well again, and for that reason the election matters have gone from my mind, or I might have known something further about it.

15,289. Did you pay anybody for voting?—Not anyone, nor offered anyone anything.

15,290. This was the only transaction which you ever had with any person?—That was the only one.

15,291. Had you been a voter before?—No.

W. Annison.

WILLIAM ANNISON sworn and examined.

15,292. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shopkeeper.

15,293. Where do you live?—I live in Bedford Street now.

15,294. What is your shop rated at?—14*l.* 10*s.*

15,295. What time did you vote?—Between 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

15,296. Who did you vote for?—Stracey.

15,297. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

15,298. Why did you not vote sooner?—Because it did not suit me.

15,299. Who took you up to the poll?—No one.

15,300. Did you see anybody who asked you to vote that day?—Of course I saw several going through the streets.

15,301. Who spoke to you that day about voting?—I don't recollect speaking to anybody. I went down to the poll and voted by myself.

15,302. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No, certainly not.

15,303. Were you promised anything?—No.

15,304. Did you give any money or promise of money to any other voter?—No.

15,305. Do you take much part in elections?—No part whatever.

15,306. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

15,307. Were you at any of the political public-houses during the day?—No, I never went into one.

15,308. Were you in no public-house?—No.

15,309. Have you heard of any money going?—No.

R. Bunting.

RICHARD BUNTING sworn and examined.

15,310. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

15,311. For whom did you vote?—For Russell and Tillett.

15,312. What time did you vote?—About half-past 2 or a quarter to 3, I cannot exactly say.

15,313. How came you to vote so late?—Because I went into the country to see a cousin of mine. I started off first thing in the morning, and did not get back until dinner time.

15,314. But you could have voted in the morning before you went out?—No, I could not, because I started before six o'clock.

15,315. Did you vote as soon as you came home?—Yes, directly I had had my dinner I went and voted.

15,316. Did anybody come and speak to you about voting?—I believe there was someone called at my house in the morning, but I was not at home.

15,317. Did you see anybody about voting that day?—When I was in the country I did not.

15,318. Were you a member of the organisation?—No; they came to me once about it, I forget the gentleman's name now that came, but I did not join the organisation.

15,319. Nobody pressed or threatened you to induce you to vote?—No.

15,320. Did anybody pay you?—No.

15,321. Did anybody promise you any payment?—No.

15,322. Have you never received any money?—No.

15,323. Has your wife received any?—No.

R White.

ROBERT WHITE sworn and examined.

15,324. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A game dealer.

15,325. How long have you been a voter?—Only once.

15,326. This was the first time you had voted?—Yes.

15,327. Who did you vote for?—Sir Henry Stracey.

15,328. What time in the day?—Half-past 10 in the morning.

15,329. Who asked you to vote?—Nobody.

15,330. Do you know Mr. Wiseman?—Yes.

15,331. I think you had some talk with him about voting?—No.

15,332. With young Wiseman?—No.

15,333. Do you know George Delph?—Yes.

15,334. I think you saw him that day?—Yes.

15,335. What did he tell you about voting?—He never told me nothing.

15,336. Where were you all the day?—At home, after my business.

15,337. Where is that?—St. Augustine's Gate.

15,338. How far is that from the polling place?—As near as I can guess about 200 or 300 yards.

15,339. What public-houses were you in during the day?—I went to get a glass of beer now and again.

15,340. Where?—At my own house where I am living.

15,341. Was any money given to you during the day?—No, and I did not want none.

15,342. Was any promised you?—No.

15,343. Nor given you since?—No.

15,344. Have your rates been paid for you?—No, I can pay them myself.

15,345. Of course you can pay them, but they might have been paid for you?—No.

15,346. Has no promise been given you in any way whatever?—No, no promise, and no one ever spoke to me.

15,347. Who did you promise your vote to?—Nobody.

15,348. Did you not see Wiseman before you voted?—No.

15,349. Nor Delph?—No.

15,350. They are both of them friends of yours, are they not?—Friends or not makes no difference. I vote which way I like; I have got an independent voice, and can vote Whig or Tory if I think proper.

15,351. But you are rather more willing to vote for their party than the other, are you not?—No, they never asked me.

RICHARD NORMAN OSBORNE sworn and examined.

15,352. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

15,353. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Tillett and Russell.

15,354. Did you promise to vote for the other side?—No.

15,355. Had you been canvassed by the other side?—Not that I am aware of; I should not think they would.

15,356. Had you not said that you would vote for them?—No, certainly not; I never saw any of them; if they called at my house I did not see them.

15,357. Did your wife say that you would?—No, I am sure she did not.

15,358. Did you get anything for voting?—No, certainly not.

15,359. Were you promised anything?—No.

15,360. Have you had your rates paid?—No, they would not like to pay mine, I think.

15,361. Were you a voter before this election?—Oh yes, for 17 or 18 years.

15,362. Did you ever receive anything for voting before?—Never in my life.

15,363. Have you always voted that side?—I have always voted on the Liberal side.

15,364. You have never received or been promised anything?—Never.

EDWARD BULLEN sworn and examined.

15,365. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A boot and shoe maker.

15,366. What time of the day did you vote?—Just before the close of the poll.

15,367. For whom did you vote?—Tillett.

15,368. Why did you wish to vote for him?—I had no wish to vote at all, only I promised to do so if Mr. Tillett was behind at the close of the day.

15,369. What made you vote?—Nothing; I had promised to do so; I did not wish to vote at all, but I had promised to vote for Mr. Tillett if he was going back at the close of the day. If Mr. Tillett had remained in the same position the last hour of the day as he did at the first, you would not have seen the name of your humble servant on the books at all.

15,370. You had friends on both sides?—I had friends on both sides.

15,371. And you preferred not to vote?—No, I don't trouble myself about political affairs, not the slightest.

15,372. I suppose nothing was offered you for your vote?—Not a single farthing, not only at this election, but at any other in my life, and I never received a penny in my life.

WILLIAM MILLS recalled and further examined.

15,373. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were in and out Clarke's beerhouse on the election day?—Yes.

15,374. And you saw the men who were there?—I did.

15,375. You recollect Hardiment coming, do you not?—I do.

15,376. How many voters were there in Clarke's beerhouse when he came?—I could not tell you.

15,377. How many men were there altogether?—There might be from 10 to 12.

15,378. Now, who were the men that were there?—The voters?

15,379. Yes, the voters?—Well, I cannot say.

15,380. Oh, come?—I recollect so far as this, there was a man by the name of William Clare Thorpe there.

15,381. Who else?—I don't know the names.

15,382. Do you recollect George Ellis being there?—I recollect George Ellis being there; I saw him there.

15,383. Do you recollect Charles Morse being there?—Yes.

15,384. Francis Cutlock?—Yes.

15,385. Do you know a man of the name of Platfoot?—No.

15,386. Was Enoch Colman there?—I don't know him.

15,387. William Yaxley?—I don't know him.

15,388. Henry Newman?—I don't know him.

15,389. Abraham Fitzgerald?—I don't know him.

15,390. Charles Nobbs?—I don't know him.

15,391. William Clarke was there, was he not?—The landlord of the house was.

15,392. Did you see young Wiseman there?—No.

15,393. Do you recollect Jeremiah Cunliffe being there?—No.

15,394. You recollect Charles Chaplin?—No.

15,395. Was Robert Brandish there?—Yes, the old gentleman who is dead.

15,396. Richard Rose?—Yes.

15,397. William Fisher?—No.

15,398. John Warren?—No.

15,399. Thomas Taylor?—No.

15,400. Benjamin Clarke?—No.

15,401. You do not recollect his being there?—I don't recollect.

15,402. Do you recollect anybody else being there?—No, only them that were not voters.

15,403. Who were they?—I recollect four of them by name.

15,404. Who were they?—Myself, Snowley, a man by the name of Cox, Mills, and another man whose name I have forgot apparently, but those are men that I know.

15,405. Do you recollect anybody coming in and giving some beer amongst the men?—Yes.

15,406. Who was that?—A shoe master, a man that is a shoemaker.

15,407. What is his name?—I should know it if I was to hear it.

15,408. Worledge?—Yes.

15,409. Did he give tickets?—I saw him give tickets to the men that I have now mentioned.

15,410. And then did you all drink the beer?—Yes.

15,411. Now, after Worledge left, did you see Hardiment come the first time?—I did.

15,412. Did he go into the bar?—Yes.

15,413. Did he say anything to the men who were there?—He was talking to several, but I did not hear him say anything; he was talking there some little time.

15,414. After he had seen them, did he say anything to you?—He never spoke to me, nor I to him.

15,415. He went away?—He did.

15,416. And came back again afterwards?—That I do not know.

15,417. Did you not see him there a second time?—No, not to the best of my knowledge.

15,418. Do you recollect Benfather coming there, and going into the bake-office?—No.

15,419. Now, remember; were you not there when Benfather came in?—So I was.

15,420. Don't you recollect Benfather coming there?—I think I saw him, but I would not swear.

15,421. Is there any doubt about it?—I never saw Benfather go backward into the bake-office at all.

15,422. However, Benfather was there?—He was, I believe.

15,423. Was he talking to the men?—Yes.

15,424. Did you hear him talking to them about the election?—About going to vote.

15,425. Did they ask him for money?—I never heard them.

15,426. What did they say to him when he asked them to vote?—I never heard him say anything to

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them about money, nor yet about anything else, only "Come and vote."

15,427. Did not they say anything to him about money?—Not to my knowledge.

15,428. Was not something said by them about money, that they wanted a day's pay, or a day's wages, or something to drink?—I never heard a word of that at all.

15,429. Did you see him give anything?—Not a farthing, or a drop of drink.

15,430. Did you see them go into the bake-office?—I did not.

15,431. Where were you sitting?—In the tap-room, or I might be standing sometimes; but I never saw him.

15,432. You know the bake-office very well?—Perfectly well.

15,433. The voters went into the bake-office, did they not, one by one?—I never saw them go in, not one.

15,434. Were you drunk?—I was not drunk, I was a little elevated.

15,435. Very much elevated?—I don't know; not such a deal.

15,436. Did you go to sleep at all?—No, not there, to the best of my knowledge.

15,437. Did you see Morse and another man go away with Benfather in a cab?—No.

15,438. You see that man Fisher there, do you not (*pointing to Fisher*)?—Yes.

15,439. Did you see him go down the yard?—No.

15,440. Did you see him go down to Brandish's?—No.

15,441. Did you see Benfather speaking to Thorpe?—No.

15,442. Did you not hear him?—No.

15,443. Now, only consider, did you not hear Benfather ask Thorpe to give his vote, and did not Thorpe say that he wanted some money?—No.

15,444. And did not Benfather say, "Come along you that have got votes," and go right back?—I did not see him go back; I heard him say, "Come along and vote."

15,445. Did they go out and vote then?—No.

15,446. Did the men go and vote?—No, not then.

15,447. They wanted something to vote?—That I don't know.

15,448. Oh, you know well enough?—I never heard.

15,449. You were there, and you heard the conversation; you must have heard what their answer was?—I never heard it.

15,450. Did you not receive some money?—From whom?

15,451. I do not ask you from whom. Now, be careful; did you not receive some money?—Yes.

15,452. From whom?—The fellmonger.

15,453. From Hardiment?—From Hardiment.

15,454. In Clarke's beerhouse?—No.

15,455. Where?—At his own house.

15,456. What did he give you?—Half a sovereign.

15,457. Was that to vote?—Yes.

15,458. What time in the day was that?—Not on the election day; it was two or three days after when he gave it to me.

15,459. You had seen him on the election day?—I had seen him, but not spoke to him, on that day.

15,460. Who had spoken to you about the half-sovereign?—Mr. Hardiment, a day or two before.

15,461. Hardiment had told you a day or two before that he would give you half a sovereign?—Yes.

15,462. If you voted for Stracey?—Yes.

15,463. Do you not know anybody else that he told that to as well?—No.

15,464. And you went down to his house to get it?—I did.

15,465. Have you not heard any other man say that he got the same from Hardiment?—No.

15,466. Where was it that you spoke to Hardiment?—Down in Bath House Yard he spoke to me.

15,467. Did he come round canvassing you then?—Yes, he and Thirkettle, his clerk.

15,468. Was anybody else with them besides?—No.

15,469. Did Thirkettle hear him say that to you?—He took my name down in his book.

15,470. Thirkettle did?—Yes.

15,471. Had he got a regular book?—He had.

15,472. And he heard what Hardiment said to you?—Certainly.

15,473. Were you very tipsy when you voted?—No, quite sober.

15,474. What time in the day did you vote then?—Between 2 and 3.

15,475. Did you see where Hardiment and Thirkettle went after they left your house?—They were not at my house, they were in the yard, and they went up the yard together.

15,476. Do you know who they went to after they saw you?—No.

15,477. Did you see who they had been to before they saw you?—No.

15,478. Did you hear anybody in the yard say that they were to have some money from Hardiment for voting?—No.

15,479. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you tell anybody else about Hardiment having promised you 10*s.*?—No.

15,480. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you hear of anyone else going to the house for 10*s.* after the election?—No.

15,481. When you went to his house did you see anybody but Hardiment, or did you see Thirkettle?—Nobody but Hardiment himself.

15,482. In his counting-house?—Alone, by the counting-house door.

15,483. (*Mr. Biron.*) Has any man told you that Hardiment gave him money for voting?—No, not one.

J. Tibbenham.

JAMES TIBBENHAM sworn and examined.

15,484. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

15,485. What time of the day did you vote?—About 3 or a little after.

15,486. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

15,487. What made you vote so late?—Business detained me.

15,488. Who do you work for?—Myself.

15,489. How many men have you got?—Not any.

15,490. Was this the first time you voted?—No.

15,491. Who did you vote for before?—Goldsmid and Waters.

15,492. Have you received anything for your vote this time?—No.

15,493. Nor the last time?—No.

15,494. Have you ever been promised anything?—No.

15,495. Has any money been left for you anywhere?—No.

15,496. Or have your rates been paid?—No.

15,497. Have you handed over money to any other persons for their votes?—No.

15,498. Or been instructed to promise money?—No.

15,499. Where were you during the polling day?—At work.

15,500. Did you not go about the town at all?—No, not to any of the houses.

15,501. You voted and went back to your work, did you?—No, sir I understood you to say before I voted.

15,502. Did you go to any public-houses?—I went to one, but there was but two men in.

15,503. Which public-house was that?—Plunkett's house.

15,504. Was anybody there?—Well, there might be two there.

15,505. Were any voters there?—I don't think there were.

15,506. Did you hear anything about money going?—No.

15,507. Did you hear anything during the day about money going anywhere?—No.

15,508. You are sure of that?—That I am sure of.

JAMES HOWARD sworn and examined. *J. Howard.*

15,509. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

15,510. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

15,511. At what hour in the day?—Between the hours of 3 and 4.

15,512. How came you to vote so late as that?—Because I was at home at work, and I could not leave off before. I had some ordered work to get in.

15,513. Did you not see anybody about voting?—No.

15,514. Did nobody ask you for your vote?—No.

15,515. Did you promise your vote at all?—Not on that day; I was canvassed for my vote.

15,516. By whom?—By some men, I don't know their names.

15,517. Did you promise your vote?—Yes, to Mr. Stracey.

15,518–9. Were you employed as check clerk?—No.

15,520. Were you not employed at all?—No.

15,521. In no way?—No.

15,522. You got nothing for your vote?—No.

15,523. Nor any promise of anything?—No.

15,524. Did you promise or give anybody else anything for having voted?—No.

ROBERT SILVEY sworn and examined. *R. Silvey.*

15,525. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

15,526. For whom did you vote?—Russell and Tillett.

15,527. At what time?—A quarter before 9 in the morning.

15,528. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.

15,529. Are you sure that you voted in the morning?—Quite sure, before breakfast.

15,530. You are returned as having voted in the afternoon; are you certain you voted in the morning?—Quite certain, sir; that is a mistake; it was a quarter before 9 in the morning.

15,531. Did you receive anything for your vote?—Not anything.

15,532. Or were you promised anything for it?—There was no promise at all made.

15,533. Were you a voter before?—Not until this last election.

15,534. Did you promise anybody anything for voting?—No, not anything.

15,535. Or pay anything?—No.

15,536. Do you know of anybody having promised or given anything for voting?—No, not personally.

15,537. Have you heard anybody say he did it?—No, only by report.

WILLIAM COX sworn and examined. *W. Cox.*

15,538. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

15,539. What time did you vote?—A quarter to 4.

15,540. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Stracey.

15,541. Who asked you for your vote?—No one.

15,542. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

15,543. What made you vote for Stracey if nobody asked you?—That is the reason I voted.

15,544. That is the reason you voted, that nobody asked you?—That was my opinion.

15,545. Where were you in the daytime?—At work.

15,546. When did you leave your work?—About 20 minutes to 4.

15,547. Had you been indoors the whole day?—Yes.

15,548. Had you not been to any beerhouse?—No.

15,549. Not once?—No.

15,550. Had you been to any public-house?—No, not until I went and voted.

15,551. Did anybody come to you to get you up to the poll?—No.

15,552. Had you been promised anything for your vote?—No.

15,553. Were you paid anything?—Yes.

15,554. Who paid you?—Mr. Hardiment.

15,555. Where did he pay you?—At a public-house.

15,556. What public-house was that?—Mr. Cartwright's.

15,557. What time in the day was that?—A quarter to 4.

15,558. How did you hear there was money going on?—I heard there was money given, and I went.

15,559. Who told you?—I do not know who it was; some men in the street.

15,560. How much money did he give you?—Half a sovereign.

15,561. It was being talked of in the street?—Yes.

15,562. Do you recollect anybody who was there, talking of it?—No, I do not.

15,563. Were there many people at Cartwright's when you went there?—Yes, it was crowded.

15,564. How was the half-sovereign paid you; did you go into a room by yourself with Hardiment, or were other people present?—Yes, there were three or four.

15,565. Do you know who they were?—No, I do not know who they were.

15,566. Did you see them taking money?—Yes.

15,567. And then you went away altogether to vote, I suppose?—Yes.

15,568. Do you know the names of the men who went and voted with you?—I cannot say that I do.

15,569. Had you ever seen them before?—No.

15,570. Had you ever seen Hardiment before?—Yes.

15,571. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you know the names of anyone in the house?—No, I do not know one of them.

15,572. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know nobody by sight except Cartwright and Hardiment?—I know the landlord of the house and Mr. Hardiment.

15,573. Do you know the others by sight?—I know the others by sight; and the man who took us to the poll.

15,574. Was Cartwright present when this money was paid?—No.

15,575. Who was present?—Some man standing in the door took us into the room.

15,576. Was that Cartwright?—No.

15,577. Do you know who it was?—No, I do not know who the man was, I am sure.

15,578. Did you see other people going into a room

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besides the three or four that were there?—Yes, several came in while I was there.

15,579. Did you hear that they were all taking money?—Yes.

15,580. How many?—Some did and some did not; some wanted more than others, and they did not get it.

15,581. Do you know at all how many there were getting the money?—No, I do not know how many there were; I saw three or four I know.

15,582. Did you hear that it had been going on before?—Not before I went into the street, I did not.

15,583. Was the money all paid in the same room?—Yes.

15,584. Which room was that?—The backward room.

15,585. Behind the shop?—Yes.

15,586. You all went round to the poll together you say?—Yes.

15,587. Did you all go to the same polling place?—Yes.

15,588. That was a quarter to 4, was it?—Somewhere about that time.

15,589. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is that the polling place immediately in front of Cartwright's?—Just by the side, by the Church.

15,590. How many did you see go up to the poll?—Three or four besides me.

15,591. Some of them were too late, were they not?—I do not know; I believe so.

15,592. You got up to the poll?—Yes.

15,593. And those who were with you got up to the poll?—Yes.

15,594. It was pretty nearly the close of the poll then, was it not?—Yes, I believe it was.

15,595. The poll closed almost immediately afterwards?—Yes.

15,596. When you went up into the street there was a goodish crowd round Cartwright's?—Yes.

15,597. And was it the talk that Hardiment or someone was in there giving money?—Yes.

15,598. Did some of them say they got it?—Yes.

15,599. And that is what attracted your attention to it?—Yes.

15,600. And as many of you got in as could?—Yes.

15,601. You got in, and then came out and went and voted?—Yes.

15,602. And the others too?—Yes.

15,603. Can you not recollect anybody else whom you saw there on that day amongst the crowd; you know it is near your house?—I cannot say I do, sir; I was there all alone by myself; I don't know that I knew anyone at all.

15,604. (*Mr. Biron.*) Have you any politics?—No, not much.

15,605. You care more for half-sovereigns?—Yes.

15,606. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was anyone with Hardiment helping to pay the money?—No, he saw the men by himself, with the exception of a man to take you into the room.

15,607. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did the others get half-sovereigns?—I believe they did.

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JOHN STAFF sworn and examined.

15,608. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A match and pill box manufacturer.

15,609. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Tillett and Mr. Russell.

15,610. Do you live at Queen Caroline Yard?—I do.

15,611. Were you at Mackley's, the "Woolpack," on the day of the polling?—No.

15,612. Not at all?—Not all the day; it is a house I never use.

15,613. You had a namesake who died the other day?—My son.

15,614. Did you get anything for your vote?—All I got was my walk to the poll and back again.

15,615. Nothing further?—Nothing further.

15,616. That was a bad day's work, a little exercise and that was all?—That was all.

15,617. Your son voted for Stracey, did he not?—I believe he did.

15,618. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) He was at Mackley's that day, was he not?—I believe he was.

15,619. Do you know what he got for his vote?—No.

15,620. Did he ever tell you?—I have asked him, but he kept it to himself.

15,621. (*Mr. Biron.*) He did not tell you that he got 10*s.* for it?—He did not tell me anything, for I was very much against it.

15,622. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) He refused to tell you anything, I suppose?—Nothing upon the electioneering affairs; he and I differed in principle; therefore he would not let me know anything.

J. Warnes.

JAMES WARNES sworn and examined.

15,623. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

15,624. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

15,625. What time of the day?—Between 3 and 4.

15,626. What was the little money that you had to vote for Stracey?—Not a farthing.

15,627. Come, now?—No, sir, no.

15,628. How came you to be so late in the day?—I did not care much what particular time I voted.

15,629. Where were you during the whole of the day?—In different places.

15,630. Loitering about?—Yes, I was.

15,631. Looking out for what you could get?—No, sir, I was not.

15,632. Then if you were not looking out for what you could get, what were you loitering about for?—For pleasure.

15,633. How many public-houses did you go into?—Not above one.

15,634. What was that?—I went into the "Oxford" just for a glass of ale, that is all.

15,635. Any other?—No.

15,636. Were you wandering about the whole day without going into any house at all but one?—Yes.

15,637. How long did you remain in the "Oxford"?—Not above five or ten minutes.

15,638. And you were wandering about over the town the rest of the day?—Yes, I was.

15,639. Why did you not go and vote?—I thought there was plenty of time for me to vote.

15,640. You knew it was of importance that people should vote early, if they felt any interest about it, did you not?—There was plenty of time for me to vote.

15,641. Plenty of time if you could get anything for it?—I never got a farthing, nor yet thought about it.

15,642. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No.

15,643. Not a soul asked you to vote the whole day?—No, not a soul.

15,644. I suppose if anybody had offered you anything you would not have refused it?—I did not want a farthing.

15,645. But if anybody had offered you something, I suppose you would not have refused it?—I would not take a farthing.

15,646. Did you not take a farthing?—No, nor yet half a farthing.

15,647. Not any money whatever?—Not a farthing.

15,648. Had you a promise of any money?—No.

15,649. Have you received any money at any time since?—Not a farthing.

15,650. Had you any bets?—No.

15,651. Had you any rates paid?—No.

15,652. Had you ever promised to vote for Stracey before?—No.

15,653. Do you know Hardiment?—No.

15,654. Do you know Wiseman?—No, that I do not.

15,655. Did you go into any of the committee rooms that day?—No.

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J. Warnes.

2 Sept. 1869.

MICHAEL GREEN sworn and examined.

M. Green.

15,656. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A weaver.

15,657. What time did you vote?—About half-past 1.

15,658. For Tillett, I believe?—I voted for Tillett.

15,659. Are you one of the organisation?—No, I do not belong to any society of the sort, and never would.

15,660. Do you know Hardiment?—Yes.

15,661. Did you see him about on the day of the election?—Yes, I did.

15,662. Did he ask you to vote for anybody?—He asked me to vote for Stracey.

15,663. Did he offer you anything?—He offered me half-a-crown.

15,664. What time of the day was it?—Between 12 and 1.

15,665. On the day of the poll?—Yes.

15,666. Where was it that he made that offer?—Not far from my house.

15,667. Where do you live?—At St. Martin's Gate.

15,668. Was anyone else there?—No, he followed me up and asked me if I would vote for Stracey, and I told him no, I should not.

15,669. Did you see him make offers to any other people?—No, I did not.

15,670. You went away then?—I went indoors.

16,671. Having refused the 2*s.* 6*d.*?—He said, "Will you vote for Stracey?" I said, "No, I shall vote for no such a man." He says, "Why not?" I said, "Why, I don't know much about that;" then says he, "What do you want?" "Want," I says, "I don't know that I want anything." He says, "We are giving half-a-crown, and you can have it if you like."

15,672. And you did not like, I suppose?—No, I did not like it.

15,673. When did you first mention that this offer of half-a-crown had been made by Hardiment?—I should say about a day or so after the election took place.

15,674. Do you recollect who you mentioned it to?—I don't know exactly; I did not keep it secret; I said it openly.

Adjourned to to-morrow at half-past 10 o'clock.

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Friday, 3rd September 1869.

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J. Middleton.

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JAMES MIDDLETON sworn and examined.

15,675. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city?—Yes.

15,676. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

15,677. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

15,678. At what time did you vote?—I think between 12 and 1 o'clock.

15,679. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

15,680. Have you been paid anything?—No.

15,681. Were you promised anything?—No.

15,682. I believe you keep a public-house?—Yes.

15,683. What is the sign of it?—The "Hope" tavern.

15,684. In which ward are you?—The eighth ward.

15,685. Did you see Hardiment in your house that day?—No.

15,686. Or Worledge?—No, I do not know him.

15,687. Or Wiseman?—No; I know Mr. Wiseman, but he was not in my house.

15,688. Neither the young nor the old man?—I do not remember seeing either of them.

15,689. Did anyone come into your house that day canvassing or in search of voters?—I do not remember any person coming except Mr. Harper and a friend or two who I do not know.

15,690. Was not young Mr. Wiseman in your house that day?—I am not aware that he was.

15,691. You were managing your business that day, were you not?—No, I was in and out of my house at different times.

15,692. But you can tell me whether Wiseman was there or not?—I do not remember seeing him. I think he was not.

15,693. Do you not remember his coming to your house during the day, and taking voters to the poll?—No, I do not remember it.

15,694. Have you not heard that he did?—No, I have not heard anything about his coming.

15,695. Who was guarding the door of your house that day?—Not any person; people could come in and out as they pleased.

15,696. Who served the customers?—Sometimes I did, and sometimes my wife did.

15,697. Had you any servant in the house?—Yes, there was a servant in the house.

15,698. Was that a female servant?—Yes.

15,699. Did she attend to the business?—I think not; we always do that ourselves.

15,700. Was there not a person who was taking care of the door at your house?—No.

15,701. Was there nobody watching there?—No, not that I am aware of. I do not think I saw anybody watching. If any persons were watching they were not ordered to do it by me.

15,702. There were a number of persons there who were not voters, were there not?—I do not think there were; there were some out and in as they usually do come.

15,703. Had you not a goodish day that day?—It might be a little better than usual, but we have customers out and in all day long.

15,704. Was all the beer that was drunk in your house that day paid for?—Yes.

15,705. On the day?—Yes.

15,706. Are you sure that you had no reckoning at the end of the day against anybody in respect of beer supplied in your house?—Not a farthing.

15,707. Had you any tickets given to you for beer?—Not one; I never saw such a thing.

15,708. Had you cards given to you with the

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names of any persons written down upon them?—No, not anyone.

15,709. Did you supply any beer?—No.

15,710. Did you see persons making bets about the election?—No; I never heard of anything of the kind.

15,711. Did you canvass people to vote?—No.

15,712. Had you been canvassed yourself?—Yes.

15,713. Who canvassed you?—I think Mr. Stracey and Mr. Wiseman came in a few days before.

15,714. Was it young or old Mr. Wiseman?—The young one.

15,715. Are you sure that young Wiseman was not in your house several times that day taking voters to the poll?—I think I might say I am sure he did not. If he did come, he came when I was absent; but I was not away long each time I was away.

J. Paice.

JOSEPH PAICE sworn and examined.

15,716. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a clerk in Gurney's bank?—Yes, I am.

15,717. Do you produce one of their books?—I do (*producing it*).

15,718. Is that the book which contains Mr. Hardiment's account?—Yes.

15,719. Did you make that account up yourself?—I did.

15,720. Will you point out, if you please, the page in which Mr. Hardiment's account appears; what we want is the last year's account?—What month?

15,721. November. (*The book is handed to the Commissioners.*) Supposing a person pays in a number of cheques or a cheque, that would only appear as cash paid in by him, I suppose?—That is all.

15,722. Have you any means of showing what the cheques were that were comprised in the item which is entered as cash in your books?—Yes.

15,723. So that if a particular sum of, we will say, 500*l.*, was paid in in half-a-dozen cheques you would be able to ascertain by your books whose cheques they were?—Yes.

15,724. Do you know who the person is who is put down as Dawson here?—No, I do not.

15,725. Have you a customer named Dawson?—I do not know. I only know the accounts that are kept in my room.

15,726. According to this account on the 18th of November he appears to have drawn a cheque in his own favour for 60*l.*?—Yes.

15,727. That would be to himself?—Yes.

15,728. Then again on the 20th there is 30*l.*, and on the 25th 45*l.*, and on the 27th 20*l.* On the 18th had he any balance, or was there a balance against him?—He had a standing credit to draw against, 1,000*l.*

15,729. A guaranteed credit?—Yes.

15,730. The last item to his credit before the 18th appears by this book to have been 632*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*?—Yes.

15,731. He paid nothing in to you between that and the 18th?—No.

15,732. Then on the 25th I see there is credit given to him for cash 51*l.* 2*s.*?—Yes.

15,733. Can you tell us of what that consisted?—I can furnish you with it.

15,734. We should be glad if you will do so, and we should like to have also the particulars as to the next item of credit on the 16th of December, 101*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* We shall also be glad if you will inform us how the 60*l.* on the 18th, the 30*l.* on the 21st, the 45*l.* on the 25th, and the 20*l.* on the 27th were paid, whether they were paid in cash or in notes?—I will get those particulars for you.

J. Allen.

JOSEPH ALLEN recalled and further examined.

15,735. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Upon the day of the election were you at all with Inspector Clarke?—No; I do not think I saw him at all that day; if I did I have no recollection of it.

15,736. Just consider for a moment, and try to remember whether you went to the "Ship," in Cowgate Street, St. Paul's?—No; you asked me that question the other day, and I stated that I had not been there.

15,737. Do you recollect hearing, or do you know of bets having been made in your presence on the day of the election?—No; I denied that the other day. I am certain I did not hear any.

15,738. Did you hear of no bets being made on that day?—No.

15,739. In your presence were not bets made by a person of five to one that the parties would not vote for Stracey, or that Stracey would not win?—No; no bet at all was made in my presence.

15,740. Did you know a man of the name of James Goldsmith, of Crook's Place?—No.

15,741. He was a person in your employment, I believe, or in the employment of Mr. Clarke?—No, I do not know Goldsmith, of Crook's Place.

15,742. Did you know a person named Goldsmith?—Yes; a farmer.

15,743. Do you recollect any money being given or promised to him for his vote?—No.

15,744. Did you see a man named Stamp on that day?—Not that I recollect.

15,745. Do you know a person of the name of Townsend, a shoemaker?—Yes.

15,746. Did you give him anything on the day of the election?—Not on the day of the election. I gave him a sovereign, I think, a day or two days before, but not on the day of the election.

15,747. What did you give him a sovereign a day or two before the election for?—It was partly to pay him; he had run a lot of messages for me; he was at the first ward.

15,748. Connected with the election?—Yes, he was running about, and he had posted up some of the *Will o' the Wisp* placards, and it was also for some beer for himself and one or two. He said they were all going to vote early in the morning.

15,749. Can you tell me the names of those men who Townsend said would poll early?—No, I do not know who they were.

15,750. He is a shoemaker himself?—I believe so; he belongs to the militia as well, and he is an active man, living in Pig Lane.

15,751. He voted at this election?—He did.

15,752. In which ward?—In the first ward.

15,753. Do you know a person named Traxton?—Yes.

15,754. What is his Christian name?—Edward, I think it was.

15,755. He lives, I believe, in the Close?—Yes.

15,756. And he has been very active about the election, has he not?—Yes; he is always an active man.

15,757. Did you give him anything for his services?—Yes, some months after the election. I do not exactly know when.

15,758. About when?—It was some time this year.

15,759. Did you give him a sovereign?—I think it was over a sovereign, but I am not certain as to the amount; he made a sort of bill out, and I said, "I do "not want a bill," and then he said he was all that money out of pocket. He did not charge for his own

expenses; and rather than the man should lose it I paid him.

15,760. He made out a sort of bill. Was that for any payments that he had made to anybody?—I think so, and I fancy he had been in various public houses and given beer. I told him I did not want a bill. He gave me a bill, and I burnt the bill.

15,761. Had you anything to do with hiring some men who were assembled at Mr. Clarke's on the day of the election?—No; you mean Inspector Clarke?

15,762. Yes.—No; I had nothing to do with that.

15,763. Do you know of a number of men who were furnished with cocked hats made of the colours of Sir Henry Stracey, and who paraded the town?—I believe there was a procession of some kind. I believe he paid that.

15,764. Do you know who arranged that?—I fancy that he arranged it entirely.

15,765. Mr. Clarke?—Yes.

15,766. You took no part in it?—No; he might have mentioned to me that he was going to do it some days before.

15,767. But you had no active management of that?—No.

15,768. Do you recollect paying any other sum (now that you have had time to reflect upon it) in respect of the election?—I think there is one man of the name of Tadman, or some name like that, that I gave a sovereign to, some time after the election; where he lives I do not know.

15,769. Is he a voter?—No, he is no voter, but he had been working hard that day, and he was out of work. He had no vote, I fancy.

15,770. Did you pay him for any purpose connected with the election?—He had been busy running about several days.

15,771. Did you pay him with a view that he might hand the money over or share it with anybody else?—This was after the election.

15,772. Did you give it to him on account of his having given any money or beer?—I thought it likely that he might have given a glass of beer away.

15,773. Did he tell you that he had done so?—I did not ask him any questions. I knew that he had been busy, and he said he wanted some money.

15,774. What did you give him?—I gave him about a sovereign.

15,775. Do you know of any other persons who did the same sort of thing as you had done yourself with regard to these cases?—No, I do not. I think that most of the gentlemen were afraid of doing anything of the kind, and they kept the money themselves.

15,776. You were engaged upon the former elections, I suppose?—One former election.

15,777. There was very considerable corruption at that election, was there not?—I understood so.

15,778. Was that the election of 1865?—It was Mr. Waters' election.

15,779. Was money expended to a very large amount?—I do not know the amount. Mr. Hulme stated the other day that he had 70*l.* or something like that.

15,780. Did you know, or have you heard from anybody, anything of the funds that were provided for the purposes of the election?—I know that some had money to distribute.

15,781. Do you know who provided those funds?—Mr. William Kitton. I believe he was the person who generally managed that.

15,782. Was that upon your side?—On our side.

15,783. And who on the other side?—Mr. William Wilde. I think he was alive then.

15,784. He is dead since?—Yes; he and his sons used always to do a great deal, and Mr. O. D. Ray.

15,785. Had you any securities in your possession by which monies were raised for the purposes of the election in 1865?—Yes.

15,786. What was the amount of those securities?—I forget; it was somewhere near 1,000*l.*, I think.

15,787. Who deposited those securities in your hands?—I think I received them from Mr. Waters, and cashed them, and handed a certain sum to Mr. Kitton. They were cashed at Harvey's bank, the shares were sold, and I drew out 500*l.*, either the day before or two days before the election, and that was handed over to Mr. William Kitton, and he disbursed it, how I do not know, but the rest went for regular expenses.

15,788. For legitimate expenses?—Yes, entirely so.

15,789. 500*l.* was paid to Mr. Kitton for sinister purposes, we will say?—Very likely it may be supposed so.

15,790. Do you know of any other sum beyond that having been paid over to Mr. Kitton for that purpose?—No; I do not think there was any more, unless he provided it himself.

15,791. Who deposited the securities with you?—I think Mr. Waters himself asked me to get them cashed.

15,792. He gave them to you in order that you might raise the money as you thought proper?—Yes.

15,793. And you took them to Harvey's bank and cashed them there?—Yes.

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM HUMPHREY sworn and examined.

C. W. Humphrey.

15,794. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A cabinet maker, manufacturer, and joiner.

15,795. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

15,796. At what hour in the day did you vote?—At 20 minutes to 12, as near as I can say.

15,797. Were you canvassed for your vote?—No; I always voted Conservative; no one came nigh me at all. I went there alone by myself.

15,798. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

15,799. Were you promised anything?—Never in my life. I always voted for the party.

LEGGETT COBB sworn and examined.

L. Cobb.

15,800. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

15,801. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I did.

15,802. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

15,803. What are you rated at?—7*l.*

15,804. What time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock.

15,805. Had you been canvassed?—Yes; I had been canvassed a few days previous to that.

15,806. Who canvassed you?—One of the young Straceys was one. I do not know who the other was.

15,807. Who was with him when he called upon you?—I do not know, but I think young Wiseman was with Mr. Stracey, and there was three or four came in at the time.

15,808. Do you know Hardiment?—I do know the man.

15,809. Did he call upon you?—No, he never came near me.

15,810. Did you promise your vote when you were canvassed?—No, I did not; but I had voted for Mr. Stracey before.

15,811. Where?—At East Norfolk.

15,812. How came you, if you had voted for him

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before, not to promise him then ?—I did not intend to vote at all.

15,813. What induced you to change your mind ?—I do not know ; we do change our minds sometimes. I am not crazy like some people about electioneering. I did not care whether I voted or no.

15,814. Did anybody make it worth your while to vote ?—No, I never took a bribe, not even a glass of beer, in all my life.

15,815. Did you receive anything for your vote ?—No, and I never was offered anything.

15,816. Were you promised anything ?—Never in my life. I never had an offer made to me in my life, and I have voted at many elections.

D. Beck.

DANIEL BECK sworn and examined.

15,817. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A tailor.

15,818. Did you vote at the last election ?—I did not vote at all.

15,819. Had you a vote ?—Yes.

15,820. Were you asked to vote ?—Only by a voter coming to my house and asking me if I would go and vote.

15,821. Where were you all the day ?—I was in my garden all the forenoon, and at dinner time this man called upon me.

15,822. Were you at any public house ?—Only one.

15,823. Where was that ?—The "Marquis of Granby."

15,824. Were there a good many people there ?—I suppose there might be 20 or 30.

15,825. Was there a good deal of beer going ?—I did not get any. I saw half a gallon or perhaps a gallon ; I should not like to say which.

15,826. Did they ask you to vote ?—They asked me whether I would vote.

15,827. And what did you say ?—I said I do not know what I may do yet.

15,828. How long did you stop there ?—Ten minutes or a quarter of an hour.

15,829. What were you waiting there for ?—I was waiting for a man who was to come up to my house after a pony I had to sell.

15,830. Do you recollect who the men were that you saw at the "Marquis of Granby" ?—I cannot call many of them to my mind. I do not think I could mention more than one or two.

15,831. Give us their names ?—It was a man named Thompson that came and called upon me.

15,832. Did you see Hardiment there ?—No ; if I saw the man I did not know him.

15,833. Did you not know him then ?—I did not know the man if I saw him there.

15,834. Did you not hear when you were in the house that the price of votes was 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—No ; I never heard any money mentioned.

15,835. Did they not talk about money being paid ?—They said that if I waited there would be some money ; that is all I heard about it.

15,836. And you waited ?—No, I had a little deal, and thought I could earn more at that than at the other.

15,837. They knew where you lived ?—Yes ; I lived next door to this "Marquis of Granby."

15,838. I suppose you stood about outside after that ?—I stood against the gateway.

15,839. How long did you stop there ?—I might wait, perhaps, till about 2 o'clock.

15,840. What became of you then ?—I went away, and went along with the man I was dealing with.

15,841. Who was that ?—Brown.

15,842. At what time did you go back to the "Marquis of Granby" ?—I never went back there that night.

15,843. Where did you go then ?—I went home.

15,844. You found a good many people in the street, I suppose ?—I did not find but very few people when I went home.

15,845. There were a good many people about the door, were there not ?—Not about his door.

15,846. Did they not at that time tell you that there was a little money going ?—No, only what I have stated.

15,847. Not the second time when you went back to the place ?—No.

15,848. There were more people when you got back the second time, were there not ?—I did not go back.

15,849. How was it that you did not vote at all ?—It was so late, the man closed the book ; that was the way of it. I was along with a man after a deal, and when I went to vote it was too late ; they had closed the books.

15,850. How was it that you made up your mind just at 4 o'clock, and that when you went to poll it was too late ?—I had made up my mind before, but I could not get near the polling place at half-past 2, and so I went away with this man, and had a deal with him, and then returned again.

15,851. Where was that ?—On St. Paul's Plain.

15,852. Why did you not go and vote instead of going home ?—I did not leave home till 2.

15,853. And you said you went back ?—I went back at night after they closed the books.

15,854. How much did you get for your vote ?—Nothing ; and I never was offered anything ; I never saw or heard of any money.

15,855. To whom did you promise your vote ?—To no one.

15,856. Who asked you to vote ?—Mr. Thompson, or some such name.

15,857. Who did he ask you to vote for ?—For Tillett.

15,858. You could not then make up your mind ?—I told him that I had not made up my mind. Of course I was after my employment. I never run after electioneering.

15,859. Was anything said to you about being paid if you voted ?—No ; he said he was sent to gather up a lot of people, all he could, and that he had no doubt but what it would be right.

15,860. At the "Marquis of Granby" was not anything said about money for voting ?—No ; I never heard anything of that kind inside the house at all. A man called me out of my door and told me about it.

15,861. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You say you went up to vote, and found you were too late ?—Yes.

15,862. Was the polling place close to your own house ?—No, I went into Magdalen Street the second time.

15,863. How far is that from your own house ?—About a quarter of a mile.

15,864. There was a polling place close to you ?—Yes ; I went there at half-past 2 o'clock, but the place was very full and I went away, and then I went with this man and had a deal, and when I left him I went to this other polling place.

15,865. You did go up to the polling place at half-past 2 ?—Yes.

15,866. Was there such a crowd about the polling place that you could not get up to poll ?—Yes, there was a great crowd indeed.

15,867. What polling place was it where there was so great a crowd ?—St. Paul's Plain.

15,868. For whom were you going to vote ?—I was going to vote for Tillett.

15,869. You had Tillett's card in your hand, had

you?—I had a paper from both parties sent to my house.

15,870. Which card did you take with you to the poll?—I had them both with me; they were both in my pocket.

15,871. Did you show either of them?—No, I had not the means of getting near.

15,872. Did you tell the people there which way you were going to vote?—No; I was not near enough to vote.

JOSEPH PAICE recalled and further examined.

J. Paice.

15,873. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How do you find that the cheque for 60*l.* was cashed?—We cannot tell. We cannot see without the cheque, the cheque Mr. Hardiment has. It may have been cashed in notes or in gold; we cannot tell, our books do not show it.

15,874. And does the same thing apply to the other cheques?—With regard to those cheques we do not take any account how they are paid.

15,875. If you pay them with your own notes do you enter the number of the notes?—No.

15,876. If you give Bank of England notes you do, I suppose?—No.

15,877. Then there are no means by which you can inform us in what money those cheques were paid?—Not now, because Mr. Hardiment has the cheques.

15,878. The cheques are returned to the customer, are they?—Yes.

15,879. With regard to the sums that were paid in, can you tell us of what they consisted?—51*l.* 2*s.* was a cheque on Oakes, of Stowmarket, drawn by Webb and Son, payable to himself, and the other cheque was drawn by J. and J. Hephnenen and Son on Glyn's, payable to himself.

15,880. Are those the only two sums?—Those are the only two sums you inquired about. You wished to know whether it was his practice to cash his cheques in notes or specie; he does it in both ways according to the amount. If it is 50*l.* or 60*l.* it would be notes, but if a less sum in gold.

15,881. His practice was to draw small sums in gold?—Yes, generally.

15,882. Whether that was so on these occasions or not you cannot tell?—No.

15,883. He may even have got half-sovereigns without your knowing it?—Yes.

GEORGE HEWETT sworn and examined.

G. Hewett.

15,884. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

15,885. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Tillett.

15,886. At what hour in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

15,887. Why did you not go up sooner?—Because I was about my work, and could not get done before.

15,888. Were you at Clarke's beerhouse?—No.

15,889. Were you not there at all on the day of the polling?—No.

15,890. Did you see Hardiment that day?—I saw him about St. Martin's.

15,891. Were you not in any public house that day?—Yes, the "Garibaldi."

15,892. Did Hardiment come in there?—No.

15,893. Did Hardiment ask you to vote?—No.

15,894. Did he say anything to you about voting?—No.

15,895. Do you live at New Buildings, St. Martin's?—Yes.

15,896. Do you know George Barber?—Yes, he is next door.

15,897. Have you ever told him that Hardiment gave you 7*s.* 6*d.* to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and that you took it and voted for Tillett afterwards?—No; I did not get 7*s.* 6*d.* from him.

15,898. From whom then did you get it?—From Freestone.

15,899. He gave you 7*s.* 6*d.* to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and you took it and then went and voted for Tillett?—I did.

15,900. Where were you when he gave you the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Inside the Chapel opposite St. Mary's Church.

15,901. Was anybody with you?—No; he pulled me in, and gave it to me.

15,902. Did you see him give anybody else anything?—No.

15,903. Did you see Hardiment give anybody anything?—No.

15,904. Do you know any man who got anything for voting?—I do not know anybody else.

15,905. Did Barber get anything?—I do not know whether he got anything or not.

15,906. He did not tell you?—No.

ROBERT GEORGE BARNES sworn and examined.

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15,907. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

15,908. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

15,909. At what time in the day?—At about half-past 3.

15,910. What made you vote so late?—Because I had to finish my work before I went and voted.

15,911. How far do you live from the polling place?—About half a mile.

15,912. Had you not been out all day?—No.

15,913. Did you go to any public house that day?—Not before I voted.

15,914. What public houses did you go into afterwards?—I went to several.

15,915. Did you go to the "Woolpack"?—No.

15,916. Did you go to the "Oxford" or the "Fishmongers' Arms"?—Yes.

15,917. Any others?—Yes, several more. I went to the "Rose."

15,918. Did you go to Cartwright's?—No.

15,919. To Clarke's beer shop?—No.

15,920. To the "Marquis of Granby"?—No.

15,921. Who paid for your drink at these different public houses?—I paid for it myself.

15,922. It must have cost you a good deal of money then?—No, you may go into a good many public houses for 1*s.*

15,923. Who canvassed you?—No one.

15,924. Had you been promised anything?—No; I always had voted a Tory, and for that reason I voted this time.

15,925. You had voted at other elections?—Yes.

15,926. How many?—Three or four.

15,927. Were you promised anything for your vote?—No.

15,928. Not your rates?—No; I voted a free man.

15,929. Have you made promises to anybody else?—No.

15,930. Or been the means of getting money for anybody else?—No.

15,931. Have you had anything?—No.

15,932. Who did you go to the poll with?—I went by myself.

15,933. Did you hear of any money going that day?—No.

15,934. When did you first hear of money going?—I never heard of any at all.

15,935. I suppose you heard it afterwards, did you not?—I heard some people talk of it afterwards.

15,936. Do you know Hardiment?—No.

15,937. Or Wiseman?—I know Mr. Wiseman.

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15,938. Did you ever talk to him about the election?—No.

15,939. Did you see him at or near the time of the election?—No.

15,940. Had you seen Worledge?—No.

15,941. Did you know him?—Yes, I know him.

15,942. How lately before the election had you seen Worledge?—It might be several weeks before the election. I passed him in the street.

H. W. Cartwright.

HENRY WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT sworn and examined.

15,943. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican and shopkeeper.

15,944. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

15,945. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

15,946. At what time in the day?—At half-past 8 in the morning.

15,947. After voting, did you go back to your shop?—Yes.

15,948. During the day were there a lot of voters in your place?—That I cannot say.

15,949. Were there a lot of men there?—I cannot say.

15,950. Why not?—Because I was taken very bad with spasms and cramps that I am subject to, and went upstairs before 10 o'clock in the morning, and was obliged to get into bed.

15,951. Were you in bed all day?—I was till 3 o'clock in the day.

15,952. Did you send for any doctor?—No, I did not send for any doctor. Dr. Hutchinson is my doctor, but I did not send for him, because I am so often taken that way that I know what to do.

15,953. You got better by 3 o'clock?—It was after 3 o'clock. It was some time after 3 before I could get downstairs.

15,954. When you did get downstairs, were there a lot of men there?—Yes.

15,955. Can you give me their names?—No.

15,956. Can you tell me some of their names?—I do not know any of their names; they were all strangers to me. Mine is only a very small place of business. I am more in the general line than in the public line.

15,957. Can you not give me the name of any one who was there?—I saw Mr. Hardiment there; he was there when I came downstairs.

15,958. What did you see him do?—I saw him in my room.

15,959. Was he paying men money?—Yes, he was.

15,960. How many men did you see him pay?—I am sure I cannot tell you, for I was out and in the room, and I cannot say.

15,961. How long was he doing this; half-an-hour?—He was there till near 4 o'clock.

15,962. Can you give us a notion what number of men you saw paid?—If I were to try to tell you I should tell an untruth. He might pay 10, 12, or 14, or he might pay 15.

15,963. Or perhaps 20?—Perhaps it might be 20, but I was not in the room all the time.

15,964. When it got towards 4 o'clock, did he borrow anything of you?—Yes.

15,965. What did he borrow?—I lent him five sovereigns. I am not sure whether it was three sovereigns and 2*l.* in silver, or whether they were all sovereigns; but I think it was three sovereigns and 2*l.* worth of silver.

15,966. Has he paid you that back again?—Yes, he paid it me back the next morning. He gave me a 5*l.* note the next day morning.

15,967. Can you not give me the name of any man who was there?—I am so little out that I hardly know those that come to my shop, what I call regular customers. I am so much of an invalid that I cannot get out much. I am suffering from paralysis and cannot get out often.

15,968. Were not any of these men your regular customers?—No; they were all strangers to me. Excitement is a very bad thing for me with my infirmity.

15,969. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) There was a considerable crowd about your house, was there not?—I did not look outside. I did not attempt to go outside.

15,970. Surely you can tell me whether there was not a considerable number of men coming in and out of your house?—There was a good many came in and out.

15,971. Your door was open, and you could see outside?—My door was open certainly.

15,972. And you could see who were there?—Yes, of course there was a lot of people hanging about.

15,973. Did you hear them ask for money?—I cannot say that I heard them ask for money. To speak the truth I cannot say that.

15,974. Hardiment was there paying money?—He was paying money when I came into the room.

15,975. Had your wife lent him any money before that time?—I never heard her say so. She had too much to attend to in the other part of the business.

15,976. Has Hardiment ever paid you anything besides the 5*l.*?—Never in my life. He never treated me even to a glass of ale. I never had a glass from anybody.

15,977. Did you hear any persons afterwards speak about having received money from Hardiment there?—No.

15,978. Or about anybody else having paid them money?—No.

15,979. Do you know of anybody else having paid money that day?—No, I do not. How should I when I was upstairs.

15,980. Was Hardiment actively engaged paying money the whole time you were downstairs?—I was out and in the room, and could not see everything.

15,981. Were the men going in and out?—They were going in and out.

15,982. How many men should you say went in and out while you were there?—There might be 10, or 15, or 20. I cannot say how many there were.

15,983. Do you know Charles Miller?—No, I do not.

15,984. He was a publican in the Market Square?—I do not know him any more than I know you.

15,985. Do you know a man of that name who at one time had the Cremorne Gardens?—No, I do not know him.

15,986. Did you pay any money to any voter on that day?—No; I never took anything in my life, or paid anything away in my life. I only voted twice in my life.

15,987. Was there any beer given away in your house that you know of?—Yes.

15,988. Who gave it away?—I was paid for it by Mr. Hardiment.

15,989. How much?—I think it was 9*s.* 10½*d.* I think that was the amount for glasses and bread and cheese and biscuits.

15,990. Given away that day?—Different people had it, and told me to put it down to Mr. Hardiment.

15,991. Do you know when that order was given?—That I do not know. I cannot tell you that, because my wife when I came downstairs had got it on a piece of paper.

15,992. Was there a considerable amount down on the paper when you came downstairs?—No.

15,993. Was there a good deal added after you came down?—If I had not destroyed the paper I might have told you, but as it was settled, I put the paper on the fire.

15,994. I want to know what proportion of the entire amount had been supplied before you came

downstairs?—I am sure I cannot tell you. It is a thing, I assure you, I never kept in my head at all.

15,995. Did you hear of any votes being bought for Tillett?—No.

15,996. Did you see any person who was inquiring about votes for Tillett?—No, I did not.

15,997. Or did you see any person who you had reason to believe was buying votes for Tillett?—I could not, because I was not downstairs till the time I tell you.

15,998. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Had Hardiment been to you before the election about this?—Yes; he was a customer of mine.

15,999. Had he been in your house a day or two before the election?—I am sure I do not know. I cannot recollect.

16,000. Did anybody canvass you or ask you to vote?—I was not at home when they came. I believe both parties came, both Tillett's and Russell's party, and Mr. Hardiment and Mr. Stracey, and others.

16,001. Did Mr. Stracey ever come to your house?—I was not in the way, and so I cannot tell you.

16,002. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see Mr. Stracey about with Hardiment?—I do not know him.

SAMUEL CLARKE sworn and examined. *S. Clarke.*

16,003. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I believe you are an inspector of nuisances for this city?—I am.

16,004. You were a very active man, were you not, in support of Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—I have heard it reported so, and I admit that I took very active steps.

16,005. You voted, I suppose, for him?—I did so.

16,006. I do not suppose you ever took a bribe in your life, or thought of taking one?—No, nor I might say did I bribe anyone.

16,007. Follow my questions, and I will give you full opportunity of saying whatever you please. You recollect, do you not, that a number of persons were provided for the show of hands?—I do not recollect that. I was at breakfast at the time, and I came out, I think, about half-past 8 or 9.

16,008. I am speaking of the show of hands, the day of the nomination.—I have heard in this Court that there was a show of hands provided for the Radicals.

16,009. You know as well as possible that I am not speaking about the Radicals.—I am here to give you the fair and honest statement of all I know.

16,010. You know as well as possible what I was asking you.—You said a show of hands.

16,011. I asked about a show of hands on the nomination day. Do you know of anybody provided on your side for the show of hands?—Certainly not. I heard with some little disgust, after an arrangement that there should not be a show of hands on either side, that there was on the Radical side a show of hands provided for. I had nothing whatever to do with it. I was at home.

16,012. Did you take any part with regard to providing persons for the show of hands on the Conservative side?—Certainly not.

16,013. Did you provide or arrange for a number of persons who attended next day?—No.

16,014. Do you know of a number of persons having been provided, and coming from your place the next day?—No.

16,015. Do you know of a number of persons who were dressed up with cocked hats?—No. I will explain that if you will allow me.

16,016. Very well.—I read this morning in the *Norfolk News*—

16,017. Never mind that.—I may have to allude to other papers.

16,018. Do not go on with that.—I will give it you in detail, as you wish me to tell you. You asked me about persons with cocked hats. I read in the supplement to the *Norfolk News*, and it may be in other papers, or perhaps the shorthand writer here may have got it, that there were a number of rough individuals coming out of my house or my son's office in Redwell Street dressed up in cocked hats, and that they were in my employ. That was a statement by Mr. Morgan. I will merely say, I do not wish to put any preface to it, or use any stronger language, than saying it is a lie. They did not come out of my house, and they were not employed by me. They might have surrounded my office, but I had nothing in the slightest degree.—I will give you an explanation if you will allow me.

16,019. Where is your son?—He is now in Canada.

16,020. Was your son residing in your house?—He was.

16,021. Had your son an office in Redwell Street?—He had.

16,022. How far is that from your residence?—I should say pretty well nearly half a mile.

16,023. Could you see his office from your house?—No, I could not.

16,024. Would persons passing from his office come by your house?—No, they would not.

16,025. If they went in either direction, would they not come by your house?—No, they would not.

16,026. How far was your son's office from your office?—About 50 yards.

16,027. In which direction?—Up a sort of alley by the side; there is the main street, then the office is up an alley in the main street.

16,028. I suppose persons coming from your office might pass your house?—I think not.

16,029. They could not pass your house?—There is a passage that very few people know of; but they would not come that way. The general traffic is the street.

16,030. There is a passage by which they could come to your house?—There is a passsage by which they might come past if they knew of it.

16,031. Did you see any persons that day with cocked hats made of Sir Henry Stracey's colours?—I saw some men in the street with orange hats and decorations on the breast, and I also saw a number of men with Tillett's colours in the same street.

16,032. I am not asking you about that. I assure you we know or shall learn everything about Tillett.—That is your opinion.

16,033. Did you see a number of men come by your house with those colours and those hats on?—No.

16,034. Did you see them nowhere in the neighbourhood of your house?—I saw one or two parties in the street, that I had not the slightest to do with, whatever.

16,035. Your son was then residing in your house, was he?—Yes, he was.

16,036. Do you know from him that he paid those men?—No.

16,037. Do you know from him that he arranged with those men that they should come to his office?—No; I arranged with the men to come to his office.

16,038. When did you arrange for the men to come to his office?—At the time when there was an intrusion upon his occupation by Mr. Wilde.

16,039. How many days was this before the election?—That I cannot say exactly; one or two days I think.

16,040. How many men did you arrange with to come to your son's office?—Two.

16,041. No more than two?—Oh, I did not arrange with any, and I would save you time if you would allow me to give you an explanation as to how exactly it occurred. I happened to put on a poster "Vote

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" for Stracey " on the outside of this office that my son was a tenant of Mr. Wilde, and a sort of drunken clerk that he had came down there and attempted to pull it down. I said I should not allow that, but he afterwards insisted upon it, and came and broke the door open and took possession of my son's office, and pulled the bill down out of the window. I said " This is not proper treatment to my son ; as he is " a minor I have a right to protect him and I shall " do so." A man of the name of Carter happened to pass at the time. I called him in and said " Carter, " I want you here to protect this room and stop any- " one from interfering here," and he did so.

16,042. Who is Carter?—I think he lives at Catton.

16,043. What is he?—I don't know exactly. He is not one of the smoothest of men nor one of the roughest. He was just such a man as I should pitch upon to throw out such a drunken reptile as this fellow that got into my son's office that had no right to be there ; and I put him out, and I afterwards made the application.

16,044. You spoke to Carter to throw out a " reptile " ?—Yes.

16,045. Who was the other man to whom you spoke ?—I did not speak to any other.

16,046. Did you ask Carter to provide any other ? —I think I did say " If you find anyone else, bring " him here."

16,047. That was one or two days before the election ?—Yes.

16,048. Did not you think that a police officer would have afforded you a little better assistance than a man of that sort ?—Certainly not.

16,049. Was there any question about the occupation of this place ?—There was, so far as my son was in possession and this was an intrusion.

16,050. You told him to procure, if he could, another person. Did he ?—One other.

16,051. Who was that ?—I think his name was Lombe.

16,052. Where does he live ?—Somewhere down in Lambeth, some part in London, at the present time.

16,053. Were you at your son's office the day of the nomination ?—No, I was at home, at my usual avocation.

16,054. Were you there upon the day of the election ?—I think not.

16,055. You " think " not ?—I might say not.

16,056. Were you at David Houghton's house on the day of the election ?—I think I was there on the evening of the election.

16,057. Were you there on the morning of the election ?—I believe not.

16,058. Would you undertake to say that you were not ?—I think I might swear that I was not. David Houghton is a particular friend of mine.

16,059. I want to know whether you will swear that you were not ?—I will swear to anything that is correct. It is quite possible I might be there, but I don't remember.

16,060. Is your memory so defective as to what occurred on the day of the election as not to recollect that ?—My memory is retentive enough to know that I won't give evidence falsely.

16,061. Do not put that on me. Is your memory retentive enough to know whether you were there on the day of the election ?—It is possible.

16,062. Anything is " possible " of that sort. Do you believe you were there ?—I do not believe I was.

16,063. You won't swear you were not ?—I could almost swear that I was not.

16,064. Were you there upon the nomination day ? —No.

16,065. Not at all ?—No.

16,066. That you will swear ?—I will swear that I was not there. I did not go up to town till after the nomination was over.

16,067. But will you swear you were not at Houghton's house on the election day ?—To the best of my knowledge I will swear that I might.

16,068. " Might " ?—After taking one over several months, and then to come into court to ask him if he was in a man's house, as Houghton is a friend of mine, or any other house, to ask me if I was there, I might say I was not there ; any house, I don't care which house I was in. I challenge anybody to say I was guilty of any practices with regard to bribery or intimidation whatever.

16,069. Do not you know that a number of men were collected at Houghton's house ?—I don't know that.

16,070. Did you see no men at Houghton's house ? —No, I did not.

16,071. Did you not hear that men were collected at Houghton's house ?—No.

16,072. Did you ever pay any money to any men who were collected at Houghton's house ?—I paid several lots of men money, and it might be, I believe, I started a band from Houghton's house one night.

16,073. Tell me the first lot of men you paid ?— That I cannot remember.

16,074. Tell me the second lot of men you paid ?— I cannot, if you were to ask me whether it was half a dozen or a dozen times that I made my payments.

16,075. Tell me the third lot of men that you paid ? —I cannot tell you. It might be one night I took them into Houghton's house to pay them, and perhaps gave them some beer after the very great fatigue they had had.

16,076. You paid men for their " fatigue " on the day of the election ?—I did.

16,077. Did you pay men for their " fatigue " on the day of the nomination ?—Certainly not.

16,078. Which was the first day on which you paid them for their " fatigue " ?—That I cannot call to mind.

16,079. Do you mean to say that you have paid men money for " fatigue " which they undergo at elections so often that you cannot tell me when it happened ?— Sir ?

16,080. Really, do reflect ?—I don't wish you to say that. It is not necessary for you to refresh my memory. It is not the first court of justice I have been in. I hope I can bear an oath as well as I can bear a cross-examination, but I would say this, whatever I have paid I have paid it away, but as to the days, whenever they might have been, I cannot call to my mind. It is over, and it has gone from my mind.

16,081. What was the " fatigue " at the election, whether on the nomination or on the polling day, for which you paid these men ?—Neither the election nor yet the nomination day.

16,082. When was it then ? — Previous to the election.

16,083. Now you recollect that it was previous to the election ?—I had said so, only you put questions upon me so.

16,084. Upon what occasion ?—I paid them for going round along with the band, in carrying banners, torches, and that is all, banners and torches.

16,085. How long was that before the election ?— I should think it might be perhaps a week before.

16,086. Who was the head of the men whom you so paid ?—Oh, I paid them indiscriminately as they came. I had plenty of applications.

16,087. You can tell me the names of those persons whom you so paid ?—They are a very peculiar lot of gentlemen, I thought you would ask me that question. I will give you a list of some of them.

16,088. Perhaps you will give me a list of the whole ?—That would take all my time.

16,089. Was there a great number ?—There was.

16,090. To how many would they amount ?— Perhaps they would amount to 50.

16,091. What did you pay them ?—Well, I paid them according to their substance and value.

16,092. How much did you pay them on the whole?—I was very indiscreet. I paid my money out of my own pocket.

16,093. What sum did you pay on the whole to those 50 men?—I should think not more than 2*s.* each.

16,094. Then you would pay 5*l.* to the 50 men. Would you undertake to say that is all you paid?—I would not, because there is a lot of loafers and hangers on. Your hand is pretty well always in your pocket.

16,095. What did you pay during the election to loafers and hangers on?—That is a very difficult question to answer, and I won't undertake it.

16,096. Give me the best information you can?—I cannot answer it beyond this, I paid them at the rate of about 2*s.* each.

16,097. Were there no more than 50 loafers and hangers on whom you paid. You said that was for a different class of men, as I understood you?—I paid about 50, I think.

16,098. Altogether?—I should think so.

16,099. Not more?—I should think not.

16,100. Men indiscriminately picked up or men that you knew?—No; they indiscriminately came to me.

16,101. You have a list there. Look at it and tell me how many there are upon it?—Eight.

16,102. Are eight all you can tell out of 50?—That is all I can remember at present.

16,103. Do they happen to be persons not one of whom is a voter?—I think there is not a man amongst them that is a voter.

16,104. I thought not. Now will you tell me, out of those 50, how many are voters?—I cannot tell. I don't believe a single one.

16,105. Can you tell me their names?—Yes.

16,106. Give me their names?—I will give you them directly. I took a copy. (*The witness hands a paper to the Commissioners.*)

16,107. Are these all the names with which you can furnish me—seven out of 50?—Yes.

16,108. Will you swear that?—I swear it.

16,109. That these are all the names with which you can furnish me?—I ran it over in my mind, and they were the best lot I could remember uppermost in my mind.

16,110. You undertake to swear that you do not remember the name of a single other one?—I will undertake to swear that I do not. I remember those men.

16,111. Do you mean to say you did not pay more than 5*l.* altogether?—Oh, yes; I paid for a band.

16,112. What is the whole sum which you have paid out of your pocket for matters connected with or immediately preceding the election?—I would answer that in saying that I have not paid a single penny to bribe a single individual.

16,113. I do not ask you that.—I will answer you.

16,114. I ask you what is the amount?—I cannot tell. I never took any account.

16,115. Do you mean that you cannot approximately tell me what is the amount which you paid for matters connected with the election?—I cannot tell you that, and I should be a blockhead to attempt it, because I don't know.

16,116. Was it 100*l.*?—It might have been, and it might have been less.

16,117. It might have been 100*l.*, might it?—I should think nothing approaching it.

16,118. Will you swear it is not?—I won't swear to anything but what I know is the truth.

16,119. That is the refuge of a person who is evading a question.—I don't wish to evade.

16,120. I want to know what is your belief?—I believe I spent a lot of money out of my own pocket, but as to that amount I cannot tell you what it is, and if you wish to extract from me more than the truth I am not prepared to say that.

16,121. Do you mean to swear that you cannot tell me whether it was 100*l.* or 200*l.*?—I did not say anything about 200*l.*

16,122. Can you swear that?—I said it might be 100*l.*, or it might be less.

16,123. Might it have been more?—No.

16,124. But how much less than 100*l.* you will not swear?—I should think perhaps 20*l.* or 30*l.*, as near as I can say.

16,125. Will you tell me, inasmuch as it may have been 100*l.*, for what you did pay. We have got 5*l.* to these 50 men?—I will give you the best explanation I can, but you must understand there was a band w nt round.

16,126. Quite so. What did you pay for the band?—Well, I got put into the county court by one of the men. He was not satisfied with what his master paid.

16,127. I am not asking about one of the men?—If you would give me notice of the question I could answer it.

16,128. You knew that we were going to ask about these men, and what you paid them?—I expected you to ask about the men, but not as to the whole of the details.

16,129. You know you were coming here to be examined about any expenditure connected with the election, and whether it was properly or improperly expended?—I knew I had spent money out of my own pocket, and I felt that I had a right to do that.

16,130. You paid 5*l.* for these 50 men according to your account, and you said you paid for the band. Now tell me what you paid for the band?—I will tell you, as near as I can, without looking at the receipt.

16,131. Have you got the papers that will show you?—Not here.

16,132. Can you get them at your house?—I don't know that I can.

16,133. According to your recollection, what did you pay for the band?—I should think somewhere approaching 4*l.* or 5*l.*

16,134. That is getting up to 10*l.*?—Yes.

16,135. Now what other sum did you pay?—Then there was the hire of banners.

16,136. What did you pay for the hire of banners?—That I don't know.

16,137. Of whom did the band consist?—Do you mean the individual members?

16,138. Who was the leader of the band?—I think his name was Tuddenham.

16,139. Where does he live?—That I don't know.

16,140. He is a well-known man, I suppose?—Yes; they talk of "Tuddenham's band." I don't know whether it is Tory, Whig, or Radical.

16,141. When did the band go round?—Upon several occasions.

16,142. On the day of the election as well?—No; the Radical band went round on that day.

16,143. Your band did not go round that day?—No; we kept quiet.

16,144. Did it go round on the day of the nomination?—The nomination? That I am not exactly quite prepared to say. I think not.

16,145. Will you undertake to say that it did not?—I will not undertake to say whether it did or did not; but I think not.

16,146. For how many days before the election did it go round?—Oh, very little time.

16,147. I want to know how long?—It could not be long, because our candidate was not announced more than 10 or 12 days before the election.

16,148. How many times?—Four or five times.

16,149. What was the next sum that was paid by you?—I might pay for drink.

16,150. How much?—That I don't know.

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16,151. To whom did you pay that money for drink?—I think we started out of Crook's Place. We went to the "Trumpet." We went round the town and stopped at different places.

16,152. What sum of money did you pay at these public houses?—That I cannot swear.

16,153. Will you swear you do not know?—I will swear I don't know it.

16,154. Have you no idea?—No idea. I had a lot of loose papers.

16,155. Within 20*l.*?—Oh yes, more than 20*l.*

16,156. Just tell me then?—I put my hand in my pocket and spent money, and I cannot tell how much.

16,157. You mean to stand there and tell me that you cannot say within 20*l.* how much you spent?—Well, I cannot. I put the money into my pocket, and I took it out as I went round, and I asked them to drink at the different houses.

16,158. I ask whether you can tell me within 20*l.*?—I have told you that I have no idea.

16,159. Did you keep any banking account?—No.

16,160. You keep no banking account?—I don't know that I have a right to answer that.

16,161. You are bound to answer it?—Well, then, I say that I do.

16,162. Have you no means by which you can inform me what money you put into your pocket those days?—No, I have not.

16,163. Have you no memoranda in your diary or cash book as to monies which you paid?—I did not. I will swear upon my oath which I have sworn.

16,164. You paid that at public houses. Was that all paid before the day of the election?—All before the day of the election, and all out of my own pocket.

16,165. Will you tell me what other sum you paid?—I do not recollect paying another penny piece.

16,166. 5*l.* and 5*l.*, and what you paid at public houses, you mean to say constitute every sum you paid before or after the election?—Yes.

16,167. Did you not go to public houses upon the day of the election?—No.

16,168. Were you at no public house in this city on the day of the election?—Not to canvass any voter.

16,169. I am asking you whether you were in any public house?—I should think I was.

16,170. In what public houses were you on that day?—Well, I don't remember a single one, because I drove round the town. I might call at one and at another and have a glass of ale.

16,171. Is it your habit to drive round the town, calling at different public houses, so that the circumstance of your doing so would make no impression upon your mind?—It would not be my habit generally to drive round the town and go into public houses, but on the election day I drove round the town on purpose to see how things were going on; but if you ask me which house I called at to get a glass of ale, or which house I stopped at, I should think I would be a great blockhead to attempt to tell you that which is impossible for me to tell you.

16,171*a*. Will you undertake to swear that you were not at several public houses on that day?—I will undertake to swear that I did not stop at any public house beyond taking what refreshment I thought proper, and that in a very limited space of time.

16,172. That is not the question I put to you. I put to you this, whether you did not on the day of the election call at several public houses?—I say no, then.

16,173. Did you call at one?—I should think I did.

16,174. Will you undertake to swear that you called at one?—Oh yes, I will swear that.

16,175. Did you call at two?—Perhaps I might.

16,176. Did you?—I should think I did.

16,177. Have you any doubt that you did?—I have no doubt that I did perhaps call at half a dozen.

16,178. May you have called at a dozen?—No, I should think not; certainly not.

16,179. Will you undertake to swear you did not?—I did not call at a dozen, or if I did I did not drink at them.

16,180. Will you swear that you did not call even at 11?—I will swear that.

16,181. Will you swear that you did not call at 10?—I will swear that.

16,182. Did you call at nine?—Supposing I say I called at eight houses, and you hunted up, or the commissaries of this court should find that I went into nine houses. I cannot answer to one.

16,183. According to the best of your belief were you at nine public houses?—No, I was not.

16,184. Do you believe you were at eight?—I believe I went to several, but as to the number I cannot say. I was not there with any corrupt practice.

16,185. You seem to be terribly afraid of corrupt practices?—I am not afraid of them.

16,186. I am only asking you what you were doing on the day of the election?—Driving round the town.

16,187. For what purpose?—Looking after things in the same way as other individuals.

16,188. Looking after voters?—No, I was not.

16,189. Did you apply to any men to give their votes on that day?—No.

16,190. Did you not ask any persons to give their votes on that day?—No.

16,191. Did you not speak to any persons requesting them to go up and vote on that day?—I spoke, I should think, to hundreds of people. I spoke in the market place when they would not listen to Tillett.

16,192. You know very well that I am not speaking of the public market. I am asking you whether you spoke to individuals, and asked them to go up and vote for Stracey that day?—No.

16,193. Not to a single individual?—Not one.

16,194. Do you know a man of the name of Walks?—No, I don't.

16,195. Do you know a person of the name of Thomas Shorten?—No, I do not.

16,196. Do you recollect being on the Walk that day?—I might have been. I think it is very probable I might.

16,197. Do you recollect making a bet on the Walk?—No.

16,198. Will you undertake to swear that you did not make a bet on the Walk?—Yes, I will.

16,199. Did you not bet a pound to a shilling with a man there that he dare not vote for Stracey?—I will swear I never did anything of the sort.

16,200. Did you not make a bet with a man about voting for Stracey?—No.

16,201. Did you make any bet?—No. There was plenty of chaff and talk, but beyond that——

16,202. Do you know a person of the name of Sexton?—Yes, Robert Watling Sexton, I remember.

16,203. Do you know James Sexton?—No.

16,203*a*. Did you make a bet of 5*s.* with that person?—I said at the first not a single penny piece passed my hands.

16,204. Did you make a bet with someone?—No, certainly not.

16,205. Did you give Sexton 5*s.*?—Not a penny piece; nor anyone else. I spent my own money, perhaps indiscreetly.

16,206. Do you know a public house called the "Tuns"?—Yes.

16,207. Were you in at the "Tuns" upon that day?—No.

16,208. Did you give any man at or near the "Tuns" 5*s.*, or any sum of money that day?—No, I can assure you, not a penny piece.

16,209. Were you at the "Ship," in Cowgate Street, that day?—No.

16,210. Will you undertake to say that you did not go into the "Ship"?—I will swear I did not.

16,211. Will you undertake to say you did not go into or were not in the "Ship" on that day at 3 o'clock?—I will swear I did not.

16,212. Nor at any time that day?—Nor at any time that day.

16,213. Nor near it?—Nor any house near it.

16,214. I will not say any *house* near it?—Well, any passage.

16,215. Were you near that house about 3 o'clock on that day?—No; I might drive through the street.

16,216. Did you pay for any drink for any man near that house?—No.

16,217. Did you not drink some ale at that house on that afternoon?—No.

16,218. Do you know a person of the name of Stamp?—No, I do not.

16,219. Did you hear any man on that day making bets of 5 to 1 about Stracey's election?—No, I did not. I beg your pardon, I think it is quite possible I might hear that. There was lots of talk.

16,220. Where did you happen to hear of bets being made of 5 to 1 on Stracey's election?—I don't know. There was plenty of that talk all over the town.

16,221. Do you recollect where you heard it?—No, I don't.

16,222. Did you hear bets of 5 to 1 made to men that they would not vote for Stracey?—No, certainly not. Most emphatically I say that.

16,223. Nobody did so in your presence?—Not in any shape or form.

16,224. Do you recollect ordering two gallons of beer for some men on that day?—No.

16,225. Did you arrange with a man of the name of Stamp that he was to have a pound a day for his services?—I do not know anyone by the name of Stamp.

16,226. Did you arrange with no man that he was to have a pound a day for his services that day?—Not anyone.

16,227. Do you know James Goldsmith, of Crook's Place?—I do.

16,228. Did you give him anything to vote?—No. He is one of the men that worked for the Board of Health, and they all of them, I believe, voted in the same way that I voted.

16,229. Did you give him the promise of any money?—I neither gave nor did I promise him anything, nor any man.

16,230. Now let me go back to these persons who were about your son's office. You directed or at least told the man that he might get another man to come to your office; and he got another man?—Yes.

16,231. Did you see them at your son's office?—I did.

16,322. On what day?—I think it was a day or two before the election.

16,233. Were they there on the polling day?—No, I think not. I think it was all settled before that time.

16,234. Will you undertake to say they were not there on the polling day?—I think not.

16,235. Carry your memory back and answer this. Will you undertake to say they were not there on the polling day?—I cannot recollect. It might have been, but I think not. I think it was a day or two previous to this election.

16,236. You do not recollect that they were there on the day of the election?—That I do not.

16,237. Your son, you say, was residing in your house. Do you know of his having paid any money to any man upon the day of the election?—No, I do not.

16,238. Or for services upon the election day?—No, certainly not.

16,239. Do you know of his having arranged to do so?—No, he is absent from here, though he is not absent because he might not be called upon this inquiry. He has not paid a penny piece.

16,240. Do you know of your son having paid any money for any services upon that election day?—No, certainly not.

16,241. Have you yourself paid any man or men for services upon that election day?—No. I am upon my oath, and I have not.

16,242. Upon the polling day?—No, I have not.

16,243. Do you not know that a number of men were at your son's office dressed up on the morning of the polling day?—Certainly not.

16,244. Have you not heard it before?—I have heard it. I have seen what Mr. Morgan, the great centre of the organisation, said yesterday.

16,245. Have you not heard that some men were collected at your son's office?—They were not collected there.

16,246. At Houghton's?—No, they were in the street at a house a little higher up. There were Radicals dressed with blue and white, and the others were dressed with orange and purple; but they had nothing whatever to do with me or my son at the office.

16,247. Do you not know that there were a number of men collected at Houghton's?—No; I do not know that.

16,248. Have you not heard it?—No, I have not.

16,249. Have you not paid Houghton for any beer?—Not a penny piece.

16,250. Has Houghton made any claim upon you for beer?—Will you allow me to correct my answer? I did pay some men who went round with the band.

16,251. I am speaking upon the election day?—No, not a penny piece.

16,252. Have you not paid Houghton for any beer supplied to any person upon the election day?—I have neither paid nor promised payment.

16,253. Has Houghton made any claim upon you?—No.

16,254. Have you offered him any money?—No, I have not offered him money or anything whatever.

16,255. Did he make any claim upon your son?—No.

16,256. Have you not heard from your son that he ordered some beer?—No, not a penny piece. He ordered no beer.

16,257. You say you were driving about the whole of the election day?—Yes.

16,258. From what place to what place did you drive?—I went from one part of the city to another. I went to the extremes, from one extreme end of the city to the other.

16,259. Over and over again?—No; perhaps I might have done that.

16,260. What were you driving about all the time for?—I took an interest to see how the election was going on.

16,261. Was it merely by driving about from place to place to see how the election was going on that you exerted yourself?—It was; I had no money.

16,262. I am not speaking about that.—I want to correct as I go along; it might appear if I did not give an answer that I was going about, and was bribing.

16,263. Everybody has had full opportunity of explaining, and you shall have the same. Do you mean to represent that you were driving about simply for the purpose of ascertaining how the election was going on?—It was.

16,264. And for no other purpose?—No other purpose whatever.

16,265. Not for getting up voters?—No.

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16,266. Not for canvassing voters?—No, nor yet spending any money.

16,267. I will come to spending money presently. —You may go on as you like. I tell you I had nothing to do with anything connected with corruption or bribery.

16,268. I want to know whether you were going about collecting voters?—No.

16,269. Or calling upon voters?—No.

16,270. Or trying to get voters to come up?—No.

16,271. You represent, as I understand, that you were simply driving about to see how the election was going on?—Yes; that is a faithful interpretation of what I want to say.

16,272. Do you mean to say you have paid no person whatever for parading the streets on the election day?—No.

16,273. Did you engage, employ, or pay any man whatever for parading the streets on the election day? —No, I think not. I am not exactly sure of that, whether I had the band out that day. If I had, I should admit it, but I believe I had not on the election day.

16,274. I am speaking of the polling day.—Yes, I mean the election day. I think not. If I had I would say so at once, but I do not think I had.

16,275. You except the band?—I say I do not remember whether I had the band out on the election day or no, but I think not.

16,276. With the exception of the band?—I had no one else.

16,277. With the exception of the band, will you undertake to say you did not engage, employ, or pay any men for parading the streets on the election day? —I will swear that I did not. I paid a man to ride about with me, a man who was rather, you might say, rough and uncouth, but at any rate he was just such a servant as I wanted that particular day, and I paid him 2*s.* or 3*s.* to ride round with me.

16,278. Who is he?—His name is Brooks; I believe he is a professional pugilist.

16,279. What made you employ him on the election day?—I knew there was what they call the organisation, and I had seen quite sufficient to make me think it was hardly safe for anyone to travel through the streets unless they had some little protection along with them, that is, if they had a mind to see how the election was going on.

16,280. Did you drive about all over the city with this professional pugilist all day?—Not all day.

16,281. What part of the day did you employ him? —When I had perhaps to drive through where a number of men were assembled opposite to any particular place, for instance, we will take the *Norfolk News* office, Mr. Tillett's paper; going through there you got hissed on each side. There were a lot of men assembled there, and if you had not got some little protection with you you might get turned out of your cart.

16,282. Did you drive about with this professional pugilist for the purpose of your protection?—Yes, I did, and I think Mr. Schneider did the same when he came here.

16,283. Did you employ any other professional pugilist?—I believe I did not on that day.

16,284. On what day did you?—That I cannot say. Perhaps it might be a week or 10 days.

16,285. Did you go about canvassing?—No.

16,286. You never canvassed?—No, I never canvassed beyond this, if mine was canvassing: I went and spoke at several places in several parts of the city, but I did not canvass a single individual. I did the same as Mr. Tillett.

16,287. For what purpose did you employ this other professional pugilist?—That was when we went round the town with the band, and so on.

16,288. Did you not employ him for anything but parading with the band?—No, no violence.

16,289. How many professional pugilists did you employ for that purpose?—I only know two.

16,290. Not having spoken to or canvassed any man for his vote on the day of the election, I will ask you the general question, did you at any time pay any man any money to vote at the last election?—No.

16,291. Did you promise any man anything to vote at the last election?—No.

16,292. Neither money nor anything else?—No.

16,293. Employment or anything else?—No, certainly not.

16,294. Have you paid anything for anybody?—No.

16,295. Did you make any bet with anybody respecting the last election?—No.

16,296. Have you paid the rates of anybody to induce them to vote at the last election?—No.

16,297. Have you paid the rates of anybody?—No.

16,298. Do you know of any money having been paid, or of anything having been given to anybody to vote at the last election?—I do not. Mine was independent action. I had nothing whatever to do with anybody else.

16,299. You do not know of anybody having done it?—I do not.

16,300. You have heard of it, I suppose?—Oh yes, there has been plenty of rumour about.

16,301. On the day of the election did you hear of it?—No, I did not.

16,302. Upon the day after the election?—No.

16,303. Do you know of anybody having promised to give anything?—No, I do not.

16,304. Or having made any bet upon the last election?—Not in any shape or form, either directly or indirectly, neither by payment of money, or promise, or anything whatever. I am here upon my oath, and I hope I know what an oath is.

16,305. Do you know of anybody having provided, or paid for, or given any beer on the day of the last election for the purpose of giving it to voters?—No, I do not. I would give you any information you ask me for, but I cannot state that which is untrue.

16,306. Do you know of anybody having done so to any voter's wife?—No, I do not.

16,307. Did you take an active part in the election of 1865?—No, this is the first election that I ever took part in.

16,308. Were you a voter at that time?—No, I was not.

16,309. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) About these 50 men that you paid at the rate of 2*s.* apiece, was it done independently by you or in concert with any other person? —I am here upon my oath, and I swear it was paid out of my own pocket, without any concert and without the knowledge of any individual whatever.

16,310. You have never been repaid?—No.

16,311. Do you look to anyone for repayment?—No, I do not.

16,312. Have you ever asked anyone for repayment?—No, I have not.

16,313. You say you picked these 50 men up yourself?—Yes.

16,314. And you only know the names of seven of them?—Yes.

16,315. Did you not know them then?—No.

16,316. There were 43 men of whom you were perfectly ignorant?—Yes.

16,317. Therefore you did not know whether those 43 men were voters or not?—No, I should think not. I do not think there was a single voter.

16,318. But you did not know the names; therefore how could you tell out of 13,000 electors whether they were voters or not?—I should think not.

16,319. Do you not know that if you were paying men of whom you knew nothing, and who might therefore be voters, you, as a friend of Sir Henry Stracey, were really vitiating his election?—I should

think the class of men that took that 2*s.* never could be voters.

16,320. You did not make it your business to ascertain about these men?—I did not make any bargain; they came up promiscuously; and I believe there was not a single one a voter.

16,321. When you were driving round the town on the day of the polling, did you go into any committee room?—No.

16,322. Did you have no conversation with any persons who were working the election?—No, I did not go to any committee room or use any influence.

16,323. Is your mode of independent action to go and make a speech at the corner of a street assisted by a pugilist?—You may put that construction if you like upon it.

16,324. Did you drink at any public houses?—No.

16,325. Did you pay for anybody's drink?—No, I went and made a speech amongst as respectable men as Mr. Tillett made his speech amongst.

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16,326. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you engaged at the last election?—Yes.

16,327. Was that the first time you have been engaged?—No, the second.

16,328. In what way were you engaged?—As manager of the eighth ward.

16,329. Who appointed you manager?—I was appointed at the "Swan" hotel by Mr. Fisher, the grocer, in an open room. They nominated me. I am a representative of the first ward, but I live in the eighth ward, and he done it of his own accord. He wished me to be the manager of the eighth ward.

16,330–1. Were you appointed at a meeting of the Conservative party?—Yes, exactly.

16,332. Was that at the central committee room?—Yes.

16,333. Do you recollect who were present at that meeting?—200 people, I should think, altogether. Do you mean who was the chairman?

16,334. Who were the principal persons, the managers of the party?—Mr. Patteson was the chairman.

16,335. Do you recollect any of the Bignolds being there?—Not one.

16,336. You managed on the nomination and election day everything in the eighth ward?—Yes.

16,337. Can you tell me who formed the committee in the eighth ward?—Mr. Abel, a rent collector, living in St. Martin's; Gent, a plumber and glazier; Dowson, a plumber and glazier; Lake, and Booth, and Hardiment; that is all.

16,338. What public house did Booth keep?—He keeps the "Shakespeare," opposite St. George's Church.

16,339. Did you manage the filling up of the cards on the election day?—Yes.

16,340. Before the election day did they canvass?—Yes.

16,341. Did you receive as manager of the eighth ward the returns of the canvassers?—Yes, three hours, from 10 to 1.

16,342. You attended three hours in the day?—They were canvassing the first day three hours, from 10 to 1.

16,343. How many days did they canvass?—Only the next day.

16,344. Were those days the Friday and Saturday?—Yes.

16,345. Who canvassed in the eighth ward?—There was Mr. Dowson; Mr. Hardiment was there, and Mr. Edward Stracey.

16,346. Did he canvass with Mr. Hardiment?—Yes.

16,347. Did they make returns to you of the result of their canvass?—Yes.

16,348. Did you enter them upon copies of the register?—No, there were three or four little memorandum books.

16,349. Look at these (*handing a number of memorandum books*)?—These are all too good writing for them. There were only two or three; Hardiment had one and Dowson another.

16,350. What became of the books that they had?—I handed over everything to Mr. Chittock.

16,351. Including the canvass books?—You scarcely could call them canvass books.

16,352. Did you tick off upon any copy of the register the result of their canvass?—No.

16,353. You left that for Mr. Chittock?—Yes, exactly.

16,354. There were three books sent back to Mr. Chittock?—I should think they were Hardiment's, Dowson's, and Abel's. Hardiment had his the next day, and went upon his own account canvassing.

16,355. Did Thirkettle canvass also?—I think so. He was clerk in the committee room at that time.

16,356. With whom did he go?—He was appointed as clerk, and sent down by Mr. Chittock as clerk, and we fell out almost every evening with Hardiment. He done everything contrary to my wishes, and all of us, in fact, and so we said, "Why do you not go "about your business, and attend to what you "promised to do?" And he said, "I will, if any-"one will go with me." And Thirkettle, my clerk, said, "I will go with him, to see if he will do any-"thing;" and he went the second day till 12 or 1 o'clock with Hardiment.

16,357. How many days did they canvass?—Two pieces of days.

16,358. Friday and Saturday?—Yes, that is it.

16,359. Was anything done on Monday?—No.

16,360. Tuesday was the election day; did Hardiment come to the room that day?—Yes.

16,361. What time in the morning?—I should think a quarter before 8; from half-past 7 to a quarter to 8.

16,362. Were you in the committee room the whole of that day?—Yes.

16,363. When did Hardiment go out?—I do not think he stopped half an hour.

16,364. Who were there in the early part of the morning besides Hardiment? Mr. Lake?—Yes; he was one.

16,365. Was Mr. Dowson there?—Yes.

16,366. Was anybody else there?—Booth.

16,367. Did Sir Henry Stracey come to the committee room at all that day?—No.

16,368. Did Mr. Edward Stracey come?—I did not see him once.

16,369. Reflect, you have been examined before, you know?—Yes. You ask me whether Edward Stracey came to my committee room; I believe not.

16,370. Did Hardiment return after he went out in the first instance?—Yes.

16,371. What time did he return?—I should think it must be about half-past 10.

16,372. What did he say then?—He said there was a horse and dog cart outside, and he was going to take it to see what he could do. I think it was

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Edward Stracey's dog cart, his servant was with him, and Hardiment went away with this same dog cart and horse.

16,373. Did Hardiment say what he was going to do when he went away?—No.

16,374. When did he return again?—I would not be positive, but I think it was a quarter to 9 at night.

16,375. Did you not see him at all at your place that day?—Certainly not.

16,376. So that what he did you know nothing about?—Certainly not, not an atom.

16,377. You recollect, do you not, a communication being made to you from Doctor Allen?—He came personally.

16,378. Did he tell you anything about money?—Yes.

16,379. What?—No, he did not; he said, "Call "at my house, and go upstairs, and you will find "something on the table for you."

16,380. Is that all the communication he made to you?—That is everything, he was off before I was; he left my committee room before I did.

16,381. Did he not say to you what you were to do with it, or anything of that sort?—Not a word.

16,382. Had you received any communication before that about what was to be done with money, or anything of the kind?—I never supposed there would be a farthing; we were going on well up to a quarter past 3, without spending one farthing or a glass of beer.

16,383. Are you not aware of any suggestion having been made before that time for paying money?—Certainly not.

16,384. Are you sure of that?—I am positive, on my oath, none in my ward, and I never stirred to hear about others. Calvert Street was a very quiet street.

16,385. Did you go to Dr. Allen's?—Yes.

16,386. What did you find on the table?—A bag with half sovereigns.

16,387. How many did it contain?—200 half sovereigns.

16,388. I suppose you understood what the object of that was?—Yes, of course, that is easy done.

16,389. What did you do when you received it?—I got back as quick as I could.

16,390. Had you learnt at that time that you had not been going on very well, that the majority was against you?—Till he came, I had not heard a syllable, nothing at all.

16,391–2. When you got the bag with the 200 half sovereigns in it what did you do?—I began distributing of it.

16,393. To whom did you distribute them?—My son 25*l.*, Richard Green 20*l.* 10*s.*

16,394. Where does Richard Green live?—He did live at St. Miles' at that time. I sent for him to come and speak to me three or four days ago, and they told me he was a plasterer at a new bank in Bristol.

16,395. Did you pay that money to Green in the presence of anybody?—I gave it to him in three different instalments.

16,396. How came you to do that; did he go and distribute one, and then come in and ask for another?—Yes.

16,397. Did he tell you what he had done with the two first instalments?—Afterwards he did.

16,398. You first gave him one instalment; how much was that?—That was 8*l.* 10*s.*

16,399. Did he come in and say he had exhausted it?—Yes.

16,400. Did he tell you what he had done with it?—On one side of St. Miles' Street, all those that were usually bribed; he named one or two of them, but I have forgotten them.

16,401. Should you be able to remember the names if they were read to you?—Yes, I think I should one or two.

16,402. If you went to the spot could you not furnish me with the names?—I do not know more about the place scarcely than you do, though I live in St. Martin's.

16,403. He mentioned to you the names of persons who lived there to whom he had given money?—Not till afterwards, when he was waiting to be heard before Baron Martin. He says, "There is one," pointing to him, but whether he was called or not I cannot recollect.

16,404. What was his name?—I do not know; Tom somebody, but I cannot recollect it.

16,405. He told you at that time he had spent it upon one side of this place?—Yes.

16,406. That was 8*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

16,407. What did you give him when he said that?—Then I gave him 7*l.*

16,408. What did he tell you he had done with that?—He had expended that and more, and wanted me to make it up 5*l.* more.

16,409. Where did he say he had expended it?—All in that parish.

16,410. Whereabouts?—St. Michael's Coslany; that only extends from St. George's parish to St. Martin's Church.

16,411. Did he tell you the names of the persons to whom he distributed it?—No.

16,412. It is a very small parish is it?—Yes.

16,413. (*Mr. Biron.*) He asked you for 5*l.*, which you gave him?—Yes.

16,414. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Then did he go away?—Yes.

16,415. To whom else did you give any money?—I gave 2*l.* 10*s.* or 3*l.* 10*s.* to Daniel Keddington. He lives in Gildengate Street.

16,416. What time in the day did you give it to him?—It was all the same half hour.

16,417. What time did you get to Doctor Allen's?—At 3 o'clock.

16,418. To whom else did you give any money?—Mackley, not Thomas, but Richard.

16,419. What did you give him?—I should think it was 3*l.* 10*s.* certain, but I believe it was more; and then I gave Edward Dowson, who has been before you, 3*l.* 10*s.*

16,420. Were these sums given for the purpose of paying voters to induce them to vote?—Yes, certainly, there is no doubt about that.

16,421. Did you give anything to Lake, the baker?—Well, I firmly believe I did, but I cannot swear to it.

16,422. What do you believe you gave him?—I believe it was 3*l.* or 3*l.* 10*s.*

16,423. Did you give anything to Mr. Gedge?—No, certainly not. I forgot to tell you he came backwards and forwards to my committee room casually several times, but never dreamt of a farthing, none of us.

16,424. Is that the manner in which you disposed of a portion of the 100*l.*?—Yes.

16,425. Did you pay any more of it away to any voters?—No.

16,426. You retained that in your hands?—Yes; there was not time, or else it would have been all gone.

16,427. Did you do this in the committee room?—Yes.

16,428. Do you recollect in the course of that day, either before or about that time, any conversation taking place with regard to the payment of money to voters?—Previous to 3 o'clock?

16,429. Previous to receiving the money?—Not an idea at all, not a single one; quite the contrary.

16,430. After that, was there not an idea of paying voters, and was it not spoken of in your committee room?—From what time?

16,431. Between 3 and the closing of the poll.—We did it.

16,432. I mean independently of this money?—Let me understand you—

16,433. Was there not any talk with anybody else?—By me to anybody else?

16,434. In your hearing was not there a conversation with anybody else?—No, there was no one there to talk with anybody of any particular importance, except what I have named to you.

16,435. Do you not recollect a person coming in and saying there was a voter who wanted *5s.*, and his speaking to certain persons, and their saying, "Let him have it"?—I only recollect one man coming in and speaking openly the whole time, and that was a little chap, groom to Mr. Snowden, next door to Dowson's.

16,436. What did he come in and say?—He came in and asked for Dowson; he was gone out, and he went out and found him, I believe.

16,437. What did he say?—He asked for Mr. Dowson; he did not come in. I do not recollect anybody else coming in, except bullies and blackguards, and we had hard work to keep them out.

16,438. What did this man say?—He only asked for Mr. Dowson.

16,439. Was not anything said to him about *5s.*, or anything of that sort?—No, I did not talk to him at all.

16,440. Was anything said in your hearing about it?—No, not a word, we had plenty to do us five or six.

16,441. Do you not know of any money being provided for the payment of anything of this sort except that 100*l.*?—I did not believe there would be ever a farthing up to that time; we went to work with that determination and thought and knowledge that there would not be a penny. Certainly not, and I wish he had kept away, we were going on very well; Allen I mean.

16,442. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) There was a little money going about in small sums in different parts of the town?—I never left my place.

16,443. Did you hear where that came from?—Being what they term "manager" I never saw anything of it. I was shut up there, and filled up every ticket with the assistance of a gentleman they sent down.

16,444. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) They took care you should not know anything?—I could not. I would tell you anything I knew, I have no one to fear, and I would tell anybody else in the city, it is no trouble to me.

16,445. Did you see Clarke, the inspector, that day?—No, not at all, not once.

16,446. He did not come into your committee room?—No, we were a deserted lot; our eighth ward was deserted barring Allen, and I wish he had kept away. I never saw Clarke or anybody else.

16,447. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Clarke had been a working man on your side?—So I heard; he was very officious.

16,448. Do you not know anything of his proceedings?—During the election day?

16,449. Before the election.—He was rather patriotic I thought. I do not go out in the dark, and when the wind blows in the east I am obliged to keep at home.

16,450. Have you not heard what part Clarke took before the election?—No, I was in a different part of the city.

16,451. As a party man you might ask something about it?—I am not a party man.

16,452. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you ever hear from Hardiment that he got any money for the purpose of paying voters?—I have not spoken to him since.

16,453. I am speaking about that time?—I quarrelled with him every day. I do not speak to him and he does not speak to me now, he quarrelled the morning he went away. He came there and interfered with everything and knowed nothing.

16,454. You never had any conversation with him about voters?—Since, do you mean?

16,455. At that time.—No, not a word at all, nor yet since nor yet before; no conversation either pro or con, neither one way or the other.

16,456. Can you give the names of any persons to whom this money was given by the persons to whom you gave it?—The four or five I have told you of?

16,457. Yes.—Not one.

16,458. Did you ever return or make any inquiry as to how it had been disbursed?—No, not in one instance.

16,459. No account was ever given to you directly or indirectly?—Not at all, it is not usual.

16,460. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did the men tell you the number of voters that they had got up?—No.

16,461. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You left it entirely to them?—Yes; it is an unusual sort of system this.

16,462. Had you been engaged upon prior elections?—No, I engaged myself in one.

16,463. Which was that?—Waters'.

16,464. Do you know of money being spent at that election?—Yes.

16,465. Was it spent very largely?—No.

16,466. Did you receive any money to pay away then?—Yes.

16,467. What money did you receive?—50*l.*

14,468. Did you pay it away?—Yes.

16,469. Every bit of it?—Oh yes, and a good deal more of my own.

16,470. In paying voters?—Yes.

16,471. How much more?—I should think it was 47*l.*

16,472. More than the 50*l.*?—Yes.

16,473. That was 97*l.*?—Yes; do you wish to know why it is I think I had to spend that?

16,474. Why did you spend it?—I will tell you, there was the same then as this time, always people looking out for number one. There was 200*l.* debited to the eighth ward, and at all events Wiseman only saw 100*l.* of it.

16,475. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) 200*l.* was said to be laid out?—Yes.

16,476. And you only saw 97*l.* of it?—100*l.*; 50*l.* was taken by me, and 50*l.* by the other gentleman with me.

16,477. Who was that?—Mr. Lake.

16,478. Who gave that money?—I do not know; it was brought down to the committee room.

16,479. Who brought it down?—I did not see it come. I did not know it was there till Lake called me.

16,480. Lake showed it to you?—Yes; that was at Waters' election.

16,481. Were you ever concerned in any other election?—No.

16,482. (*Mr. Biron.*) I do not understand this business. You say 50*l.* was brought down?—No, 100*l.*; 50*l.* to Lake and 50*l.* to me.

16,483. Did you and Mr. Lake lay out more than the 100*l.*?—I laid out only 50*l.* of it, but I anticipated receiving some of the other.

16,484. Was your 50*l.* and Lake's 50*l.* laid out in the ward?—Yes.

16,485. Was any money besides that laid out in the ward?—Yes, some of my own.

16,486. How much of your own?—47*l.*, anticipating having some of the other 100*l.*, but it never arrived, or if it did I never see it.

16,487. They said 200*l.* had been sent in to your ward?—So I heard.

16,488. In fact, according to your knowledge only 100*l.* arrived?—That is the truth.

16,489. Was that 147*l.* disbursed in the payment of voters in the ward?—Yes.

16,490. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you get your 47*l.* back again?—No.

16,491. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you never had it back again to this hour?—No.

16,492. Did you ask anybody?—I never knew who

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to ask. Waters' had left. I took an interest in him, I nominated him.

16,493. Troubled waters, I fear?—Yes, it was indeed. I never knew who to ask. I got into a muddle in the matter one way or the other.

16,494. You were 47*l.* out of pocket by that election?—Yes, that is it.

16,495. Do you know of any other sums besides those three of 50*l.*, 50*l.*, and 47*l.*, being laid out in your ward at that election?—There was no more certainly.

16,496. Do you know who provided that 100*l.*?—No.

16,497. It was merely sent down to your ward, and where it came from you do not know?—No.

16,498. (*Mr. Biron.*) As I make it out these men Keddington, Dowson, and Lake were men you would trust to buy up voters?—Yes, exactly.

16,499. How was it you did not give them larger sums, because you only seem to have given 14*l.* amongst them?—They told me that they had got them near to the poll, and I said "Come back again "as quick as you like."

16,500. Take Keddington first; did he say he had got seven voters?—I did not see him the second time.

16,501. Did he say to whom he was going to pay the money?—No.

16,502. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) How much ahead?—10*s.*

16,503. (*Mr. Biron.*) How came you to give him 3*l.* 10*s.*?—There were seven voters.

16,504. He said he had got seven voters?—Yes.

16,505. Was that the case with Mackley?—I do not wish to make any further remarks. I live in rather a hot parish. He is what you will call him, the same as his brother.

16,506. I cannot take that, you must give me some answer; what made you give him 3*l.* 10*s.*?—I thought it was as much as he could be trusted with at a time, the poll was close by.

16,507. Then Dowson, 3*l.* 10*s.*?—That is all he asked me for.

16,508. Did he ask you for 3*l.* 10*s.*, saying he had got seven voters?—Yes, he came direct with those words.

16,509. And Lake, how was it you only gave him 3*l.* 10*s.*, because he is a different stamp of man?—He did not trouble about going after voters much; you might ask him what he done with it.

16,510. Why did you give him only 3*l.* 10*s.*?—He might ask for it. I would not be on oath that I did give him 3*l.* 10*s.*, or that it was not more.

16,511. You said your memory was not clear about it?—It was at that time.

16,512. But it is not now?—No.

16,513. The result is that you have got over 40*l.* left, so that will pretty nearly pay back the 46*l.* 10*s.* which you were out of pocket for Waters' election?—I do not know about that.

16,514. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you go and speak to these men or did they come to you?—No, they came to me.

16,515. Somebody must have communicated to them that you had money?—No, they were at my committee room; it was their ward.

16,516. Did you tell them that you had got money then?—They knew that I left for five minutes to go and get it.

16,517. How would they know?—They would pretty nearly guess. Mackley is a rare electioneerer.

16,518. They would guess you had gone for money?—Yes; no doubt about that.

16,519. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) At that time of the day?—Yes.

16,520. It was an understanding on their part arising from the circumstance of your having gone out and come back again?—Yes, no doubt about it; they would telegraph it.

16,521. They were watching you?—I do not know about that; they would soon learn it.

16,522. A man looks different when he has 100*l.* in his pocket?—I cannot say about that. I hope I have satisfied you that I have told you everything I know.

16,523. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of any sums of money being paid to any other voters?—No, I cannot say I do. I do not think that there is any other.

16,524. Do you recollect any?—No, not one.

16,525. Did you pay anything yourself?—No, not a farthing, not a 6*d.*

16,526. Did you pay anything afterwards?—No, never.

16,527. Have you never paid anything since?—No, no bribery. I never bribed one.

16,528. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you asked for any more money afterwards?—Yes; at 10 minutes to 4, when I knew they could not get to the poll, a dozen came to me.

16,529. After the election was over did anybody apply to you for money?—Yes.

16,530. Many of them?—Three or four.

16,531. Did they say anything had been promised to them by any of your people?—No; they would not say that to me.

16,532. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did they say they had paid any voter, and ask you for money?—No; one wanted me to pay a beer score, 2*l.*, and I said I would not pay a farthing.

16,533. Who was that?—Benfather. He called upon me six or seven times and worried me about it, and I told him I would break his neck if he did not get out.

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16,534. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a publican, I believe?—Yes.

16,535. And you keep the "Woolpack"?—I do.

16,536. Were you in your house on the day of the election?—Yes, I was.

16,537. Do you recollect a great many people being there on that day?—There were.

16,538. Could you say how many?—No.

16,539. Were there 30?—There might be 100 for what I know.

16,540. At one time how many were there?—I should say 20.

16,541. They were coming in and out?—Yes; there was great anxiety, and they were going backwards and forwards to know the state of the poll.

16,542. There was a good deal of beer consumed?—No.

16,543. Not more than usual?—Very little more than I regular do.

16,544. Who paid for it?—They did themselves; they called for their half-pints and pints and quarts, and that like.

16,545. Did no one else pay for it except the consumers?—No.

16,546. Was Hardiment there in the course of the day?—I did not see him and did not speak to him on the day.

16,547. Are you certain he was not there?—I am not sure of that.

16,548. You would have heard if he had been there?—I think he was there.

16,549. Do you know what he was doing there?—I heard he was paying people for voting; but that I do not know. I was told so by parties that came down.

16,550. That was up on the landing?—Yes.

16,551. You saw a good many going up there?—They were going backwards and forwards.

16,552. And then they went off to the poll?—They go where they pleased. I did not go after them.

16,553. You knew where they were going?—No doubt about that.

16,554. Did you pay any man yourself on this day?—No.

16,555. Not voters?—No.

16,556. Had you no money given to you to pay?—No, not to pay.

16,557. Not to pay voters?—No.

16,558. You received no money on the day of the poll to pay voters with?—Yes.

16,559. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. Wiseman.

16,560. Did you pay it to voters?—No.

16,561. What did you do with it?—I put it in my own pocket for labour.

16,562. You voted yourself for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

16,563. How much did Wiseman give you?—*5l.*

16,564. You did not scatter any of that amongst the other voters, you kept it all for number one voter?—No, not for that.

16,565. What did you keep it for?—For labour previous to the election, and for services during the day, to get voters if I possibly could to persuade them to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

16,566. Did you get any voters to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I asked them to do so, and if they thought fit to do so they done it, and if not I did not trouble about it.

16,567. How much of this *5l.* did you put to the beer account that you furnished upon Sir Henry Stracey's account?—Not a half-pint did I give away.

16,568. You did not perform any services for this *5l.*?—Merely loss of time previous to the election.

16,569. You did not get the *5l.* till the day of polling?—I got it in the morning of the day of the polling.

16,570. What time in the morning?—It might be 10 o'clock in the morning. I should think I voted at about 11 myself, at all events.

16,571. From which of the Mr. Wisemans did you get it?—Mr. Wiseman, senior.

16,572. Do you mean to say that you got it at 10 o'clock in the morning?—Yes.

16,573. If Mr. Wiseman swears he did not give it to you till 3 o'clock in the day that is untrue?—Most decidedly I say he did not.

16,574. You say he did not give you that money except at 10 o'clock in the morning?—Most decidedly I do say so. I was at my bar all the time after I had done voting, and never left my place to go out after anything.

16,575. Did you put any of the account for beer into this *5l.*, or was it only for canvassing?—I did not give any beer.

16,576. It was for your duty in canvassing?—Yes, previous to the election, and I did what I could on the election day, and asked people to vote.

16,577. You did nothing except ask people to vote?—Nothing more and nothing less.

16,578. Did you promise any of them any money?—Not one a penny piece.

16,579. And never gave a penny piece?—I never gave a shilling.

16,580. You kept the whole of it for yourself?—Yes, I kept it myself for my services.

16,581. You have never been asked for it since?—No; I should think not. I should think my services were worth *5l.*

16,582. You seem to set a high value on doing nothing; did you ever report to Mr. Wiseman that you had spent this sum of *5l.* which he entrusted to you for purchasing votes with in purchasing yourself?—I tell you this, that he knew the nature of the thing, going after voters. He said it always cost him a pound to go up St. Martin's and back again.

16,583. You knew what that meant?—Yes, and he said, "There is *5l.*, and you do all you can," and I took that *5l.*, thinking it was for my vote.

16,584. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You took that for your vote?—Yes, and to assist the party.

16,585. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Will you swear it was as much as *5l.*?—It was that, and nothing more.

16,586. In what coin did he give it to you?—In half sovereigns.

16,587. Do you recollect Freestone being in your house?—Freestone was against the door, but whether he came in or not I do not know. I do tell you this, that I am very awkwardly situated at the present time.

16,588. Never mind that. Did Freestone come in?—He was at the door, but whether he came in or not I do not know.

16,589. You were behind the bar?—Yes. I may tell you this, I have an engine to draw my beer with, but upon the polling day that engine was out of order, and I had to go to the back room to draw the beer, and it might be that parties came backwards and forwards there when I could not possibly say they were going backwards and forwards.

16,590. Did you speak to Freestone?—No.

16,591. Do you not know that there was a rush of voters up to the landing?—I believe not.

16,592. Did you not hear somebody say, "Here he "is," or "There he is"?—I heard a party say he was coming down the street.

16,593. Did you not hear somebody say "Come "upstairs"?—I said, "Do not crowd me up about "this bar. Go away. Where are we to sit?"

16,594. Did you not hear someone say "Come up-"stairs"?—Certainly; I said so.

16,595. Not you. Did you not hear some one say so?—I heard the word mentioned.

16,596. Did you see anybody in your house with money in a bag?—Whether it was in a bag or not I am sure I cannot say. I know a man called me from the bar up at the corner of the name of Harper; he called me on one side, and if he had not called me on one side possibly I should not have seen him. He called me on one side and asked me a question, which is to say "Mackley, what are the men doing here?" I said, "These men are what I call cottage voters; "they are all poor and needy and want a day's pay, "and I have no money." He said, "What is it they "want?" I said, "I am sure I do not know. I "think they want something about 7*s.* 6*d.* or 10*s.*" He says, "Can I see them?" I said, "It is no use "seeing them. I tell you now they are all agreed "with me that they will vote for Sir Henry "Stracey."

16,597. All of them agreed with you?—Most of them. Take the majority of them.

16,598. Mention who they were?—Well, I will say, not having taken account of people's names, but taking the people who were in the bar at the time, I would say Mr. Bradbury, he sat there; and there was Cook, he sat there at the time; and George Staff.

16,599. Who is Mr. Bradbury?—He is a traveller.

16,600. A stout big-headed man?—Not a big-headed man; a stout man. I could mention many more if I had time to recollect them. Mr. Madge was there.

16,601. How many of these men were there that agreed with you that they wanted 7*s.* 6*d.* for their vote?—It was the cry of the majority in the place that they would want 7*s.* 6*d.* I said, "My boys, I do "not care whether you get 10*s.* I have not got a "penny piece."

16,602. That was not true, you had received *5l.* at 10 o'clock in the morning?—I took that for myself; that was not for them. It would be a fine thing for me to walk about a week previous to the election and ask the people to vote for Sir Henry Stracey and spend my own money and get *5l.*, and give it away to them on the day. I should not think about that. I should not do that.

16,603. What was your further conversation with Harper about this bag of money?—When Harper came he said, "Mackley, what are the men doing?" I said, "They are cottage voters and they want 7*s.* 6*d.*, "and some want half a sovereign;" but I said, "It is

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" no use your going to them unless you have got the " money." He said, " Mackley, will you give me a " quarter of an hour ?" I said, " I am not going " out ; I will give you a quarter of an hour." He came back under the quarter of an hour and said, " Mackley, where are the men now ?" And he comes like *this* and says, " Mackley, it is all right now ; I have " got the money. You go backwards and call the " men back." I said, " Harper, I am only surprised, " you being a man with all these parties standing " looking at you." He says, " That is all right ; you " belong to our organisation ; let us go backwards ;" and I said, " You may go backwards if you please ; I " will not be seen with you if you cannot do business " different to this. I will not mix up with you." He says, " You belong to the organisation ;" and I said, " I know that ; it is half-past 3 or a quarter before " 4, and I will have nothing to do with it. I will " keep to my bar." And he says, " You are deceiving " your party, and you have lost the election." And he bid me good day, and I done the same.

16,604. You did not see the money then, after all ?—He said, " It is all right, I have got the money," and I heard something jingle. I did not see the money.

16,605. You did not believe he had the money ?—I believe he had, or else he would not tell me it is all right. He said, " Come along with me, " Mackley."

16,606. That is the time Hardiment was upstairs doing the business ?—I did not see the man. I am told he was upstairs. There are four ways of getting to my room upstairs.

16,607. Did you see Hardiment that day in the house ?—I never saw Hardiment in my house on that day, and never spoke to him or never drawed him one glass of refreshment.

16,608. If 20 people have sworn that Hardiment was there they have all spoken what was not true ?—I believe the man was in the house, but I never spoke to the man, and never saw him. I believe the man gave money to parties in my room at the time I was drawing beer in the back cellar.

16,609. Do you mean to say that a man occupies one of your rooms and sees persons one after the other without your knowing anything about it ?—I tell you that my engine was out of order, and I had to go down into the cellar to draw the beer, and did not see the man. What difference can it make to me to say the man was not there if I saw him ? It makes no difference to me whatever. If I had seen the man I would honestly say the man was there, and if I knew the man paid money away I would have said so in one minute.

16,610. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Harper never said to you, " Mackley, you have sold us " ?—Harper said to me that I had sold him. I had sold the party. Because why ? I belong to the organisation.

16,611. Did Harper say to you, " Mackley, you have " sold us " ?—He told me so.

16,612. Or, " You are selling us " ?—He said, " We " have lost the election, and all through you."

16,613. Did he not say, " Hardiment is upstairs " with the men," and did you not say to him, " Why, " you could have had them " ?—No, I did not.

16,614. Do you swear that ?—I swear I did not say no such words.

16,615. Nothing of that sort ?—I did not say it to the man.

16,616. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you not say just now that you said to Harper, " I will give you a quarter of " an hour " ?—He asked me for a quarter of an hour.

16,617. You replied that you would give him a quarter of an hour ?—Yes, I said I should not be out. I should be at the bar. I said, " I will give you as " long as you please."

16,618. You said, " I will give you a quarter of an " hour ;" did you not mean to say if he came back in a quarter of an hour you could deal with him for so many votes ?—No.

16,619. What else could you mean ?—He asked me for a quarter of an hour till he came back.

16,620. And you said you would give him a quarter of an hour ?—I said I would give him as long as he pleased ; I was not going out ; I should keep to my bar.

16,621. And that was, of course, because you had the intention of dealing with the men's votes ?—No, nothing of the sort.

16,622. Why did you say, " I will give you a " quarter of an hour " ?—The man asked me for it. I said, " I will give it to you, and give you an hour " if you like."

16,623. Because you were bargaining about these votes ?—You do not understand my meaning. If the man had asked me for a quarter of an hour or half an hour I should have said, " You can have as long " as you please ; I am not going out."

16,624. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What did you mean by saying to him " I will give you a quarter of an " hour " ?—He asked me for it.

16,625. When he asked you for the quarter of an hour, and you said, " I will give it to you," what did you mean by that ?—I will keep at home until you come back again. I will be in the way.

16,626. Were you going out ?—Very likely I should go out ; the polling place was only 200 yards from my place, and I should very likely go and see the state of the poll.

16,627. Were you going out ?—No further than the poll and back again to see how it stood.

16,628. Were you going out ?—I was going out there, and no other place.

16,629. Did you go out ?—I did not go out.

16,630. Why did you say to Harper, " I will give " you a qaarter of an hour " if you were not going out ?—Because he asked me for it.

16,631. Why did you not say, " What do you mean " by asking me for a quarter of an hour " ?—Very likely I was going out.

16,632. Why did you say you would give him a quarter of an hour ?—Because he wanted to have some communication with me along of these voters.

16,633. You understood that Harper wanted you to have a communication with him ? — With the money affairs ?

16,634. With the voters ? — Yes, most decidedly.

16,635. You said you would give him a quarter of an hour ?— Yes, and I stopped at home that time.

16,636. In order that you might communicate with him with the voters ?—Yes.

16,637. When he came back, and you had given him the quarter of an hour, why did you not then, having said you would give him that time, communicate with the voters ? — There were too many there. If I am going to do business I do not like 20 to look at me.

16,638. He came back in a quarter of an hour ?—So he did, and under.

16,639. Why did you not do that which you had promised you would do, communicate with the voters on his behalf ?—I said I would not interfere with it. I said, " Go and do it yourself."

16,640. Why did you not communicate with the voters, because that was the meaning of what you said to Harper ?— He asked me would I wait a quarter of an hour till he came back ; he knew that I belonged to the organisation.

16,641. Why, having told that man in effect that you would communicate with him with these voters if he came back in a quarter of an hour, did you not communicate with them ?—I had no thought about having any communication along with him in reference to the voters.

16,642. You swore just now you had?—Along with Harper?

16,643. Yes, you swore just now that that was what you understood when he asked you for a quarter of an hour; when you said you would give it to him you said you understood that that was for the purpose of communicating with him with the voters?—He asked for a quarter of an hour to speak to his committee. Did I know the purpose he went after?

16,644. You swore just now you knew what he meant?—He told me when he came back he had got the money.

16,645. You swore just now that you knew what he meant when he asked for a quarter of an hour?—Possibly I might think he went after the money, but when he came back and showed me the money I refused to have anything to do with it.

16,646. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Had you a great objection to bribery in your house?—A great objection to bribery.

16,647. In your house?—How could I help it? When I am in the bar I don't know what is going on upstairs or in the back room.

16,648. I think you have stated before that you objected to bribery?—No, I think not.

16,649. Will you swear that you did not?—No, I should think not. What can a publican object to where two men are drinking together, and one is whispering the other? It may be going on, but I don't know anything about that.

16,650. Have you not sworn that you would not let men go upstairs, because you thought there might be bribery, to which you objected?—Most decidedly. Mr. Harper wanted to go backward, and I said, "No, "Mr. Harper, go you the other way, and do the best "you can; I will not go with you."

16,651. Then you did not object to bribery in the house?—How could I prevent it?

16,652. You did not object to it.—Object to it. Of course, if they were going to do it they would not come and ask me.

16,653. You knew it was going on from the language of the voters?—Would they ask me whether it should be done or not?

16,654. Did you or did you not object to its going on in your house?—Mr. Harper came there.

16,655. Did you or did you not object to bribery in your house?—No, I say, of course not. I could not object to it on either side, but I wanted them to do it by themselves. I did not want to be seen in it.

16,656. Did you not say before Mr. Baron Martin, "I thought I might get myself into a muddle"?—Most decidedly, and I say so now, and so I would not go along with Mr. Harper; that is the cause of it.

16,657. You said you would not let him go upstairs because of bribery?—Most decidedly; that is perfectly right.

16,658. And yet you did not mind Mr. Hardiment being upstairs?—I did not know that he was there, neither did I see him. Mr. Hardiment is a man I have known for many years, but I should say he has not spent 2*s.* in my house for the last four years; he is no customer of mine.

16,659. If you objected to getting yourself into a muddle, as you call it, why did you mention to Harper that these men wanted a day's pay?—Of course, I was more a friend of Sir Henry Stracey than of Mr. Tillett; Tillett I did not like.

16,660. That is not an answer to my question?—I am more a friend to Sir Henry Stracey than to Tillett; I don't like Tillett; I don't like no lawyers, they always make me pay.

16,661. (*Mr. Biron.*) You like five pound notes?—A five pound note is very handy to me, I assure you, not that I got no five pound note, for I spent that previously to the election.

16,662. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) But though you objected to bribery, you mentioned this sum of 7*s.* 6*d.* as the price of the men that were in the house?—That is what the men told me.

16,663. That is what you told Harper?—Most decidedly; the voters asked me whether I could get them 7*s.* 6*d.*

16,664. At the same time you said you did not want any bribery in your house?—Did not want it? I could not do without it. If they commit themselves what am I to do? A public house is a public place.

16,665. Do you recollect Mr. Gilmore being there?—Most decidedly I do.

16,666. What did you say to Gilmore?—I said nothing to Gilmore. Gilmore said it to me.

16,667. What did Gilmore say to you?—He said, "Mackley, you know something has been going on in "this place with Hardiment, he has been paying "money away." I said, "If he has I am sure I don't "know." He said, "You might put all this on one "side, and I will send a man to you, and that man will "give you 40*l.* if you will tell him the whole truth "about what was going on in your place." I said, "What, to go and make up a lot of lies, Gilmore? "No, I won't do so." "Well," he said, "you don't "want to go and make any noise about it." That is what Gilmore said to me. Hardiment never spent a penny in my house, and never gave me a penny in his life.

16,668. Will you swear he has paid you nothing since?—No, on my oath.

16,669. Has nobody paid you anything since?—Not one farthing, I assure you.

16,670. You have received nothing but that 5*l.* from Wiseman?—It was 5*l.* in gold, in half-sovereigns.

16,671. Had any of these processions with bands of music been to your house during the election, before the polling day?—No; on one occasion I had some flags that belong to my refreshment booth. I send them over there when I go to Yarmouth, and on one occasion there was some flags lent out.

16,672. Who paid for those flags?—I lent the flags.

16,673. To whom?—I lent the flags to the parties walking in procession.

16,674. Who was the person you lent them to?—I suppose Mr. Clarke, but I never got a farthing for them. They asked me where they could borrow some flags, and they started from Union Place, I think, but I lent some flags, and they brought them back again; I never got a penny for them.

16,675. Did the procession come and drink at your place?—No, they got nothing from my place; there was no starting from my place.

16,676. Was there no committee room at your place?—There was.

16,677. Who paid you for that?—Well, I suppose Mr. Harper was the man who paid me for the room that he had at my place when the organisation was kept at my house for about three months.

16,678. But at the time of the election?—There was no one hired my room on the election day.

16,679. But before the election?—Not any person.

16,680. Do you mean to say that the week before the election nobody took a room at your house?—No, not any person on either side.

16,681. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Hardiment came to your house on the morning of that day, did he not?—They say so, but I don't know that.

16,682. Did you not see him?—I did not see him, to the best of my knowledge, but I believe he was there from what I have heard since; but I did not see him, nor did I draw him a glass of refreshment.

16,683. There were a number of voters in your house, were there not, who wanted to be paid for their votes?—Oh yes, of course there was.

16,684. A very considerable number?—No, I don't know the number, there might be 20. I did not see

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how many there were there, I don't know, and I never asked how many there were.

16,685. You had a conversation, you say, with Harper about these men?—Most decidedly; the man called my attention from the bar, otherwise I might have missed Mr. Harper. That might be the bar, and I might be in this corner (*describing*), and he said, "Mackley, what are they doing here?" and I said, "Only the old tale over again."

16,686. What did you say?—"They are what are "called cottage voters, and they want to be paid 7*s.* 6*d.* "or 10*s.* for their votes, if not, they are going to "vote for Sir Henry Stracey, because I have been "asking the men, and there is no mistake about it."

16,687. When you told him that, did he say to you, "Give me a quarter of an hour"?—Most decidedly he did.

16,688. That is what he said?—That is what he said to me. He said he would go and see his committee.

16,689. And that you understood to mean to try and get the money?—Well, I don't know what he meant by that; he said, "Give me a quarter of an "hour;" I thought he meant to get the money, of course.

16,690. You understood it was that you might not go out, but that you might remain at home?—Most decidedly I thought something of that sort.

16,691. Then you said that you would give him a quarter of an hour?—Most decidedly; he might have taken a week for what I troubled about it.

16,692. Then he went away?—He went away.

16,693. Then he came back in the quarter of an hour?—Under the quarter of an hour.

16,694. Did you not know that in the interval while he was gone Hardiment had gone upstairs?—I did not know. Hardiment might be there, and I believe he was there, because I heard parties saying that he was in the room; but I was busy in the bar, and did not want to look after other people.

16,695. Had you not heard in the meantime that Hardiment had gone upstairs?—I had so, but I did not see the man.

16,696. Now you say that Harper came back?—Of course he did.

16,697. When he came back he told you that you were selling him, did he not?—No, he did not say I was selling him; he asked me to go backward along with him, and to call the men back, and he would settle with them, as he had got the money.

16,698. Then when he proposed that, what did you say?—I said, "Harper, you are a bad general, here "is all these people standing about here; if it is a "case of bribery we are liable to get ourselves into "a muddle; why did'nt you do this hours before, and "do it individually?"

16,699. You objected to getting yourself into a muddle then, instead of its being done hours before?—If he had done it hours before individually by himself, all would have been right, but not with me.

16,700. If that was your reason, why had you not told him that before you said that you would give him the quarter of an hour?—I had not seen the man until about half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

16,701. But you had said, you know, only a quarter of an hour before, that you would give him a quarter of an hour, and you understood that that was for the purpose of your remaining at home and arranging with the men with him?—If you were to put a question to me, and tell me you will give me a quarter of an hour to consider it, do you know what I am going to say to you in that quarter of an hour? I was wondering what that man was about when he left.

16,702. Then do I understand you to say that you had no idea what he meant?—I had no idea; I could judge, but I could not tell what that man's thoughts were, could I?

16,703. Had you no conjecture about his thoughts?—I thought he went after money, most decidedly, and when he came back again he told me he had got the money.

16,704. You thought he was going after money when you said you would give him a quarter of an hour?—Most decidedly.

16,705. Then if you thought that ought to have been done three or four hours before, and you thought that only a quarter of an hour afterwards, why did you not tell him that a quarter of an hour before?—Why didn't he do it himself, without asking me about it?

16,706. Why did you not say to him a quarter of an hour before, "Oh, this ought to have been done "three or four hours before, and it is no use your "doing it now"?—I would not be seen in it when it was nearly 4 o'clock, with everybody gaping at you. I said, "Go and do your business yourself, I "won't be seen in it." He is a bad general in electioneering matters, that is all I can say about him.

16,707. You did think that he meant to go and get the money?—Most decidedly I thought that.

16,708. And he came back with the money?—I think he did; he did not show it to me, mind.

16,709. But you were sure he did?—Most decidedly I thought he had got it, in fact, he told me so.

16,710. Why did not you then say, "Oh, very well, "you have performed your promise, I will perform "mine; here are the men"?—Oh, if that was left to me, I should say, "I am more a friend of Sir "Henry Stracey, and I could not go back along with "you."

16,711. Why did you speak to him or why did not you say, "I will have nothing to do with it, I "will wash my hands of such a transaction, I am "for purity"?—Because I like to see what a man really is made of. I liked to see whether he had got the money or not.

16,712. Then you wanted to see whether he would get the money?—Yes.

16,713. That was it, was it?—Yes, I liked to see whether he had got the money or not; then it was left to me to know what I was going to do.

16,714. You thought, perhaps, he could not get the money?—I thought possibly he could not get the money, and when he got the money, I would not have anything at all to do with it.

16,715. When he had got the money you dropped him into the hole?—Yes, I would not have anything at all to do with it. I would not have the money. I believe I could have had the money.

16,716. Although you had encouraged the man to go and get it?—Yes; he went after the money.

16,717. Was not the reason that in the meantime Hardiment had come in, had gone upstairs, and was then paying the men?—That, I tell you, I don't know.

16,718. What did you believe?—I believe the man was there, but I did not see him, that is what I believe. The man must have passed my bar at the time I had to go into the cellar; my beer engine was out of order, and I had to go down to the cellar, and the time I was down in the cellar there might be 20 people pass while I was drawing two or three pints of ale.

16,719. Then you laid a nice little trap for Harper to see whether he could get the money?—Yes, we will say so, it was a trap for him.

16,720. That was what you did it for?—It was a trap whereby I did not get hold of the money, at all events.

16,721. Did you want to get hold of the money yourself?—I should have liked to have had some money; if I had got hold of the money I would not have paid no voters, I would have kept it.

16,722. You had no objection whatever to getting the money yourself, but you had a great objection to the voters getting it?—I like it myself, sir.

16,723. And so you had pocketted Mr. Wiseman's

money upon the Conservative side, and then you thought you would have a little taste of the money on the Liberal side?—Yes; but I had spent all that labouring on Mr. Wiseman's side; on the other side it would have come easy, but I could not get it.

16,724. That is what you thought you would do, see whether you liked the flavour of that as well as the Conservative money?—I could have had it if I had allowed him to go into the other room, but I was too honest.

(*Mr. Biron.*) Oh don't use that term about yourself.

16,725. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are your principles, Liberal or Conservative?—Just as it suits my mind.

16,726. Your pocket you mean?—I never had much in my pocket. Sometimes I vote for one and sometimes for the other.

16,727. That is a very good way of putting money into your pocket.—Sometimes I vote for Stracey, sometimes for Sir Samuel Bignold, and sometimes for Peto and Warner, according as I like the men; but Tillett I don't like.

16,728. You vote for whichever pays the best?—If I like the man.

16,729. Whichever you can get most from in general, is it not?—Yes, but I don't like to speak about it after I get it.

16,730. Do you know a man of the name of Gazeley who lives in Tinkler's Lane?—If he is a bird breeder I know him, because I am in that calling, but there are so many Gazeleys. If it is the bird fancier in Jenkin's Lane I know him well.

16,731. Did you give him any money?—I did not. I told you I put the money in my pocket.

(*Mr. Biron.*) It is perfectly clear you gave no one any money; nothing can be more obvious than that.

16,732. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Now I will give you a chance of showing that once in your life you did a generous thing; did you give Gazeley some money?—I did not.

16,733. Are you sure of that?—I have given him scores of pounds for birds. I gave him 1*l.* last night for a bird.

16,734. But did you give him or anybody any money to vote at the last election?—No.

16,735. Not one?—Not one; I had no money to give.

16,736. You had 5*l.*—Why, a paltry 5*l.* note. Is that sufficient for a man to go out bribing? Would anyone think a man would go out and bribe with a paltry 5*l.* note? You could not go out bribing with a 5*l.* note, that is quite evident.

SAMUEL FREEMAN sworn and examined.

S. Freeman.

16,737. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carpenter.

16,738. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

16,739. At what hour of the day?—About a quarter to 4.

16,740. Did you get any money from anybody on that day?—Yes.

16,741. From whom?—I took a sovereign of Mr. Allen.

16,742. Is that all you got?—That is all.

16,743. Then you went and voted?—Then I went and voted.

16,744. Did you halve it with anybody, or keep it for yourself?—Oh no, I kept it all myself; it was given to me on purpose.

16,745. He gave it you for that purpose?—For that purpose. He gave me a sovereign, and I took it.

16,746. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter before the last election?—Oh yes, I have voted 37 years altogether.

16,747. Were you paid for your vote in 1865?—I did not vote then.

16,748. Did you at the election before that?—No.

16,749. Did you get any money for that?—I did not vote, nor for the two elections previous to that.

WILLIAM CLARE THORPE sworn and examined.

W. C. Thorpe.

16,750. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

16,751. Did you vote at the last election?—No, I did not vote.

16,752. Did you intend to vote for Tillett and Russell?—I did not intend to vote at all at the last election.

16,753. Why not?—I saw so much that disgusted me on that day that I thought to myself I would not vote.

16,754. Did you go into Clarke's beerhouse that day?—Yes.

16,755. What time in the day?—I went first about 20 minutes past 7 in the morning.

16,756. Did you see a person of the name of Charles Morse there?—Yes.

16,757. Francis Cutlock?—Yes.

16,758. Did you also see Robert Brandish, who is dead?—No.

16,759. Was Richard Moss there?—Yes.

16,760. Did you stay there until dinner time?—I stayed there until breakfast time first, and then I went home to breakfast.

16,761. Then did you go back again?—About a quarter to 10.

16,762. Were these men you have named there when you first went?—Not all of them.

16,763. When you went again at 10 how long did you stay?—I stopped there until just after 1.

16,764. Were there a great number of voters in and out of the house during the time that you were there?—There were several voters.

16,765. Do you recollect going out at any time to see the state of the poll?—That was at breakfast time, 9 o'clock.

16,766. Do you know a person of the name of Thomas Worledge?—Yes.

16,767. Did you see him come to the house?—Yes.

16,768. Did you hear him make any inquiry of the landlord?—Well, I saw him come and speak to the landlord.

16,769. Did you hear anything said about voters?—Yes, he pointed out the voters to Mr. Worledge.

16,770. How many did he point out?—There might be four or five or six, something like that.

16,771. Were other persons there besides the voters?—Yes; there were about four or five non-electors there besides.

16,772. Then did Worledge speak in the presence of them all in the room?—Yes.

16,773. And did he give anything to the landlord or the men?—He gave it to the non-electors.

16,774. What did he give?—Nine 6*d.* tickets.

16,775. Were those tickets for beer?—All for beer.

16,776. Was the beer had in and drunk amongst you all?—Yes.

16,777. Did other electors come in and partake of the beer?—Yes, they all drunk; there were several came in and out.

16,778. Worledge left, did he?—Yes.

16,779. Did he say anything further to them about voting, or did he leave them there?—He left them there.

16,780. Do you know Hardiment?—Yes.

16,781. Did he come into the house?—Yes.

16,782. What time in the day did he come in?—About 20 minutes or half-past 10.

16,783. Was anybody with him?—Wiseman came in just afterwards and spoke to him.

16,784. Which Wiseman?—Wiseman, junior.

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16,785. Did Hardiment do anything in the house?—Yes.

16,786. What did he do?—Brought in a gallon of beer.

16,787. For whom was that brought?—Anybody that liked to drink it.

16,788. Were there voters then in the room?—Yes.

16,789. It was given amongst them?—It was given amongst them.

16,790. Was Hardiment speaking to them at all about their votes?—He spoke to two or three of them.

16,791. About voting?—Yes.

16,792. Do you recollect whether you saw Freestone there?—Yes.

16,793. Did he come in?—Yes.

16,794. Did he go out before you, or did you go out first?—Mr. Freestone went out before I did.

16,795. Hardiment and Freestone went out?—Both together.

16,796. Now did the men remain drinking after they had gone?—Yes.

16,797. How many voters were there there then?—There might be about five or six voters besides the non-electors.

16,798. You went out, you say, to your dinner?—Yes.

16,799. What time did you return?—It might be about a quarter past 2.

16,800. Do you recollect seeing Benfather of the "Royal Oak" there?—Yes.

16,801. When did you see him?—It might be about half-past 2.

16,802. Or later?—It might be a little later; it was before 3 I know.

16,803. How did he come in?—He came in and drank some beer along with us all, and then he wanted to know who were the voters.

16,804. Was this all in the same room?—This was in what you call the tap room, just as you get inside.

16,805–6. Is there any little room out of the tap room?—Yes.

16,807. Did the men who were voters declare themselves to be voters?—Yes; there was five or six of them.

16,808. When they declared themselves to be voters, did Benfather do anything?—Yes.

16,809. What did he do?—He said, "Come along, "come this way, through the passage."

16,810. Where did he go?—Into the bake office himself, alone.

16,811. Did he say anything to them in your presence about money?—He spoke to me about money.

16,812. What did he say to you?—He said, "Is *5s.* "any use to you?" and I said, "No."

16,813. Did you see the men go in after him?—Yes, one by one.

16,814. Did you see them come out?—Yes.

16,815. Did you hear what they said?—I heard some of them say *5s.* was no use to them.

16,816. But did they go into the bake office after they had said that?—No; they came out; and two of them went to vote.

16,817. Did they say whether they had had anything or not?—They did not say they had had anything; whether Benfather gave them anything I cannot say, but I know two of them went and voted directly.

16,818. Can you tell me the names of those two men?—I don't know the names of them, but I think Charles Moss was one.

16,819. Did you go into the bake office?—As I got my head just inside the door he said, "Is *5s.* any use "to you?" I said, "No, nor yet double, nor yet "treble."

16,820. At that time was anybody else in the room?—No.

16,821. Were you following in another man who had gone out?—Yes; after the fifth had been in; I was the sixth who went in.

16,822. You were the last?—I was the last.

16,823. Then the other men had passed back?—They had passed back, and had gone into the other room.

16,824. Could you see from where you were everything that was passing in the bake office?—No; because he took them in one by one and shut the door, so that I could not see or hear anything.

16,825. But you heard them as they came out say *5s.* is no use to me?—Yes, some of them.

16,826. Do you recollect any of those who said that?—There is one I recollect, and that is Ross.

16,827. Where does Ross live?—Bath House Yard, St. Martin's.

16,828. You spoke about Morse going up to vote?—Yes.

16,289. Did you hear what Morse said?—No.

16,830. Did he go up to vote?—He got into the cab.

16,831. Was there a cab at the door then?—Yes.

16,832. Who was in the cab?—I don't know who there was in the cab; I cannot say.

16,833. Was there somebody in the cab?—There was somebody in the cab, but I cannot say who it was.

16,834. Did Benfather come in the cab?—Benfather came from his own public house up the street.

16,835. Did you see Morse, after that, return?—No.

16,836. Did you see him next day?—Well, sir, I generally go away the next day morning, and I do not often see them the next day; it might be three or four days before I saw them.

16,837. Did you not see Morse the next day?—No.

16,838. Did you go into Benfather's the next day?—No.

16,839. Can you tell me how many altogether of the six went away to vote, taking Morse as one?—There might be three or four in the cab.

16,840. Now are you quite sure that these men went into the bake office to Benfather?—Quite sure.

16,841. Do you know a man of the name of William Fisher?—Yes.

16,842. Do you know Brandish's shop?—Yes.

16,843. Had you seen Brandish that day?—Yes.

16,844. Had you heard Brandish say anything about voting?—Yes; he spoke to me about voting, because he lived two doors off me, and he spoke to me on the election day.

16,845. Did he say anything to you about voting?—He said he had voted when I saw him.

16,846. Did he not say anything to you about money?—He said he took nothing at all.

16,847. Had not Brandish said anything to you about money in the early part of the day?—No.

16,848. Did you see Hardiment at all again on that day?—I saw him several times that day.

18,849. Did he come into Clarke's beerhouse several times then?—Yes.

16,850. How many times?—Three or four times in the morning.

16,851. Did you see him give money to anybody in the house?—No, he gave all beer.

16,852. How many times did he give beer?—Three times, to my knowledge.

16,853. Were there other voters there at the time when he gave beer besides those you have named?—Yes.

16,854. How many?—At one time I suppose there were 12 voters there.

16,855. Did you see Hardiment pay for the beer, or was credit given for it?—He did not pay anything for it; he said, "Bring them in a gallon of beer." And he left directly afterwards.

16,856. Do you recollect whether Benfather went into a cab with the men who went to vote?—No, I did not see him get in.

16,857. Did you get any money whatever to vote, or to abstain from voting at this election?—Not a farthing.

16,858. Did anybody else offer you any money?—No.

JAMES LOMBE sworn and examined.

J. Lombe.

16,859. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A master shoemaker.

16,860. Who did you vote for at this last election?—Mr. Stracey.

16,861. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

16,862. Why did you vote so late?—Why, I did not think it was right of me to go out when I knew Mr. Tillett was so much ahead; that is the reason I did not go.

16,863. Had you been asked to vote by anyone?—Oh yes; Mr. Keddington came up and asked me whether I would go and vote, and I told him, "What is the use of my going to vote, and losing my "time when Mr. Tillett is so much ahead."

16,864. Who did you go and vote with?—Along with James Nobbs.

16,865. Then I think you went to a public house along with him, did you not?—No.

16,866. You went to Dowson's place, did you not?—No, I never went to Dowson's house at all; I never went to no public house with him not until two hours after.

16,867. Then you had some beer together, did you not?—What we paid for, I and Mr. Nobbs.

16,868. But there was some beer?—No, nothing of the kind.

16,869. Did you not see a sum of money put down for some beer?—Certainly not. I never saw any money put down at all.

16,870. Do you recollect how much the reckoning was for the beer you had together with Nobbs and others?—Only what we spent ourselves.

16,871. How much was it?—We paid pint and pint.

16,872. Who paid for it?—I and Nobbs; we did not go into no company.

16,873. Was there no one else there besides you and Nobbs?—Oh yes, we might happen to know another friend or two.

16,874. And they were drinking too, I suppose?—If they were drinking with us they paid their share.

16,875. Are you certain that nobody paid anything for you?—I am positive of it.

16,876. Where else did you go that day?—Then we went to Mr. King's, and had a couple of pints.

16,877. Where is that?—Up in the top of the market, Henry King's; we had two pints there, a pint each.

16,878. Did you go anywhere else after that?—Then, I believe, we went down into Bridge Street.

16,879. And had some more beer there?—Yes, what we paid for; we had a couple of pints; nobody treated us.

16,880. Did nobody treat you all the day?—I never went out of my house. I had not a drop of beer until I went to vote.

16,881. Have you been paid anything since for your vote?—Not a farthing.

16,882. Have you been offered anything?—Not a farthing.

16,883. Have you promised to give money to anybody else for voting?—No, sir. I never asked my own son to give a vote; my son voted for Mr. Tillett; he is outside; and I never asked him to go and vote for any one.

16,884. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know the "Golden Dog" public house?—I do.

16,885. Do you also know Booth's public house?—I do.

16,886. Now, did not Keddington treat you with beer at those two public houses?—Certainly not.

16,887–8. At neither of them?—At neither of them.

16,889. Did Nobbs give any money for beer at either of those public houses to treat you?—No, not a farthing. I did not go out of my house until about 3 o'clock.

16,890. Did Keddington offer you any money?—Not a farthing; he came up about half-past 11, I think, but I cannot speak to the time, you will excuse me about that, and asked me if I would go and vote. I said, "What is the use of my going to vote? Mr. "Stracey is behind a long way, and I am not going "to lose my time about it; if Mr. Stracey gets "ahead Mr. Nobbs will come to me, and if he is only "two ahead I will go and vote directly;" and Mr. Keddington went away, and never offered me anything to drink or any money, or anything of the kind. I never offered him anything nor he to me.

16,891. When you found Sir Henry Stracey was ahead you went to assist him, although then it might be of no use to him?—Was not I of use? I went and helped him; I put on my things and went directly.

16,892. It is a very singular way of helping a man, but I suppose you think it is pleasant to vote on the winning side?—Well, sir, I went and voted for Mr. Stracey.

DANIEL KEDDINGTON sworn and examined.

D. Keddington.

16,893. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoe manufacturer.

16,894. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

16,895. At what hour in the day?—About five minutes past 8 in the morning.

16,896. Were you at No. 8 committee room during the day?—Yes, a lot of times.

16,897. Were you there about 3, or shortly after?—I was there about 3.

16,898. Did you see the elder Wiseman leave the committee room for some 10 minutes?—I believe I did.

16,899. Were you there when he returned?—Yes.

16,900. When he got back did he say anything to you or in your hearing?—He asked me had I got any voters hanging back for money.

16,901. What did you say?—I told him yes.

16,902. Did you tell him how many?—No, I could not tell him that.

16,903. Did you say how much you wanted for them?—No.

16,904. Did you say anything to him except "Yes"?—I said, yes, I had got voters, and they wanted money.

16,905. What did he do then?—He said, "How "many have you got?" I said, "Here is four in the "committee room now;" he said, "What do they "want?" I said, "I don't know what the four

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"want; one wants 7*s.* 6*d.* to pay his expenses for "the day for coming out of the country."

16,906. And what did the others want?—I had not asked them then.

16,907. Did you subsequently ask them?—Yes.

16,908. What did they want?—5*s.* each.

16,909. Did you get any more besides those four?—After I went and voted.

16,910. We have got now four; one at 7*s.* 6*d.* and three at 5*s.* Did you get any more afterwards?—Yes.

16,911. Now, did Wiseman give you the money?—Yes.

16,912. How much did he give you?—A single sovereign and six half-sovereigns.

16,913. 4*l.* altogether?—Yes.

16,914. Was that at one time?—No.

16,915. In how many instalments?—The sovereign first; then I went and voted the man, and he had 7*s.* 6*d.* I did not vote the other three, because I had not sufficient money to pay them. Then I went to Mr. Wiseman, and after waiting two or three minutes he gave me six half-sovereigns.

16,916. Then you had 3*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* left. How did you spend that?—After voters.

16,917. How many?—I could not tell you exactly, for I was getting rather forward in drink during the day. I went and voted these men, and then went to the "Skinners' Arms," in St. Martin's.

16,918. Who keeps that?—I cannot tell you that, for it was such a late hour in the day that I was pushing about.

16,919. How many did you get there?—Three there.

16,920. What did they cost?—I am not exactly certain, but one man I gave 12*s.* 6*d.* to, another 5*s.*, and I am not certain as to the exact amount of the other, whether I gave him 7*s.* 6*d.* or 5*s.*, or whether I gave him half a sovereign.

16,921. Take it as half a sovereign, that would leave 2*l.* 5*s.* Did you get any more for that?—Yes.

16,922. Where did you pick them up?—I met a man by the name of Fisher.

16,923. Is that William Fisher?—I don't know, but his name is Fisher, and he lives in St. Martin's; he is a stout man.

16,924. A man about 30 or 35?—I should think he would be a man of about 30 years of age.

16,925. Cannot you give me his Christian name?—No; I am not certain of his name being Fisher, but I think it is.

16,926. Would you know him if you saw him?—I should know him if I saw him.

16,927. What did you give him?—I did not give him anything.

16,928. Then how did you get him to vote?—He did not vote; he had another stout man with him then; it wanted about three minutes to 4, I think, when he asked me.

16,929. Did you give the stout man anything for voting?—No, I was doubtful about those two men, and I told them if they went up with me and voted I would give them half a sovereign after they had voted.

16,930. Did they go to the poll?—They went to the poll, and I had three other men besides them that I met prior to that as was coming forward, so I left them, and they were behind me.

16,931. You got four out of the committee room?—Yes.

16,932. Three out of the "Skinners' Arms"?—Yes.

16,933. Were there three more that you got?—Yes.

16,934. Where did you pick them up?—Against St. Martin's Church.

16,935. Then you got 10 altogether?—I believe there was about 10 or 12.

16,936. Besides those at St. Martin's Church, did you get any others?—No.

16,937. Can you give me their names?—No.

16,938. And the four in the committee room, cannot you manage that?—The only one that I can give you was Burrell. The others' names I do not know. I took them out of the committee room; they were waiting there.

16,939. Where does Burrell live?—In the eighth ward; he is a tall, dark man. I don't know him personally. I only know him from his coming to the committee room, saying he had come out of the country and wanted money to pay his expenses.

16,940. Now did you spend the whole of that money?—Yes; I found myself the next morning minus. I had spent money out of my own pocket besides that.

16,941. Did you pay any other men except those you have told us?—No.

16,942. Cannot you give us any of the names except Burrell's?—Yes, there was another man at the "Skinners' Arms;" his name was Moss.

16,943. Where does he live?—He lives in St. Augustine's. I believe he had voted before I gave him the 5*s.*

16,944. He did you?—He done me, sir.

16,945. But you tell me you would know the man that you call Fisher again if you were to see him?—I should know the Fisher that I told I would give him 10*s.* for the two men if they voted.

J. Nunn.

JOHN NUNN sworn and examined.

16,946. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

16,947. For whom did you vote?—Tillett and Russell.

16,948. At what time of the day?—About half-past 8 in the morning.

16,949. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

16,950. Were you promised anything for your vote?—No.

16,951. Were you offered anything for your vote?—No.

16,952. Did you see any persons paid anything for their votes?—No.

16,953. Have you ever been paid anything?—Never in my life.

16,954. Or promised anything?—Never in my life.

16,955. Do you know a man of the name of Money?—Yes.

16,956. Did he tell you anything which he had seen at Mackley's public house, the "Woolpack"?—Yes.

16,957. What did he tell you about it?—That I cannot tell, it was, as near as I can guess, about a fortnight before the petition inquiry took place.

16,958. In consequence of what he told you, did you take him up to Harper's?—I did.

16,959. Did you see Harper?—I did.

16,960. Did he tell you that there was bribery going on at Mackley's?—Yes.

16,961. And that Hardiment was the person who did it?—Yes.

16,962. Did he tell you were it took place?—Yes, on the landing on the top of the staircase.

16,963. Do you know of anybody having been bribed at this election besides what Money told you?—No, I cannot say that I know of anybody.

16,964. When you heard of it you at once took him up to Harper's, did you?—Yes.

16,965. Had you heard anything from Harper about bribery at Mackley's?—I don't know that I have heard it from Harper. I heard many persons talking about it in my shop, who I did not know.

16,966. How came you to take him up to Harper's?—I knew Mr. Harper was getting what evidence he could respecting it.

16,967. It was just before the election petition, and you knew he was collecting evidence?—Yes.

JAMES ECCLESTON sworn and examined.

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16,968. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a publican?—Yes.

16,969. You keep the "Ribs of Beef"?—Yes.

16,970. Do you recollect people being at your place on the day of the election?—I was not at home.

16,971. What time did you come home?—I was not at home for a week after, and I was away a week before. I was over a fortnight that time away from home, the week before and the week after before I came home; I might say more than a week.

16,972. (*Mr. Biron.*) You know nothing about it?—I was not at home and know nothing about it.

16,973. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You did not vote at this election?—No sir.

FRANCIS CUTLOCK sworn and examined.

F. Cutlock.

16,974. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

16,975. Did you vote at the last election?—I did not vote at all.

16,976. Did you get anything for abstaining from voting?—No.

16,977. Are you quite sure you did not vote?—Yes.

16,978. Were you canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

16,979. By whom?—By Mr. Tidd and several others, I cannot say who exactly; on both sides I was canvassed.

16,980. Did you promise either side?—I did not promise anyone.

16,981. How was it you did not vote?—Well, I did not think of voting at all.

16,982. Were you hanging out for money?—No.

16,983. You would have voted, I suppose, if anyone had given you half a sovereign for it?—I should at the latter part of the day; the fore part of the time I did not think of voting at all, for I was in the habit of working for different people and I thought it was best for me not, but after I had had a little beer I would have taken it.

16,984. Nobody came and offered you anything, so you did not vote?—Not first of all.

16,985. As I understand, you were all for purity until you got some beer on board, and then you were all for money?—Yes.

16,986. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you at Clarke's beerhouse?—I was.

16,987. Did anybody offer you any money there?—Yes.

16,988. Who was that?—Benfather.

16,989. Did you go into the bake office?—No.

16,990. Where did he offer you the money?—In the tap room.

16,991. What did he offer you?—5*s*.

16,992. To vote?—Yes.

16,993. And you refused it?—I did not vote.

16,994. But did you refuse it?—I was too late, sir.

16,995. You got the money, but were too late?—No, I did not get the money.

16,996. Because you were too late?—I suppose that was the reason.

16,997. You would have had it if you had been in time?—I think so.

16,998. He promised it you, did he, if you were in time?—If I was in time.

16,999. Did he tell you to go and vote, and if you voted to come for it to him?—No.

17,000. What did he say?—It was all done in a few minutes. I was to have 5*s*., but I was too late, and therefore I did not get any money at all.

17,001. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did Benfather offer anybody else money in your presence?—No, I cannot say that he did.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Saturday, 4th September 1869.

CHARLES EDWARD RIX sworn and examined.

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C. E. Rix.
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17,002. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A grocer.

17,003. In which ward are you?—The second ward.

17,004. Did you take an active part in this last election?—Rather.

17,005. Did you canvass voters?—I did.

17,006. On the day of the polling?—Yes.

17,007. Did you take up many?—I did not take up any to the poll; I simply canvassed.

17,008. Did you hand them over to other people to be taken up?—No, I simply left them. I canvassed them and got their replies whether they would consent to vote for my party, and then I left them. Some promised and some did not promise.

17,009. Did you canvass at any public house?—No; I did not canvass at any of the public houses.

17,010. Did you go into any of the public houses on the day of the poll?—I went into one public house.

17,011. What is the name of it?—The "Cirque Unique," St. Gregory's parish, in St. Benedict Street.

17,012. Was that full of voters?—There were some voters there.

17,013. Had you any communication with them?—Yes.

17,014. What took place?—The landlord of the house stood at the door, and as myself and two other gentlemen had been canvassing he solicited us to go in, saying that there were several voters there, and they wanted to speak to us. My friend, Mr. Kett, said, "It's no use going in. We have got nothing, and "they are hanging back for something, and we shall "not go in." "Oh, do go in," the reply was, "for "Sam Daynes is going to take them away if you "don't;" upon which we went in, and when we got in we found, perhaps, seven or eight in a little back room, and the landlord said to us, "Now, there are "three and twenty that you can have if you like." Mr. Kett said, "What use is it our coming in? Its of no "use, for we have nothing to give, nor do we intend "to give anything." He said to the men, "Of course "you know the position that we are placed in if we "do give anything; therefore we should not think of "doing anything of the sort." One of them, in reply, said, "We will take the responsibility of that;" and Mr. Kett said, "So you may, for I shall not give any-"thing;" upon which we walked out. We left the house then.

17,015. Did you go back to the house?—We did not.

17,016. Did Mr. Kett?—Mr. Kett did not go back.

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I think I may say he did not go back. He will tell you, because he took a more active part in it than I did.

17,017. Did you pay for any beer that day for voters?—Not a farthing.

17,018. Did you give a single sixpence to anybody to induce them to vote?—Not a single farthing.

17,019. You voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—I did.

17,020. Did you promise anybody anything that day?—I did not.

17,021. Did you afterwards pay anything for votes?—Nothing.

17,022. Did you ever ask Mr. Hulme for any money for the purposes of the election?—No, I did not, but there was a third one with us, Mr. Cott, the pawnbroker. Mr. Kett left us when we left the "Cirque Unique," and we went to the second ward committee room to speak to Mr. Hulme about these men who were there. We thought that perhaps he, being an old electioneerer, might induce them to come better than we could. So we called him and told him the circumstance that there were those men waiting at that time. I must tell you it was a quarter past 3 o'clock, and I suppose he took up the idea that we intended to give them some money, from the reply he made, which was, "It's no use coming to me, I have "not a farthing of money; you had better go to the "central committee room." "We don't mean that," we said, "we want you to induce them to vote."

17,023. That was a quarter past 3?—As near as I can tell.

17,024. His reply led you to believe that there was money going at the central committee room?—Oh dear no. He said, "You had better go to the "central committee room." That did not imply whether there was money or not, nor did we ask with the idea of having money. We thought he would either go himself or send someone to induce these voters to go to the poll. We were sure they were venal voters by the way they acted.

17,025. Have you the names of any of these 23 men?—I cannot remember. I should not know a person, only the landlord, Charles Andrews.

17,026. Charles Andrews was the man who offered to deal with the 23 men?—Yes.

17,027. He would bargain with them?—He was spokesman.

17,028. Did he tell you at all how much a head they wanted?—No; but I should think they would have been satisfied with a very little. They said, "We will be satisfied with anything; it is late, and "we are afraid of getting nothing." I should fancy a shilling each would have bought them.

17,029. Was any beer going amongst them?—I saw them drinking; whether they were paying for it themselves I cannot say. They were all drinking in the back room.

17,030. Do you know whether the beer was paid for by any of your party?—No, I should think not. They were buying that beer themselves, undoubtedly. They were waiting there to catch some one, I make no doubt

17,031. This was between 3 and 4?—I should think it was about a quarter past 3.

17,032. You went straight from there to the committee room?—I went straight from there to the committee room with Mr. Cott. Mr. Kett and myself and Mr. Cott were all actively employed in canvassing three days or two days preceding the election day, and on the election day till that time.

17,033. Had any promise during that time been made of wages, or of work, or of paying rates, or anything of that sort?—No, nothing. That was the continual complaint; they would not vote unless their rates were paid. We found that was the obstacle. We went into the Lower Westwick districts, the Hampshire Hog Lane, St. Swithin's Lane, and the low localities where people would be likely to ask for something.

17,034. Did Mr. Hulme say anything more about money except that he had none?—Nothing more.

17,035. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time was this?—About a quarter past 3. Mr. Kett fancies it was a little later, but that is my belief.

17,036. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did Mr. Hulme suggest any individual to whom you should go?—Yes.

17,037. Who was that?—He told us we had better go and speak to Mr. Dawson, but we did not go.

17,038. You knew pretty well what that meant?—We had an idea, of course.

17,039. That money would be forthcoming if you went to Mr. Dawson?—I said, "We do not mean "that at all."

17,040. You understood that Mr. Hulme meant that?—Yes.

17,041. Do you know any of the Houghtons?—Yes; I know them by sight, but I don't know them to speak to.

17,042. Have you had any conversation with them before or during this election?—We had; they conducted us. I don't know which of the Houghtons it was, but one of them conducted us to these different voters; we did not know them. Mr. Kett, who is a very indefatigable man in the cause, came out of his ward to assist us. We were rather backward; we did not know the voters, and I being a new canvasser did not know how to proceed; so he offered us his assistance to go and show us where the voters were.

17,043. Do you know which of the Houghtons that was?—Mr. Kett could tell you. I don't know which it was. I only know it was one of the Houghtons, the short man.

17,044. Did he tell you anything about the voters that were to be bought?—No; he simply showed us where the voters were, and stood outside and let us go in in every case.

17,045. Did you see the Houghtons on the day of the polling?—Yes; that was the day of the polling.

17,046. At what hour?—It was in the forenoon.

17,047. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know William Allen, of Upper Westwick Street?—No.

17,048. You took him to vote at about half-past 3, did you not?—Oh no, I did not.

17,049. Did you not take a man out of Westwick Street to vote?—No; I did not take anyone to vote.

17,050. Did you go to William Allen, of Upper Westwick Street, at about half-past 3?—I think his name is William Allen. He did live in Upper Westwick Street then. He does not live there now. I think I went and canvassed him. Oh, yes, I went several times during the day—I remember now—because he was undecided, and his wife was very anxious that he should vote, and she said to him, "You must go and vote."

17,051. Did he ask you for anything?—No, he did not ask me, nor had I an idea that he was waiting for money.

17,052. What was your idea as to the object of his waiting?—I could not tell; he was undecided. He said, "I don't think I shall vote at all." I knew quite well that he was not against us nor for us, but I was anxious to get him to vote to swell our numbers up.

17,053. Did not you know that he would not vote unless he was paid?—Certainly not. He did not say so to me or in my hearing.

17,054. Did a person of the name of Hudbud go with you to Allen's?—I saw Hudbud about there. I don't know that he did not go once. I am not prepared to swear that he did.

17,055. Did not he tell you that Allen said he would not vote unless he got money?—No.

17,056. Allen did come up to vote?—I was not aware till this moment that he did vote at all.

17,057. Are you sure that nothing was given to him?—Yes.

17,058. We are in a position in which we suspect everybody.—Unfortunately you are. I do not know of any cases of actual bribery, but I certainly have seen something that would bespeak that there was bribery.

17,059. Hudbud was a check clerk?—Yes.

17,060. Was he not sent for on purpose to go and fetch Allen?—That I am not aware of. I was in and out of the committee room the whole day. I scarcely spoke to Hudbud the whole of the day.

17,061. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is this the first election in which you have taken an active part?—I never took such an active part as in this election. I have voted before.

17,062. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You say you saw things which led you to suspect something?—Yes.

17,063. What was it?—I have a very good idea that I know one man who was bribed.

17,064. Who was that?—A man by the name of John Wickham.

17,065. Where does he live?—I think it is Upper Westwick Street. He keeps a furniture shop. I will tell you my reason for believing that. He was walking at about half-past three arm-in-arm with Mr. A. M. F. Morgan. I beckoned him. I said, "Come along with me, don't go with him; you'll "vote for the wrong man if you go with him." Upon which he made a struggle, and he said, "I "shall go along with Mr. Rix." I said, "Don't "you go with him," and there was a struggle. At last he got away from Mr. Morgan, and came with me as far as my shop. I found what he was up to. Mr. Kett can bear testimony to this fact; he was with me at the time. He said, "You don't sup- "pose I'm going to vote without anything. I must "have something to vote." I said, "You have mistaken "your man if you come to me for a bribe. I thought "you were going to vote like a man." However, after a little conversation of that sort he left us, and I found afterwards that he voted for the opposite party.

17,066. Did you see anything else which led you to suppose that there was bribery going on?—Nothing particular—nothing.

17,067. You say you saw Hulme a little after 3?—It was certainly after 3.

17,068. Was it as late as half-past 3?—I could not swear. I should rather think it was not half-past 3; but it was very near that time, between a quarter past and half-past three. I am certain it was past 3.

17,069. You say there was a reference by him to Dawson?—Yes.

17,070. Why did you not go to Dawson?—I knew what Hulme meant, and therefore I did not wish to go. I did not wish to daub my hands in anything that is wrong, and I am sure my friend Mr. Kett is quite against anything of the sort.

17,071–2. You know nothing, as I understand you, of any money having been paid to anybody to vote?—Certainly not.

17,073. Or of anything having been promised to anybody?—No, certainly not.

17,074. You know nothing that was done with reference to these men whom you say you found at the public house?—I know nothing that was done. I afterwards saw some of them after 4 o'clock, and I said, "Don't you repent you did not vote?" Some said, "Oh, but we did vote." I said, "Who did you "vote for?" and some said, "For Stracey." I said "I'm glad you showed yourselves like men, and went "and voted."

17,075. Did they say whether they had received anything?—Oh, no; they led me to believe that they had not received anything.

GEORGE GOODMAN sworn and examined.

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17,076. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

17,077. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

17,078. At what hour in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

17,079. What did you get for voting?—A sovereign.

17,080. Who gave it you?—A man of the name of Hardiment.

17,081. Where did he give it you?—On the landing.

17,082. On the landing at Mackley's?—Yes.

17,083. Did you see any other men there?—Yes, I saw John Harper there.

17,084. Did you see Hardiment give any other men anything?—No, I came down directly to the bar.

17,085. Were any other men in the room or on the landing?—I think there were one or two men on the landing.

17,086. Can you give me their names?—No; several were there, Hudson and Bradbury.

17,087. Did you see him give Bradbury anything?—No, I came down into the bar directly.

17,088. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many were present?—Three or four men when I came down.

17,089. Had many more gone up and come down before you went up?—There might be 20 altogether upstairs.

17,090. (*Mr. Biron.*) What were you volunteering about Harper.—Mr. Harper came in and asked Mr. Mackley what all these men were standing about there for. He said, "They are voters who want to "be paid a day's work for their labour and loss of "time." He says, "Will you give me a quarter of "an hour?" He says, "What have I to do with "giving you a quarter of an hour?" He went away, and he was back under the time, and he came back like this here (*illustrating*). He said, "Now, "Mr. Mackley, you belong to us. Where are these "men. You see I have got the money now."

17,091. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where were you at that time?—In the bar.

17,092. Had you been paid then?—Yes.

17,093. I thought you said just now that you went away directly to vote?—No, I had voted then.

17,094. You had voted?—Yes, and went back to the house again.

17,095. (*Mr. Biron.*) Had you been paid before he came in and asked for the quarter of an hour?—Yes.

17,096. How long before that?—I should say 10 minutes.

17,097. Had you voted before he came in?—Yes, before Mr. Harper came in; he came into the bar.

17,098. Before Harper came in at all?—Yes.

17,099. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What was it he said?—He said, "Now, Mr. Mackley, it's all right. I "have got the money now; where's the men?" He says, "Can I go through?" Mackley says, "I think "not." "Well," says he, "you've got Hardiment "there, then?" Says he, "I don't know; there's a "man there, I believe, but I have not seen him."

17,100. Was that all that passed?—Yes; at least Mr. Harper said, "Mackley, you have got Hardiment "there, and we have lost the election."

17,101. (*Mr. Biron.*) "And you are selling us;" was not that his phrase?—No, I never heard that word.

17,102. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did he say nothing about selling?—No, I did not hear that word. "You "have got Hardiment there, and we have lost the "election."

17,103. That is all that passed?—That is all that passed.

17,104. Mr. Harper then went out?—Mr. Harper then went out, got into his gig, and rode away.

17,105. (*Mr. Biron.*) Have you talked over with Bradbury what Harper said?—Bradbury was there and heard it.

17,106. Have you talked it over with Bradbury since?—No.

17,107. With Mackley?—Yes, this morning.

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17,108. Have you not had any conversation with Bradbury about it?—No.

17,109. Not since it occurred ?—No.

17,110. Not at all ?—No, I never gave it a thought.

17,111. How came you to talk it over with Mackley this morning ?—From hearing of it yesterday.

17,112. Did you go to Mackley ?—No, I was in court here yesterday.

17,113. Where did you talk about it ?—At his own house we had some conversation upon it.

17,114. At his own house this morning ?—No, last evening.

17,115. Did you go to his house ?—Yes.

17,116. Who commenced the conversation ?—I work for these men. I do all the work for the family.

17,117. What are you ?—I am a bootmaker.

17,118. Did you recollect anything about this until you read Mackley's evidence yesterday ?—Of course I did.

17,119. Had you ever spoken to anybody about it ?—I had spoken to a man of the name of Gilmore.

17,120. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you supœnaed to attend before Mr. Baron Martin ?—Yes.

17,121. By whom ?—By Tillett's party, I suppose.

17,122. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did Mackley tell you that he had forgotten to mention that Harper said he had had money ?—No.

17,123. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did anybody send for you to Mackley's this morning ?—No.

17,124. Last night ?—No.

17,125. How came you to see Mackley ?—It is a house that I use in an evening to get my glass after I have done my work.

W. Fisher.

WILLIAM FISHER recalled and further examined.

17,126. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We are quite satisfied that you used the expression that there was a "trick" you kept back. Now I ask you what trick that was ?—I promised Mr. Wilde on the Sunday morning that I would vote for Mr. Stracey, and I did so.

17,127. What is the trick ?—During the afternoon of the election I saw a man, and he promised to give me 5*s.*, and he never gave it me.

17,128. Who was the man ?—I don't know his name. I might know it if I were to hear it. He is a light thin-faced man.

17,129. Where was it that he promised it you ?—In St. George's, close to the polling place.

17,130. Was it Keddington ?—I believe that is the name. I ain't certain. That is a great deal like the name if that's not it.

17,131. What time in the day was that ?—It might be half-past 3.

17,132. Did you ever apply to him for the money ?—No; I saw him during the afternoon before that, and he was talking something about money; and I said I might as well have a little money as well as anyone else.

17,133. Had you heard that other people were having the money, then ?—I did not hear, though the money was talked about.

17,134. Where did you hear the money talked about ?—I heard it talked about in the street.

17,135. Can you tell me anyone who talked about it ?—No, I cannot say that I can. I heard it in a crowd. A crowd of people were talking about money going.

17,136. What time was it when you heard them talking ?—About 3 o'clock.

17,137. Whereabouts in the street was it that you heard anything about money going ?—I came into the market when I come down from St. Martin's, and I heard it spoken about in St. Martin's, I am certain about that.

17,138. Did you ever look after the man to get your 5*s.* ?—Yes, I looked after the man after I had been and voted, but he went away.

17,139. Have you ever got your 5*s.* ?—No, not one farthing.

17,140. Do you know of anybody else having been promised 5*s.* ?—No.

17,141. Are you sure of that ?—No, not any one else. There was no one went and voted along with me. I went straight and voted. There was a man of the name of Plummer, but he never went and voted.

17,142. Was he asking for money ?—No, he was not asking for money.

17,143. Was he one of those who wanted money, and did not ask for it, but stood about and said, "We "shall not vote until we get money" ?—I believe if this man had been offered money he might have took it, though he is not a very poor man.

17,144. Where does he live ?—In St. Martin's. He never voted at all, this man didn't.

17,145. You believe Keddington was the man who promised you ?—Yes.

17,146. Have you any doubt about it ?—I don't think I have any doubt about it. I never saw the man for years before this last election.

E. Colman.

ENOCH COLMAN sworn and examined.

17,147. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter ?—Yes.

17,148. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

17,149. At what time in the day ?—About 20 minutes to 4.

17,150. Where had you been the whole of the day ?—I did not go out, not till about half-past 12.

17,151. Where were you after half-past 12 ?—I went into Mr. Clarke's, the beerhouse in Jenkin's Lane.

17,152. Did you see a man of the name of Platfoot there ?—Yes.

17,153. Did you ask Platfoot if he had had anything ?—No.

17,154. Did you speak to Platfoot ?—I never spoke to him.

17,155. Did he speak to you ?—No.

17,156. What were you paid for your vote ?—I was paid 5*s.* for my vote.

17,157. Who paid you that ?—Mr. Benfather.

17,158. Was that in Clarke's beerhouse ?—I was taken from that house.

17,159. But where did he pay you ?—I was paid that in the street.

17,160. Did you see Benfather in Clarke's beerhouse ?—That is where he took me from.

17,161. You accompanied him, and he paid you 5*s.* in the street ?—Yes.

17,162. To vote ?—Yes.

17,163. And you went and voted ?—I went and voted.

17,164. At what time in the day was that ?—About 20 minutes to 4, as near as I can guess.

17,165. You were never a voter before, I suppose ?—No.

17,166. What did he say to you in Clarke's beerhouse ?—He asked me what I was there for, and I said I was going to vote, and he asked me what I was stopping for. I said I wanted to be paid for my day. He gave it me.

17,167. That was said in the beerhouse, and he paid you on the road ?—Yes.

17,168. Did you see him talking to other men there ?—No.

17,169. Was that when he was coming out ?—I don't know whether he was coming out then. He

came out as soon as he spoke to me. I did not see him come in.

17,170. Did you see him go into the bake office?—No, I did not.

17,171. Were you in the tap-room, or where were you?—In the front; in the bar.

17,172. Did he come by the bar, or was he in the bar when he spoke to you?—He was in the bar at the time he spoke to me.

17,173. Did he come away with you then?—Yes.

17,174. Did you see whether he went back to Clarke's afterwards?—That I don't know.

17,175. Did you go back to Clarke's at all afterwards?—I was in the house again about 6 o'clock in the evening.

17,176. But you were not at the time the poll closed?—No. I was not back no more till the time the poll had closed.

17,177. Is this the first time you have spoken about getting the 5*s.*?—I believe it is. I don't remember saying so before.

17,178. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Has anybody spoken to you about it till you came here?—No.

17,179. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see Benfather speaking to other people there whose names you know?—I was the only man, but Mr. Thorpe was seated there.

17,180. William Clare Thorpe?—Yes. That is the only one I could tell you the name of.

CHARLES MORSE sworn and examined.

C. Morse.

17,181. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—I did.

17,182. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

17,183. You had been in Clarke's beerhouse, had you not?—I had.

17,184. What other people were there?—There was several people there when I was there.

17,185. Did you see Hardiment come there?—Not at the time I was there I did not.

17,186. Did you speak to Benfather that day?—Yes.

17,187. What did he give you for your vote?—Not anything.

17,188. Did he promise you anything?—Not anything.

17,189. Did he give you any beer?—No.

17,190. Was there any beer given that day at Clarke's beerhouse?—I cannot say that.

17,191. You saw a good many people there?—I did.

17,192. Voters?—Voters and other people besides.

17,193. You were all drinking together?—We were all drinking together.

17,194. You mean to say that you did not see Hardiment there on that day?—I did not see Mr. Hardiment there.

17,195. Did you see Benfather?—I did.

17,196. Did you see him pay any voters?—I never see him pay them.

17,197. Do you know whether he paid any voters?—No.

17,198. He did not pay you?—No.

17,199. Did he promise you anything?—No.

17,200. Has he paid you anything since?—No.

17,201. Have you never asked for anything?—I never asked for anything in my life.

17,202. You never asked for anything for your vote?—No.

17,203. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you get a day's pay?—Not anything.

17,204. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you see young Wiseman there?—I saw him there in the morning.

17,205. What did you see him doing?—Nothing, but he asked people if they were going to vote.

17,206. Did you see him take any to vote?—No. I did not see him take any.

17,207. Were you in any other public house besides Clarke's beerhouse that day?—I did not go into any public house, not till after the election was over.

17,208. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At what time in the morning did you go into Clarke's beerhouse?—I went in about 11.

17,209. Do you recollect Worledge coming there?—I saw Mr. Worledge there.

17,210. Did not you see him give tickets for beer?—Yes, I did.

17,211. And you drank the beer?—I don't know whether I drank the beer. I might drink some of it.

17,212. Did you not drink some of that beer?—I believe I did. I paid for some as well.

17,213. But you did not pay for that?—I did not pay for that Mr. Worledge give.

17,214. That was given to some non-voters in order that they might give it you?—It was given to the non-voters. It was not given to me.

17,215. It was given to them in order that you might drink some of it?—Well, I believe—

17,216. There were nine tickets given to three non-voters?—I cannot say how many non-voters there was there.

17,217. Were not the nine tickets given to three non-voters, and did not you all have the beer?—I believe beer was poured out.

17,218. Did not you understand that those tickets were given for your benefit as well as the benefit of the non-voters?—That I never heard in my life.

17,219. Was not that what you understood?—No, I did not.

17,220. Really, do you mean to stand here and give such an answer as that?—Well, sir, I never heard it.

17,221. Did not you perfectly understand that that beer was given for the purpose of treating you?—No. I can't say that I did.

17,222. Did not you understand it?—I drank some of it.

17,223. You saw Benfather there?—Yes.

17,224. What time in the afternoon did he come?—I should think it would be about half-past 2 or a quarter to 3. I should say between 2 and 3.

17,225. He talked to men about voting?—He asked me to vote.

17,226. Had you promised to vote?—I had.

17,227. Whom had you promised?—I had promised to vote for Mr. Stracey.

17,228. But to whom did you make that promise?—I made my promise to Mr. Benfather.

17,229. When did you make your promise to Benfather?—Before the election.

17,230. Had Benfather told you that you might have something for your vote?—No, he did not.

17,231. Where was it that you gave your promise to Benfather?—I promised him all along in his own house that I should vote for Mr. Stracey.

17,232. How came you not to have voted until 3 o'clock in the day?—Because I was at work off and on the whole day till I went and voted.

17,233. You told me you went to Clarke's beerhouse early in the morning?—Yes, I went in and got a glass of ale.

17,234. But you were there at 10 o'clock in the morning, and there you stopped drinking this beer which was given for the tickets?—I was not in Mr. Clarke's at 10 o'clock.

17,235. You told me you were there in the morning?—In the forenoon I called and had a glass of beer.

17,236. You were in when Worledge came. You remained drinking this beer, but yet you had not time to vote. Why did you not vote before?—I was at work.

17,237. No, you were in Clarke's beerhouse a portion of the time. Why could you not find time to vote if you had time to go to Clarke's beerhouse?—I was

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there only twice during the day. I run in about 11 o'clock. About half a pint of beer I drunk out of Hardiment's beer, Mr. Worledge's, or whatsoever you like.

17,238. Why could you not go to vote?—I went over to my work. I was not in there above a quarter of an hour or 20 minutes.

17,239. There is plenty of time for you to vote in 20 minutes. Now then, did you not want money for your vote, for your day's pay, or wages?—Nothing.

17,240. Did you ask nobody for money?—No, not anyone.

17,241. Did nobody suggest money to you?—No.

17,242. You were there all the afternoon, were not you?—No. I was not.

17,243. What time did you go there that afternoon?—A little after a quarter past 2, after I got my dinner.

17,244. Did you remain there until you went to vote?—Yes, 3 o'clock.

17,245. Why did you remain there an hour, instead of going to vote, having promised your vote?—I did not think about voting.

17,246. Although you had promised your vote?—Yes. I didn't think anything about it.

17,247. Although you had promised your vote?—No. I thought my work was better than the vote.

17,248. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Stand down there and let them take you into custody. It is a gross contempt of court that you should exhibit yourself in that form.

T. Robins.

THOMAS ROBINS sworn and examined.

17,249. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

17,250. Did Mr. Parker ask you for your vote?—Yes.

17,251. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3 o'clock.

17,252. What did he give you?—Mr. Parker did not give me anything.

17,253. Who did?—What I received was from Mr. Mitchell, the baker.

17,254. How much did you receive from him?—Half a crown.

17,255. What time in the day was that?—That was after I had voted.

17,256. You went up with Mr. Parker and voted, and then you went to Mr. Mitchell and got the half-crown?—No, I did not go up with Mr. Parker.

17,257. Who went with you?—Mr. Mitchell went with me to the poll.

17,258. Did you see anybody else get anything?—I never saw anybody get anything.

17,259. There was 5*s.* between you and somebody else; who got the other half-crown?—I suppose Mr. Mitchell.

17,260. Is he a journeyman baker?—Yes.

17,261. Do you know who gave Mitchell the money?—Mr. Freestone took us up.

17,262. Freestone gave it to Mitchell, and Mitchell gave you half of it?—Yes.

17,263. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know Freestone?—Yes.

17,264. You went up in a cart, did you not?—Yes, in a cart to the poll.

17,265. Did you not see anybody else get any money?—No, I did not.

J. Newman.

JOHN NEWMAN sworn and examined.

17,266. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

17,267. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Russell and Tillett.

17,268. At what time in the day?—About 11 o'clock.

17,269. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

17,270. Or were you promised anything for your vote?—No.

17,271. Do you know of anybody having got anything for his vote?—No.

17,272. Or a promise of anything?—No.

17,273. Were you ever a voter before?—Yes, for many years.

17,274. Had you ever received any money for your vote before?—No.

17,275. Or had you ever been promised anything?—No.

17,276. Were you at the "Cherry Tree" on the day of the election?—I keep the "Cherry Tree."

17,277. Had you voters at your house that day?—There were a few people in my house that day.

17,278. Did Hardiment come to your house?—The day before the election, Hardiment, Wiseman, and Freestone, and the opposite party met at the same time.

17,279. They came to your house, did they?—Yes, canvassing.

17,280. Were there a number of voters in your house at that time?—No; there were one or two people there.

17,281. Did you hear them canvass those people?—Yes, they canvassed me.

17,282. Did Hardiment, or Freestone, or any one offer you any money on that occasion?—No. I told them I should not vote for that party, and I told the others straight forward that I should vote for Tillett and Russell.

17,283. Do you know of any men having offered money in your house?—No.

17,284. Did you see Hardiment in your house on the day of the election?—No, he did not come on the day of the election.

17,285. You know of no one being offered any money?—No.

J. Andrews.

JAMES ANDREWS sworn and examined.

17,286. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a publican?—I was. I am not now.

17,287. At the time of the election you kept the "Two-necked Swan"?—Yes.

17,288. For whom did you vote?—For Stracey.

17,289. At what time in the day?—At half-past 8 in the morning.

17,290. Who asked you to vote?—I was not canvassed by anyone.

17,291. Did you promise your vote?—No.

17,292. Was your house used for a committee room?—No.

17,293. Not at any time before the election?—No, not at any time.

17,294. Were you employed about this election by Mr. Chittock?—No.

17,295. Or by Mr. Dawson?—No.

17,296. Were you not employed at all?—No.

17,297. Did you take any part in canvassing?—No, I did not canvass anybody.

17,298. Did you ask anybody for his vote?—On the day of the election I asked several.

17,299. And did you get them to vote?—Yes.

17,300. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

17,301. Did you offer them anything?—No, not anything.

17,302. Do you know of their having been offered anything?—No, I never heard of it.

17,303. Had any of the people who were canvassing been at your house about election matters before the election?—No.

17,304. Did any of them come to your house on the day of the polling?—I was at home very little during the election day. I might be at home between 12 and 1 for a short time.

17,305. Not after that?—Not till after the election was over.

17,306. You took some part in the election yourself, and were rather active?—Yes.

17,307. Did you not engage some people for Sir Henry Stracey?—No, a brother of mine did that.

17,308. Did they come to your house?—Yes, a lot of them did.

17,309. Do you know what they were engaged for?—To attend the meetings and to protect the people on the election day.

17,310. Do you know how many there were?—My brother had as many as 125 at one time.

17,311. Do you know who paid them?—Yes, they were paid at the central committee room.

17,312. Who paid them?—Mr. Dawson.

17,313. Do you know on what day those men were engaged; was it before the election, or on the day of the polling?—They were engaged several days before the election to attend the different meetings.

17,314. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) And they were engaged on the election day too?—Some of them were; anybody that came and wanted a job were set on; they were set on indiscriminately.

17,315. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know the names of any of those men?—Yes, some few of them.

17,316. Can you dictate to anybody the names, so that they may be taken down?—Yes, I think I could remember a few of them.

17,317. Where does your brother live?—He lives with me in Bethel Street.

17,318. Where is he now?—He is at work now.

17,319. Is he in Norwich?—Yes.

17,320. Do you know any of the men who were hired by Inspector Clarke?—I do not. I believe that what he did he did upon his own responsibility.

17,321. Do you know anything about them?—No, I do not.

17,322. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know under whose instructions your brother acted in engaging the men?—Mr. Dawson's.

17,323. Were you present when he gave him directions?—On some occasions I was.

17,324. He came to your place?—No, it was at the central committee room that the order was given.

17,325. How many men were you to have on the election day?—I am sure I could not remember the number, but I should think about 50.

17,326. Were there men with hats?—No, nothing of that sort.

17,327. (*Mr Mansfield.*) Were they voters?—No, or they said they were not voters; there was nobody engaged that was believed to be a voter.

17,328. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Those were the directions, were they?—Yes, not to give anybody a job that was a voter.

17,329. What was the bargain made with them a head?—They were to have 2*s.* and a pot of beer; they were engaged a day, and were paid at night, and if they were wanted another day they were set on.

17,330. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you supply the beer?—Yes.

17,331. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many days were those men engaged?—I could not remember what quantity of meetings there were previous to the election, but I should say they might be engaged some five or six times previous to the election; sometimes there were not more than 20 or 25 engaged, and sometimes there were more.

17,332. There were never less than 20 or 25?—Yes, I think that once there were 12 engaged.

17,333. On what day were the 125 engaged?—That was for a meeting at St. Andrew's Hall.

17,334. Were they all paid 2*s.* a day and a pot of beer?—Yes.

17,335. And on the nomination day how many were engaged?—Not any. I believe there was an agreement made between the heads of the parties that there was not to be any, but I believe that Mr. Tillett's party broke from it and engaged them.

17,336. How many were engaged on the election day?—About 50 I should say.

17,337. They were all paid 2*s.* and a pot of beer?—Yes.

17,338. I suppose the beer was given at your house?—Some of it was.

17,339. Had they tickets for it?—Yes.

17,340. What houses were the tickets given for?—The "Two-necked Swan."

17,341. Were they all given for your house?—For all the men my brother set on; the beer tickets was spent at my house.

17,342. Were tickets also given for other houses?—I believe so, but that my brother had nothing to do with.

17,343. Do you know at what other houses beer was given to other men?—No, I do not.

17,344. (*Mr. Biron.*) What other men had the hiring of roughs besides your brother?—I do not know of any one.

17,345. There were some men you knew, Inspector Clarke's men, but from the central committee what other men were employed besides your brother?—I do not know of any.

17,346. You rather led us to infer that there were others by saying that all the men your brother employed brought their beer tickets to your house?—Yes, but I am not aware that there were any men employed by anybody else.

17,347. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see anybody paid anything for their votes on the election day?—No, not one.

17,348. Or do you know of their having been promised anything?—No.

17,349. Neither on one side or the other?—On neither side.

EDWARD TRAXTON sworn and examined.

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17,350. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A tailor.

17,351. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

17,352. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Stracey.

17,353. At what time in the day?—I think after 8, between 8 and 9 at any rate.

17,354. Later in the day did you get any money from anybody?—Yes.

17,355. From whom?—From Mr. Howse Allen.

17,356. How much did you get from him?—One pound.

17,357. What did you do with it?—A voter, a son of mine, came from Yarmouth, and I paid his expenses over from Yarmouth and everything necessary for him, and the remainder was spent in making a jollification on account of Sir Henry Stracey's return.

17,358. Who had the jollification?—I and my son and anybody else I could see.

17,359. Where was it?—At different places. I was at the "Compasses," for one place, and Sparkes', for another, and several places.

17,360. Did you see anybody else get anything for his vote?—No, I did not.

17,361. Did you receive anything for your vote?—I never did in my life.

17,362. Except that 1*l.*—That was not for myself.

17,363. It was for your son?—It was not all for my son, because I paid his railway fare and his expenses out of it.

17,364. Did you give anything to any voter?—No, I had none to give.

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17,365. Or did you promise anything?—No, I could not promise anything if I had not anything to give.

17,366. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is the return fare second-class from Yarmouth to Norwich?—Half a crown is what I gave him.

17,367. That would leave 17*s.* 6*d.* as the balance?—No; I gave him a little money to spend. I was not going to let my son, a young man, go about Norwich without money in his pocket.

17,368. How much did you give him?—1*s.* 6*d.* I thought that was quite sufficient, for he had his board and lodging while he was with me. I gave him his dinner, his supper, and his tea.

17,369. Had you any conversation with Mitchell in the "Horse Shoes"?—No, not in the "Horse Shoes."

17,370. What was the conversation that you had with him?—I think it was somewhere about half-past 3 that I went home and got my dinner, and I thought that we had lost the concern, and I was delighted when I came out and saw him, and he said, "Traxton, "there is money going on." I knew nothing of it, and had never thought of it, but I thought that if so, I might as well have the young man's expenses.

17,371. Directly you heard of it you were down upon them?—Exactly.

J. W. Taylor.

JAMES WILLIAM TAYLOR sworn and examined.

17,372. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) In which ward do you reside?—The first ward.

17,373. Were you in and out of the committee room of the seventh ward on the day of the election?—No.

17,374. Were you not in the committee room of the seventh ward on the day of the election at all?—Not that I remember; I went past it just as the poll closed. I do not remember going into the room.

17,375. Were you not in the committee room with Sir Henry Stracey on the day of the election?—Certainly not. I was not in any room with Sir Henry Stracey during the day.

17,376. You voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—I did.

17,377. What time in the day?—Early in the morning, before 9 o'clock, or about that time.

17,378. Have you a gig?—Yes.

17,379. Did you drive out in a gig that day?—I did.

17,380. Did you go to the house of a person of the name of Allen?—Yes.

17,381. Did you go to Allen's house in your gig?—I did.

17,382. Was anybody with you?—Yes.

17,383. Who?—A man by the name of Huggins.

17,384. Did you ask Allen to vote?—I did not.

17,385. Did you speak to him about his vote?—I did not.

17,386. Did Huggins?—He went and spoke to some one in another room, but I never saw Allen till the inquiry, when he was pointed out to me. Had I seen him on the day of the election I should have been sure to have known him again.

17,387. What time was it when you went down to Allen's?—In the afternoon, about half-past 2 or 3 o'clock, as far as I can remember.

17,388. Do you swear that you never saw Allen?—I did not on the day of the election.

17,389. And you had no conversation with him?—I could not, as I did not see the man.

17,390. Did Huggins go into Allen's house?—He did.

17,391. Did you go into Allen's house?—I did; in one room; the tap-room I should call it.

17,392. Allen was at home, was he not?—I should say he was.

17,393. You had gone to the house, I suppose, to see him, had you not?—No; I went to drive Huggins, nothing else. Huggins asked me if I would drive him to Allen's, of the "Evening Gun," and I said, "Yes; "jump in."

17,394. He went to see Allen?—No doubt of it. I should say so decidedly.

17,395. Did you see where Huggins went?—It appeared to me that he went into a room at the back of the shop. They keep a little shop as well as a public house.

17,396. How long did he remain away from you?—I should say seven or eight minutes. I do not know that it was so long.

17,397. Did he then come back?—He came back.

17,398. Did he tell you that he had offered Allen half-a-sovereign for his vote?—He told me the moment he came out, "I will not wait any longer; it is no "use; he wants a sovereign and I will not give it."

17,399. Did he say to you that he had gone up as high as half-a-sovereign, and that the man had refused it?—I do not know that he said that. I know he told me that the man wanted a sovereign.

17,400. When you went to Allen's house did you go from the committee room?—No.

17,401. Where did you go from then?—From Tombland.

17,402. Is that Huggins' place?—He resides in Bishop Street.

17,403. Is that close by?—Yes.

17,404. Then it was near Huggins' house that you took him from?—It was further from Huggins' house. I passed Huggins' house. I drove him past his own house to the "Evening Gun."

17,405. Do you know where Huggins was coming from when you picked him up?—I do not.

17,406. Was he walking in the street when you met him?—Yes.

17,407. Do you know a person of the name of William Bloom, of Pig Lane?—Yes, I saw him after the election; after he had voted, I should say.

17,408. You saw him on the election day?—I did.

17,409. Did you not see him near a public house called the "Cock and Pie"?—I think it was there. I think it was on the Quay side that I saw him, in the afternoon.

17,410. That was before the close of the poll, was it not?—Well, I believe it was. I should say it was between 3 and 4.

17,411. I will call your attention to a thing that will put it beyond doubt. You took him up to vote, did you not?—No.

17,412. Did he not go with you from the "Cock and Pie" towards the poll?—No; he had voted hours before.

17,413. Did he not go with you along the street?—I should say not.

17,414. Will you swear he did not?—I will swear that I never saw him till the afternoon.

17,415. Did you walk with him along the street near the "Cock and Pie"?—No.

17,416. You spoke to him?—I did not know the man. If I ever spoke to him it was unbeknown to me.

17,417. How came you to know anything about Bloom?—At the time of the inquiry I heard of him. I never heard of Bloom till that time. I never spoke to the man.

17,418. You have spoken to him since, have you not?—No, I have not.

17,419. Have you sent to him?—I have not.

17,420. Have you had any communication with him?—In no way whatever.

17,421. Do you say that you did not speak to Bloom at all on the day of the election?—Only at the "Cock and Pie;" but I did not know his name.

17,422. Now you know his name, I ask did you not speak to him?—Very likely I did.

17,423. Have you any doubt about it?—I have a doubt, for I have a doubt who was there.

17,424. You know you did speak to a man, and now you know that that man was Bloom?—Yes.

17,425. Bloom received 10*s.* for his vote, did he not?—Not from me.

17,426. Did you ever promise him anything?—Never; the man never asked me for anything in his life.

17,427. He may not have asked you for anything, but what did you say when you spoke to him?—I do not know that I said more to him than anybody else. I never asked him to vote. I do not know that I breathed anything more to him than anyone else.

17,428. But you may have offered money to many people you know?—I did not offer it to anybody.

17,429. Did you not speak to him about voting?—He had voted long before.

17,430. What did you say to him when you did speak to him?—I never offered the man money in my life. I never breathed anything about money to him in any shape or form.

17,431. What did you say to him when you did speak to him?—I believe I asked him if he had voted, and he said "Yes."

17,432. Was that all?—It was all.

17,433. You swear that, do you?—I have sworn it, and I will swear it again if you wish me to do so.

17,434. Do you know Henry Townsend, of Pig Lane?—I do.

17,435. Did you offer him any money?—Certainly not; not a shilling, not a penny.

17,436. Did you see two other men on the Quay side that afternoon?—I never spoke to anyone to the best of my knowledge, more than I had a glass of ale and went on.

17,437. Did you not take up two men from the Quay side to vote that afternoon?—I took one up.

17,438. Who was he?—I do not know; but he did not go to vote. I took up a man in the gig when I went from the Quay side.

17,439. What did you take him up for if he was not going to vote?—He told me he knew where there was a voter if I would drive for him, and if I would not he said he would not be in time.

17,440. What was the name of the voter to whom the man asked you to drive?—I never asked him, for when we got there the man was gone out and we could not find him.

17,441. Were you asking that man to go and vote?—Certainly not; I believe the man had voted, if he was a voter.

17,442. How was it that he came to ask you to drive him up in your gig?—Simply that he would tell me where there was a voter.

17,443. Were you asking him after voters?—No, he voluntarily told me this.

17,444. Do you mean to represent that the man called to you in the street and said, "I know where a "voter is, will you give me a ride and I will fetch "him?"—He did not call me in the street, because my gig was standing there, and I said, "Jump in."

17,445. He came up to you and told you this, did he?—Yes.

17,446. How came a man whom you did not know before to come up to you and ask you to take him in your gig to get a voter, about whom you knew nothing?—There are so many know me and I don't know them, and they would naturally ask me.

17,447. Then you were taking a very active part in the election?—I was. I would have carried any voter, whether I knew him or not, to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

17,448. Do you know a man of the name of Cotton, in Goodman's Yard?—Yes.

17,449. Had he told you that he would not vote unless he got some money?—He had; he wanted some money for his day's work.

17,450. You took him up to the poll, did you not?—No, decidedly not; I never saw him after, I should think, 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning. I never took him to the poll.

17,451. He asked you for a day's work?—This was before the election.

17,452. Did you see him on the day of the election?—I did, I just met with him; I have just told you so.

17,453. Did you say anything to him about his day's work?—No, I asked him to vote; he wanted something for it, and I said I had nothing to give.

17,454. You wished him to vote, and you knew that he wanted a day's work, therefore you knew that there was only one way of getting him to vote?—I had nothing more to do with him; I never gave him a farthing, and don't know that the man had any.

17,455. He said some days before that he wanted a day's work, and yet you went and saw him on the day of the election; do I understand that?—Yes, on the morning of the election.

17,456. When the man had told you that he wanted a day's work, if you were not prepared to pay it, how came you to go to the man on the morning of the election?—I did not go to him, I saw him against the polling booth with many others; I never went to him.

17,457–8. Now will you undertake to say that you did not give or promise him anything whatever for the day's work, or anything of the kind?—I did not.

17,459. No money of any sort?—No money of any sort, neither then, or after, or before.

17,460. Do you know a man of the name of Walter Berwick?—No.

17,461. Do you know a man of the name of Flowers?—I know Flowers.

17,462. Did you not take a man from the "Cock and Pie" to vote?—I did not, to the best of my knowledge. I don't think I did.

17,463. Did not Flowers go with you to a man at the "Cock and Pie," and ask him to vote?—I never saw Flowers all day.

17,464. Will you swear that?—I will swear it; I never saw Flowers all day.

17,465. Have you a son?—I have.

17,466. Is he a voter?—He is a voter.

17,467. Was he active on the day of the election?—I believe he was, he done a little, no doubt; he was active, he is a warm supporter of the party, but I cannot say what my son did. I know nothing about my son, I know what I did.

17,468. Now do you know of a breakfast provided on the day of the election at the "Cock and Pie"?—Certainly not, nor yet anywhere else.

17,469. Do you know Pearson, of World's End Lane?—I do.

17,470. Did you give or promise to give him anything?—I did not give him anything.

17,471. Have you paid anything to any man to vote at the last election?—I have not.

17,472. Have you promised any man anything to vote at the last election?—I have not given a voter anything since.

17,473. Have you promised a voter anything for voting or to vote at the last election?—There is one circumstance that I will give you by-and-bye.

17,474. Now will you tell me that circumstance?—Yes, if you ask me for it. I had some money of Dr. Allen, and I passed that over to a man of the name of Carman, who unfortunately is dead, and not able to speak for himself, which is rather unfortunate for me; it was 4*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

17,475. There is great mortality attaching to those people who have received money?—Very likely there is, but I would have saved his life if I could.

17,476. Did you pass that money over to the man for the purpose of paying for votes?—I passed it over to him. I never asked him what he was going to do with it; I told him he might go as far as 5*l.*

17,477. What did you mean by telling him that?—For the purpose of bringing up voters; there is no doubt about that.

17,478. Where did that man live?—In the parish of St. James.

17,479. When did he die?—He has been dead about three months, I think; over two months.

17,480. Was anybody present when you gave that

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money to that man?—There was not; it was in my own counting-house, and there was no one present.

17,481-4. Where did you get it?—I took it of him on Tombland; he was out of his house.

17,485. What time in the day?—Oh, this was three or four days after the election.

17,486. Then it was to pay voters who had been bribed?—I passed it over to this party, and I have no doubt that is what it was for.

17,487. Had you employed that man to get up voters?—I had not.

17,488. Then why were you selected to pay that over to the man?—I was selected by Dr. Allen.

17,489. But Dr. Allen was about the city, and could have paid the men himself?—Oh, but he did not.

17,490. If you had not employed the man to get up voters, how was it that Dr. Allen gave his money to you?—Well, he might as well have given it to the other party; but Dr. Allen did not know who had got the claim on it.

17,491. At what time in the day did you authorise that man to do it?—I think it was 1 or 2 o'clock, from 12 to 2, I should think, but I was very busy on the day of the election and cannot say.

17,492. Did you see what he did?—No, I was in quite another part.

17,493. Did he report to you what he did?—He told me what he had spent.

17,494. What had he spent?—*4l. 2s. 6d.*

17,495. How many voters had he bought?—That I do not know, I never asked him.

17,496. Did he not tell you how many he had got for the money?—No, I never asked him; he would have given me a list, but I said I did not want that.

17,497. You thought it more convenient to be without the list?—Well, I never hold them and I never did; I don't think it is well to hold them.

17,498. Then it was in consequence of what Dr. Allen said to you that you gave that direction?—Yes.

17,499. Did you give that direction to anybody else?—I did not.

17,500. What did Dr. Allen say to you?—He said that he would go as far as *5l.*, but I believe this was before 12 o'clock when I saw Dr. Allen, or it might be between 12 and 1, but I never saw the man only once all the day, not to speak to him.

17,501. In which ward did this man live?—The first ward.

17,502. Do you know where he operated?—No, I do not; I never saw him after that time, therefore I cannot tell you.

17,503. Do you know of anyone besides that man having been employed in any way to pay voters for their votes?—No.

17,504. Do you know of any other money having been provided for the purpose of paying voters either before, on, or after the election day?—Not one shilling.

17,505. Did you ever promise anything to anybody except that *5l.*, for the purpose of getting up voters?—No.

17,506. Had you no knowledge of anything of the kind beyond that?—I had not.

17,507. How much exactly was it that you received from Dr. Allen?—*4l. 2s. 6d.*

17,508. Was the man who died a voter?—Yes.

R. Eccleston.

REBECCA ECCLESTON sworn and examined.

17,509. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) I think that your husband keeps the "Ribs of Beef"?—Yes.

17,510. Was he away on the day of the election?—Yes.

17,511. The whole day?—Yes; he was away more than a week before and more than a week after; he was at work for the Borough Cement Works.

17,512. Then you were looking after the house on the day of the polling?—Yes.

17,513. Can you tell me the people that were there on that day?—No, that I could not.

17,514. You had a good many people in the house all day?—There were several people there.

17,515. And a good deal of beer going?—I don't know whether it was a good deal, there was some got, of course.

17,516. You served a great deal, did you not?—Not a very great deal.

17,517. Do you recollect Jonathan Flowers coming in?—Yes.

17,518. He ordered beer, did he not?—Well, sir, he ordered some, but he did not order so very much.

17,519. How much?—I should think about three or four shillings worth; there was a little bill standing to Mr. Flowers, and he owed me enough to make it up to about 10*s.*, so I think he had about three or four shillings worth that day.

17,520. That would be two or three gallons of ale, would it?—Yes.

17,521. I suppose all the people shared it amongst them?—Of course they did, what was there. There was some people paid for beer, of course, as well as Mr. Flowers.

17,522. Do you recollect Dr. Allen coming to your place?—Yes, quite well.

17,523. I think he and Flowers went into a room together, did they not?—No sir, that they did not, and they did not meet there together.

17,524. Do you mean to say they were not in the house at the same time?—No, not both of them at once; I do not remember that they were. I never saw Mr. Allen only once.

17,525. Are you certain that they were not there together?—I don't think they were.

17,526. Is there not a kitchen in your place?—Yes.

17,527. Did not Dr. Allen go in there?—No, never in his life.

17,528. Did Jonathan Flowers go in there?—Not that day, I don't remember him at all.

17,529. Do you recollect, after Dr. Allen and Flowers had been at your place, people going off to vote?—I cannot say where they went.

17,530. They went outside?—Of course one or another did.

17,531. After they had spoken to Flowers and to Allen?—Yes, but I cannot say where they went; there was no one to attend to the house, and our cellar is quite out of the way; I have to go backwards and forwards, and cannot tell what is done.

17,532. Don't you know that after Allen and Flowers had been in your house the voters went away?—Several of them went away, but my house was not clear all the day.

17,533. But you know that several went away after they had spoken to these gentlemen?—I could not say; there was some went out, of course, but I don't know whether they went away with them.

17,534. Was Bond in the house?—Yes.

17,535. Was he standing treat to the men?—No sir, Mr. Bond paid for some beer, and he bought half-a-quartern of rum for his own self, and paid for it his own self, that he did.

17,536. He is dead since, is he not?—Yes, he is dead, but he did do that, sir.

17,537. Was Robert Adams there?—I don't know.

17,538. Don't you know him?—No, not that I know of. I might know him by sight, but I don't know him by name.

17,539. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were some people treated with beer in your house?—Yes, there was.

17,540. Did anybody else besides Flowers spend any money there that day in treating the people?—Not that I remember, except that Mr. Allen called for one quart of ale, but he did not treat the people with it,

he drank it himself; that is all the money I saw of Mr. Allen's in my life. He called for a quart of ale and took a mug and drank it his own self, and returned the mug to me; that is all I ever saw of Mr. Allen, and that is all the money I ever saw of Mr. Allen's in my life; he never treated the people, Mr. Allen did not.

17,541. He never gave you money to treat them?—No, and he never treated the people in my house neither.

17,542. Nobody else paid any money?—Well, yes sir, I took some off of old Mr. Bond, but he only treated himself, the same as other people.

17,543. Did anybody else pay for anything for other people to drink?—No, and there was not much paid at all, they paid for their own drink.

AMBROSE ANDREWS sworn and examined.

A. Andrews.

17,544. (*Mr. Biron.*) Were you employed to get some roughs together for the meetings?—I was.

17,545. To attend Stracey's meeting?—I was.

17,546. How long before the election did you hire the first lot?—About three weeks, I should reckon.

17,547. Who gave you instructions to hire them?—Mr. Dawson.

17,548. What did he tell you to do?—I was to keep order at the meetings, sir, that was all.

17,549. But he told you to get some men, did he not?—I had the order for the men.

17,550. What order was that?—I had an order for 100 men in St. Andrew's Hall, and I had over 100.

17,551. The first time?—Yes; that was in St. Andrew's Hall, I think.

17,552. 125 was it not?—Yes.

17,553. Did he tell you you might pay them 2*s.* and a pot of beer for the day's work?—Yes.

17,554. And the beer to be supplied by your brother?—Yes.

17,555. When was the next lot hired?—That was on Orford Hill.

17,556. How many did you have then?—I had 20 then.

17,557. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At the same pay throughout?—Yes.

17,558. (*Mr. Biron.*) How often did you hire them?—That I cannot tell.

17,559. When was the third time?—That was on the election day.

17,560. How many did you have then?—Half a hundred then.

17,561. Did you not have them on any other occasion?—I am sure I don't know now.

17,562. You had them oftener than three times I think?—I think we might, but I don't know now.

17,563. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Your brother has said that you had them four or five times?—I cannot say whether I had or not.

17,564. (*Mr. Biron.*) Who gave you the money to pay them?—Dawson.

17,565. At the central committee room?—Yes.

17,566. Do you know of anybody else who was employed by Dawson to get men?—No.

17,567. Have you the names of the men?—No, I don't know the names of them.

17,568. Do you know who they were?—No, I don't know.

17,569. How many were voters?—Not any.

17,570. How do you know that?—I asked them that.

17,571. You only know from what they told you?—That is all.

17,572. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Can you give me their names?—No, I don't know any of their names.

17,573. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) None of them?—I might know three.

17,574. (*Mr. Biron.*) Three out of 125; I should think you might know more than that?—It is a long while ago, and I am sure I did not know the whole of their names.

17,575. What did you get?—Half-a-sovereign.

17,576. Half-a-sovereign for each time?—Each time I had the order that is what I got.

17,577. Are you a voter?—No.

17,578. What did your brother get?—That I don't know.

17,579. Did not you pay him anything?—No, I did not.

17,580. Did not Dawson pay him anything, except for supplying the beer?—That is all.

17,581. Did Dawson pay you, and did you pay the men?—I did.

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H. Townshend.

17,582. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—I voted on the last election.

17,583. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

17,584. What time in the day?—Somewhere about 3 o'clock.

17,585. You got some money?—I had some money.

17,586. What money did you get?—I had 3*l.* given to me by Mr. Furse.

17,587. What time in the day did he give you that?—Just after 3 o'clock.

17,588. Was that to get up voters?—Yes.

17,589. You had not voted yourself at that time?—Not just at that time.

17,590. But you voted directly afterwards?—I did.

17,591. Have you a list of the men you got up?—Yes; Bygrave, Berwick, Thompson, Smith, Freeman, Lambert, and Barker.

17,592. Have you put opposite to their names their addresses?—No.

17,593. Then perhaps you will do so presently, and hand the list in?—Yes.

17,594. What did you pay these men?—Bygrave I gave 10*s.* to, Berwick I gave 10*s.* to, Lambert I gave 10*s.*, to Freeman, 10*s.*, Smith, 10*s.*, Thompson, 7*s.* 6*d.*, and Barker, 3*s.*

17,595. Did you receive any other money that day?—Yes.

17,596. What other money?—I received 7*s.* 6*d.* from Mr. Mitchell.

17,597. What Mr. Mitchell is that?—The baker, in Palace Street.

17,598. How came you to get that 7*s.* 6*d.* from him?—That was very near 4 o'clock; that was for the man Thompson, he voted in the seventh ward. I had no money of my own then, and I went to Mr. Mitchell and asked him about this man, it was against the "Waggon and Horses," and Mr. Mitchell gave me three half-crowns to pay him.

17,599. You told Mitchell what you wanted it for?—Yes.

17,600–1. And he gave it to you?—Yes, we were all working together.

17,602. In what public house was that?—Not in a public house at all, in the street.

17,603. Do you mean Thompson, of Church Lane?—No.

17,604. Where does he live?—He lives at the "Black Boy," in Pockthorpe, I believe.

17,605. Did you pay anybody else money for voting?—I believe there is one man, whose name I cannot recollect, which would make the money come perfectly right which I received; he belonged to the seventh ward, and he went along with a man of the name of Lambert, but it was done in such a hurry that I forget his name.

17,606. Do you know whereabouts Lambert resides?

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H. Townshend.

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—He is a hawker, but he resides somewhere in St. James'.

17,607. I ask you whether you paid anyone any more money, either before, at the time of, or after the election?—No.

17,608. Did you promise anybody else any money?—No.

17,609. Either before, on, or after the day of the election?—No.

17,610. Do you know of anybody else being paid or promised anything?—I don't know of anyone else, but I know there was one of the young Tilletts round the Quay side very active the night before the election.

17,611. Did you hear him say or do anything?—No sir, but he canvassed a man that lives next door but one to me, but the man was not at home, and he very much pressed the woman.

17,612. Will you give me his name, please?—Clarke.

17,613. On the Quay side?—In Pig Lane, close by the Quay side.

17,614. Now tell us what you have heard about him.—I heard that he canvassed him the night before the election; the man was not at home, and he very much pressed the woman to make her husband vote for his father, Mr. Tillett. He took a fancy to a little dog the man keeps, and wanted to know whether the man would sell the dog, provided he was at home; but the wife said "No, I don't know that he would," and he said he would call again. Whether he called again I have not heard, but he said, "I should like to "have the dog, and I hope he will vote for my father "to-morrow."

17,615. Has he had the dog yet?—No.

17,616. Which young Mr. Tillett was that?—I don't know his Christian name, but I think they call him "Very well" Tillett.

17,617. Did anyone that you know pay for any beer for men who were voters on the day of the election?—I paid for a little myself.

17,618. What did you pay?—I cannot say exactly to a shilling or two, but it was very near a sovereign altogether.

17,619. Where did you pay that?—In different houses.

17,620. Will you give me the names of the houses?—I paid a goodish bit at the "Horse Shoes."

17,621. Where else?—I paid some down at the "Cupid and Bow," and at a house down in Bishop Street.

17,622. Who keeps that house?—That I cannot say.

17,623. Was that for voters who were at the houses?—We were then trying to get voters up.

17,624. And did you succeed, by those means, in getting some voters up?—We took a great number up that day.

17,625. Can you tell me their names?—I cannot; they were perfect strangers to me; they said they were voters.

17,626. Did you find that you could, by giving them a little beer, persuade them to vote?—Oh yes, very easily.

17,627. How many do you think there were in the whole?—I took up a great number that day; I cannot say exactly how many, but I took up a great number.

17,628. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who has repaid you that 1*l.* spent in beer?—That was lent to me by Mr. Warner, at the "Horse Shoes," and he got 4*l.* for it.

17,629. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who gave him 4*l.* for it?—Dr. Allen; he went and charged Dr. Allen 4*l.* for 1*l.*

17,630. What time in the day did you get that?—In the forenoon.

17,631. About what time?—About 11 o'clock, as near as I can say; I was very anxious, doing all I could, and I cannot say exactly the time.

17,632. (*Mr. Biron.*) You are quite a disinterested politician; you did not keep any of the money for yourself?—I did not, sir, I can give a very good account of what I did.

17,633. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you pay for any more beer afterwards?—No.

17,634. Do you know of anyone else having paid for beer?—Not to the best of my knowledge, only as I have read by report.

17,635. You can tell the houses at which you gave the money for beer?—Yes.

17,636. Three of them?—Yes.

17,637. Any more?—No, I think not. I might get some. I believe I went to the "Trumpet," but I did not spend anything there.

E. Burrows.

EDWARD BURROWS sworn and examined.

17,638. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

17,639. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

17,640. At what hour of the day?—About a quarter to two.

17,641. Who had asked you to vote?—No one at all.

17,642. Have you received anything for your vote?—Nothing at all.

17,643. Were you promised anything?—Nothing at all.

17,644. Have you had anything since?—Nothing at all.

17,645. Has any money passed through your hands for anyone else?—Not a farthing.

17,646. Did anybody treat you with beer?—Not a farthing. I have never had a drop of drink or anything of the sort from anybody.

17,647. Was this the first time you voted?—No.

17,648. Which side have you voted before?—I voted for Mr. Waters before.

17,649. And before that?—I never voted before that.

17,650. Did you never receive anything on former elections?—Not a farthing.

17,651. Or any promise of anything?—Not a farthing. I never received anything, and never was asked before.

W. Barber.

WILLIAM BARBER sworn and examined.

17,652. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An egg and butter merchant.

17,653. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

17,654. What time in the day?—It was about half-past two.

17,655. Why did you not vote sooner than that?—Because I was very busy at work. I had a contract for washing the barrack stores and all the bedding; and I had some sent down to me that I was obliged to wash in the forenoon, and get in again as soon as I could.

17,656. Did you get anything for voting?—Not a halfpenny.

17,657. Were you promised anything?—Not a farthing. I never was promised by any man. Mr. Stracey and Mr. Hardiment canvassed me three or four days before the election. I promised my vote then, and I voted conscientiously.

17,658. Did you give or promise anyone anything for having voted?—I never asked a man to vote neither way.

17,659. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you rated at?—I have two hires; one a large loft, where I do my business, and a dwelling-house. My house is about 5*l.* a year, and the loft is 4*l.*

JONATHAN CATCHPOLE sworn and examined.

17,660. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

17,661. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

17,662. What time in the day?—About 2.

17,663. Where were you all the morning?—At work.

17,664. Where?—At my house, in St. Martin's.

17,665. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

17,666. Did anyone fetch you to vote?—No.

17,667. Had you been canvassed before?—Yes, by both parties.

17,668. Had you promised your vote?—No, not to anyone.

17,669. What made you make up your mind at 2 o'clock in the day to vote for Stracey?—I had made up my mind the first thing in the morning, only I could not go and vote before.

17,670. Who had been to you in the morning?—No one.

17,671. Had you no promise of money?—No, not any.

17,672. Or promise of work?—No, not any.

17,673. Had you any promise of your rates being paid?—Not any. I paid them myself.

17,674. Have you never received any money?—Not a farthing.

17,675. Or been promised any money?—Not a farthing.

17,676. Did anyone come to you that day about your vote?—Not anyone.

17,677. Did you go up of your own accord?—Yes.

17,678. Were you at any public houses that day?—Not until after I had voted.

17,679. What public houses did you go to then?—I went into several public houses in the market place. I don't think I went into a public house until I got into the market place. I think the "Oxford" was the first public house I went into.

17,680. Did you see anybody at the "Horse Shoes" who gave you anything?—No; I did not go that way; I was not that way that day.

17,681. Do you mean to say you did not see anyone who promised you anything?—No; I never was at that public house.

17,682. But did you not see anyone that day who promised or gave you anything?—Nothing. I never saw anyone that day before I voted.

17,683. Or any other day?—No, nor yet any other day.

17,684. (*Mr. Biron.*) Or after you voted?—No, nor yet after I voted.

17,685. Did anybody give you anything after you had voted?—No.

17,686. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was anything put down for you?—No.

17,687. Did you take up any money?—No.

17,688. Are you sure that no money got into your pocket that day?—I am sure of it.

17,689. Or the next day?—I am sure of it. I don't think I went out the next day at all.

17,690. Do not misunderstand me. Was there no money of any sort or kind given or promised to you?—No.

17,691. Or beer, or anything of that kind?—No, I never received anything of the kind.

CLEMENT DAYNES sworn and examined.

C. Daynes.

17,692. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

17,693. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

17,694. At what time in the day?—Just after I got my dinner. I made sure of my dinner first.

17,695. Would that be 2 o'clock or after?—Between 2 and 3 we will say. I cannot tell exactly the time.

17,696. Who asked you to vote?—Not anyone.

17,697. Were you not canvassed at all?—Yes; I was before the election; not on the election day.

17,698. By whom?—By Tillett's party. I cannot tell you the gentleman's name that came.

17,699. Did you promise to vote for him?—No, I did not; and when young Stracey came I said, "If I "vote at all I shall vote that side." That is my principle.

17,700. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, and no promise. I never saw anything of it; never went into the market, or into a public house, or had anything at all to do with it.

17,701. You have had nothing since?—I have had nothing since, nor yet any promise.

17,702. Did you ever vote before?—No, I never voted before; but I had a principle before, and always should vote as a Conservative.

JAMES DICKERSON sworn and examined.

J. Dickerson.

17,703. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

17,704. What time in the day?—About half-past 3.

17,705. Did you get anything for it?—No.

17,706. How came you to be so late about it?—I was busy. I had a job to get down to the station by half-past 3, and I was busy all the day.

17,707. What are you?—A cabinet-maker by trade.

17,708. Were you hard at work the whole morning?—Hard at work the whole morning, and did not go out of the yard.

17,709. Did you see anybody that day about voting?—No.

17,710. Who did you go to the poll with?—Not with anyone.

17,711. Had you been canvassed before?—No.

17,712. Had you been asked for your vote before?—No.

17,713. Or promised it?—No.

17,714. You had made up your mind to vote for Stracey?—Yes.

17,715. All along?—Yes.

ISAAC DUNN sworn and examined.

I. Dunn.

17,716. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

17,717. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

17,718. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

17,719. Did you vote for Stracey before?—No.

17,720. Are you registered twice?—I believe I am.

17,721. Did you vote at two places then?—No.

17,722. Be careful. Did you not vote twice that day?—No.

17,723. Did you send anybody else to vote for you?—No.

17,724. Your name is Isaac Dunn, of Calvert Street?—Yes, No. 15, Calvert Street.

17,725. Did you not vote twice?—No, I did not.

17,726. Do you know of anybody having voted for you?—No.

17,727-8. Have you heard of it?—No.

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I. Dunn.

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17,729. How came you to vote so late? — My business kept me at home.

17,730. Everybody has got business at home?—I could not get away.

17,731. It is a most extraordinary thing on this election day that so many persons should have been kept at home by business. What business was it that was of so much importance?—I am a shoe manufacturer. I had some orders in, and I was compelled to look after them.

17,732. How many men do you employ?—I have about 12.

17,733. Now did you receive anything for voting?—No, certainly not.

17,734. Were you promised anything?—No.

17,735. Have you promised anybody else anything for voting?—No.

17,736. Do you know of anybody else having promised anything?—No.

17,737. Or been paid anything for voting?—No.

17,738. Someone voted in your name, if you did not vote twice yourself.—I did not vote twice, that is evident.

17,739. Somehow or other you got personated.—I don't know how it was.

17,740. (*Mr. Biron.*) Very likely you know nothing about it.

J. Nockolds.

JOHN NOCKOLDS sworn and examined.

17,741. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for at this last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

17,742. At what time?—About half-past 8 in the morning.

17,743. You had been very active on that side, had you not?—No, not very.

17,744. Had you been canvassing?—No.

17,745. Had not you been canvassing voters for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

17,746. Not the day before?—No.

17,747. Not on any day with reference to this election?—No.

17,748. Did you ask any voter to go up to the poll?—Not that I am aware of.

17,749. Do you know Hardiment?—Yes.

17,750. Were you about with him before this election?—No.

17,751. On the day of the election did you see Hardiment?—I never saw him.

17,752. Did you hear anything said about money on this election?—No, not until after it was over.

17,753. Not by anyone?—Not anything.

17,754. What were you doing on the day of the polling? — I was at home part of the day, and out part of the day. I was at home the biggest part of the day.

17,755. But were you not about in the city at all?—Very little.

17,756. Were you taking any part in the election on the polling day?—No part at all.

17,757. Have you promised any money to any person for voting at this election?—No.

17,758. Have you given anything to anyone?—No, not a farthing.

17,759. Do you know anyone who has promised or given money or beer, or paid rates for anyone for voting at this election?—I don't know of any. I heard there was on the Liberal side, but not on the Tory.

17,760. What did you hear about the Liberal side?—I only heard that there was beer being given away, and money being promised.

17,761. Can you mention the name of any person who offered either beer or money?—No, I could not.

17,762. What are you by trade?—A shoe manufacturer.

17,763. What are you rated at?—About 16*l.*, I think.

17,764. Do you know Charles William Thompson?—Not that I am aware of.

17,765. Of George Yard, Barrack Street?—No, I don't think I do.

17,766. Were you in Peacock Street on the day of the election?—I believe I was.

17,767. Were you in any house in Peacock Street?—Not at all.

17,768. Did you speak to any voters in Peacock Street?—I believe I asked two or three at the poll why didn't they go and vote; as there was no money they might as well go and vote for nothing.

17,769. Did they vote?—I do not know.

17,770. Did you offer them any money?—No.

17,771. Did you tell them where they could get money?—No.

17,772. Was anything said about where they could get money?—One man, I cannot remember his name, said that he had been offered money on the other side, and could I tell him whether he could get any on the Tory side. I said I did not know of any.

17,773. Did you hear nothing of any money being spent on your side during the poll?—I did not.

17,774. Did you not hear that Hardiment was about on that day?—I did not hear it until afterwards. I did not see him that day.

17,775. But during the day did you not hear that he was about?—I never heard a word until after the day was over.

17,776. Did you hear of Robert Wiseman, junior, being about with any money? — Not until afterwards.

17,777. When did you hear of that?—The next day something was said about bribery on the Conservative side, and I said I thought not.

17,778. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Then you did take a very active part in the election?—No, not a very active part.

17,779. An active part then?—Well, I would have asked anybody that I thought would have voted by speaking to him.

17,780. You know Thompson, of Church Yard, Barrack Street?—I do not know that I do.

17,781. Do you know him, or do you not?—I don't know what he is.

17,782. William Thompson, of Church Yard, Barrack Street? Now be careful.—Sir, I cannot say that I know him.

17,783. Did you not offer a man 5*s.*, and did he not say he would not take that, and then did you not say that you would give him 6*s.* and a gallon of beer?—No, sir, no. I now refresh my memory that there was a man said to me, "I have been offered 5*s.*; will "you give me 6*s.*?" I said, "I can give you "nothing; why don't you go and vote."

17,784. This man that I speak of is a shoemaker?—Yes.

17,785. Now, did not you offer that man 5*s.*? Did he not say that he would not take it; and did not you offer him 6*s.* and a gallon of beer?—No, sir. I will tell you the words which passed between me and that man you are now speaking of. He said, "I will "not vote unless I have some." I said, "Why don't "you go and vote?" He said, "You can get me "something on the Conservative side." I said, "I "know of nothing; if there was anything I would "try and get it for you;" if I could hear that there was anything being paid I would try and get him paid, but I had no influence at all.

17,786. If you could have got anything you would have given it to him?—I promised him so.

17,787. And you would have kept your promise?—I should not have paid it out of my own pocket.

17,788. If you could have got it out of any other pocket than your own you would have got it?—If it had been a usual thing.

17,789. Whether it had been a usual or an unusual

thing, if you could have got him the money you would have done so ?—I might have done so.

17,790. But would you not ?—I think I might have asked for him.

17,791. Do you mean to say you told the man that, and did not intend it ?—I intended only to ask for him, but I heard of nothing.

17,792. Yes, but when you told the man that if there was anything going you would get it for him, did you intend to do so ?—I intended to ask.

17,793. Did you ask ?—I did not.

17,794. Why not ?—I heard no more about it, and I did not think he took my word.

17,795. Did you not make some inquiry whether money was going ?—Never ; I never saw the man any more from that moment.

17,796. Having given him that promise, do you mean to say that you took no more trouble about it ?—No, I don't know whether he voted.

17,797. But did you take no further trouble to see whether you could get the money for him ?—Not one morsel.

17,798. If you thought this election was carried upon perfectly pure principles, how came you to give that answer ?—He told me he knew there was lots of bribery. I said, "If there is anything to be had, "and you vote for the party, I will hear if you can "have something."

17,799. You knew that there was something given ?—I did not know only what I am told.

17,800. The man did vote for your party, don't you know that ?—I don't know.

17,801. Why did you not look into it and see whether he did ? You had promised him this, he would act upon the faith of your promise, and do you mean to say you never took the trouble to ascertain whether you could get anything for him ?—I walked away from him, and did not know whether he voted or no.

17,802. Although you had made that promise ?—I only promised I would ask about it.

17,803. You said that you told him that if there was anything to be got he should have it if he would vote for Stracey ?—Yes.

17,804. Did you take the trouble to ascertain whether anything was to be got ?—I did not, and I never saw him no more from that day to this.

17,805. Then do you mean to say you don't know now that Thompson voted for Stracey ?—I do not.

17,806-7. Well, all I can say is, that you promised that man that if anything was going he should have it ; you induced that man to vote, and you were just as much guilty of bribery as if you paid the man the money.—I am sorry you think so, but I did not know he voted.

17,808. That is my view of the matter—I never saw a farthing.

17,809. When a man makes a promise, it is a thing to be observed, and people trust to promises, particularly men of this kind.—One of our greatest politicians who has passed from this world said, "promise "anything."

17,810. You as much induced that man to vote by the promise of money as any man could induce another.—I would not have spoken to him if he had not come and spoke to me.

17,811-3. You ought to have told us candidly about that man when his name was put to you.—I did not know his name until you mentioned his being a shoemaker.

17,814. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You said you had heard nothing about money, although you had had this conversation about money.—Nothing.

17,815. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where were you at the time of the petition ?—I went away for two days.

17,816. Why ?—I had no reason to go away, only business called me away.

17,817. Where did it call you to ?—I went to London.

17,818. Where did you go in London ?—I went to two or three places in London.

17,819. Whereabouts were you staying ?—I stayed in Stoke Newington two days.

17,820. Had you ever been in Stoke Newington before ?—Oh yes.

17,821. Were you not away from Norwich more than two days ?—I was not.

17,822. Did you not know that they were hunting high and low for you to serve you with a summons ?—No, I did not, until after I came home.

17,823. Then you did learn it after you came home ?—Yes.

17,824. The petition lasted three or four days ?—I came home on the Saturday, and did not know it till then.

17,825. Did you immediately go up and announce yourself when you heard they had been trying to summon you ?—I went out directly to know if I had been called for, and they said no.

17,826. What were the two days you were away ?—I think it was Thursday and Friday.

17,827. You were here on Saturday ?—Yes.

GEORGE GRAVER sworn and examined.

G. Graver.

17,828. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ? — Master cooper and shopkeeper.

17,829. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

17,830. What time in the day ?—Past 2.

17,831. Why did you not vote before ?—Because I was busy at my work.

17,832. Did you see Wiseman that day ?—No.

17,833. Did you get a promise of anything ?—No.

17,834. You were not promised anything for voting ?—No, not a farthing, not a fraction.

17,835. Were you paid anything ?—No.

17,836. Not afterwards ? — No, not a single fraction.

17,837. Did Wiseman pay you anything after voting ?—Mr. Wiseman never spoke to me in his life about anything to do with electioneering.

17,838. Who took you up to the poll ?—Nobody ; the poll is close to my house.

17,839. Did not Dawson ?—No.

17,840. You know Dawson ?—Quite well ; I live against him.

17,841. Did he not take you to the poll ?—No.

17,842. Do you live in Bridge Street ?—Yes.

17,843. Had you been canvassed ?—Yes.

17,844. When ?—I am sure I cannot say exactly ; some few days before the election.

17,845. By whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey's son, and Dawson, and several more. I cannot say who they were.

17,846. Did you promise your vote then ?—I did not faithfully promise it. I said probably I might vote for them.

17,847. Why did you not promise ?—I said perhaps I should not vote at all ; but I did vote for Sir Henry Stracey, because I was always a Tory at heart, though that was my maiden vote.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

W. Hollis.

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WILLIAM HOLLIS sworn and examined.

17,848. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

17,849. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

17,849*a*. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

17,850. What time in the day did you vote?—About half-past 3.

17,851. Are you the landlord of the "Cock and Pie"?—Yes.

17,852. What did you receive for voting?—Not anything.

17,853. Nor the promise of anything?—No, not anything.

17,854. Were there a number of voters at your house on the day of the election?—There were five or six came down during the day.

17,855. Do you know a man of the name of William Bloom?—Yes.

17,856. Was he at your house?—Yes.

17,857. Did you see Mr. Taylor speak to Bloom?—No.

17,858. Did you hear Bloom say what he had received for voting?—No.

17,859. Have you heard what he got since for voting?—No.

17,860. Was Henry Townsend, of Pig Lane, at your place?—I do not remember seeing him that day at all.

17,861. You had a breakfast at your house in the morning?—The morning after the election.

17,862. How many people went to the breakfast?—Five or six of them.

17,863. Who gave the breakfast?—I do not know, I am sure.

17,864. Who paid for it?—I do not know.

17,865. Did they pay for it beforehand?—Mr. Townsend went for the beefsteaks.

17,866. Had they beer and beefsteaks for breakfast, then?—Yes, they had some beer.

17,867. With the beefsteaks?—Yes.

17,868–9. Who paid for the beer?—Mr. Townsend.

17,870. Did they say they got it for voting?—No.

17,871. Had they been drinking at your house that day?—The day before. I do not remember seeing Mr. Townsend before.

17,872. On the day of the election was there a quantity of beer drunk in your house?—Yes, there is always every day.

17,873. What score had you, and who paid it?—Mr. Flowers, he set up a little bit of a reckoning.

17,874. What reckoning did he set up?—Between 2*s*. and 3*s*.

17,875. That was money given to the voters?—No.

17,876. Money given to the men in the house?—He was there having a pint or two of beer, and he had no more money in his pocket, and he asked me if I would trust him.

17,877. He spent what money he had in his pocket, and ran up that score?—Yes.

17,878. I suppose he did not drink all that beer himself?—No, he asked people to drink that was there.

17,879. Do you know Walter Berwick?—Yes.

17,880. Was he at your house upon that day?—During the day he was.

17,881. Flowers took him up to vote, did he not?—I do not know.

17,882. You heard him talking to Berwick about voting, did you not?—I never heard him mention a word to him.

17,883. There seems to be a wonderful affliction of deafness amongst landlords.—I am not always in one room along with the people.

17,884. Was Thomas Paston there?—I do not remember seeing him that day.

17,885. Did you see him the day before?—I might see him the day before, but I do not remember it. I do not see him sometimes for a week together.

17,886. Was James Barber, of Quay side, there?—No.

17,887. Was he present at that breakfast?—No.

17,888. Do you undertake to say that both Paston and Barber were not present at the breakfast?—I do not remember seeing either of them.

17,889. Do you know William Leader, of Quay side?—Yes.

17,890. Was he there?—I never see him.

17,891. Not at the breakfast?—No.

17,892. Can you tell me who there were in the house when Flowers treated them with beer?—There was Edward Bell and William Thornton. I do not remember any more of them being in there.

17,893. Did you promise anybody any money for voting that day?—No.

17,894. Or beer?—No beer at all, nor yet any money.

17,895. Did anybody authorise you to give any beer to voters?—No.

17,896. Or to anybody that day?—Not to anyone.

17,897. Do you know of any money having been paid to anybody for voting that day?—No.

17,898. Did you not hear them talking about having had money?—No, I did not hear anything about any money that day.

17,899. Do you know of anybody having been promised anything?—No.

J. Flowers.

JONATHAN FLOWERS sworn and examined.

17,900. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir Henry Stacey.

17,901. At what time in the day?—As soon as ever the poll opened.

17,902. I think you were very active during the day of the election?—Yes.

17,903. Taking up voters?—I did not take many voters up.

17,904. Do you recollect being at the "Ribs of Beef" that day?—Yes.

17,905. You paid for some beer there, did you not?—Yes, I did.

17,906. How much?—I cannot tell you how much, not exactly.

17,907. Six or seven shillings, was it not?—No, I think not.

17,908. You treated other people?—No, I do not think so. We were drinking together; they asked me to drink and I asked them to drink. I do not remember ordering beer particularly to treat people; I stood a pint and they stood a pint.

17,909. You had several shillings' worth?—Yes.

17,910. Do you remember treating a man a pint?—I treated a pint and he treated a pint, if you call that treating.

17,911. Do you remember going to William Hollis' house?—I think all the money I had was about sixpence, and I asked him to trust me with a pint or two.

17,912. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I see great reluctance on your part to tell us the truth. Hollis told us you spent all the money you had in your pocket, and you then ran up a score.

17,913. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Mrs. Eccleston said the

same thing. When you were at the "Ribs of Beef" did you see Doctor Allen?—Yes.

17,914. What did he tell you?—I told him there was a man going to vote, and he came against the door and said, "Will you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?" He ordered some beer and drank out of a quart pot.

17,915. Were there any other voters there that he spoke to?—Yes.

17,916. How many voters did you ask to go and vote?—There were three I asked to go and vote.

17,917. Did you get them to vote?—I never took one; I went with Mr. Bond.

17,918. Do you know that they went with him to vote?—I went up part of the way with them.

17,919. With several others?—No, there was no one there except him and me.

17,920. Was there no one else going up from that house to the poll?—No, not that I could see.

17,921. You were at the "Marquis of Granby" during that day?—Yes, I went there.

17,922. What did you do there?—There was a lot of folks there, and I asked them if they would vote for Stracey, and they said they had voted for Tillett and Russell, and I asked them if they were going to stand anything to drink, and they said they wanted to know if I would treat them, and I said I didn't mind.

17,923. You treated them all round?—I know the beer came in, and I paid for it.

17,924. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who were those you so treated?—I did not know a man that was there, but since I have been talking about this a man of the name of Barber says it was quite correct and I did treat them.

17,925. Do you know a man of the name of Walter Berwick, living at Quay side?—Yes, I know him.

17,926. Do you recollect getting him to vote?—No.

17,927. Was he there?—No.

17,928. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You saw him at the "Cock and Pie"?—Yes.

17,929. You got him to go and vote?—No, he never voted with me.

17,930. Are you certain he never went and voted?—He never went along with me.

17,931. You gave him some drink?—He had some beer.

17,932. That was at the "Cock and Pie"?—I believe so; I saw him two or three times.

17,933. Were you treating others at the "Cock and Pie"?—There were several people there; some were going to vote for Tillett.

17,934. Did you not find some of Stracey's men there?—Yes.

17,935. You gave them beer?—Yes, they had some beer. I do not call that a treat. I often go into a public house and they ask me to have a pint.

17,936. Do you know anything of this breakfast at William Hollis'?—No.

17,937. Was there any breakfast at the "Cock and Pie"?—I do not know.

17,938. You went to all these public houses and you stood beer all round?—I went to two or three public houses and stood some beer.

17,939. For these voters?—I asked them to drink, and they asked me to drink, and I drank along with them.

17,940. Did you give any money to them?—No.

17,941. Did you promise any money?—No.

17,942. Have you paid any since?—I paid for the beer I set up that day.

17,943. Did you pay any money for votes?—No.

17,944. Did you promise anything?—No.

17,945. Did anything pass through your hands for anybody?—No.

17,946. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

17,947. Have you paid any rates for anybody?—No.

17,948. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were very active for Sir Henry Stracey?—I was running about that day.

17,949. You were going about for the purpose of getting up voters?—Yes.

17,950. You found the men wanted something to drink?—I should say they did.

17,951. How many men were there at the first public house at which you gave some drink?—That was the "Ribs of Beef," a very small place. I do not think there were above six men there.

17,952. Can you give me the names of any?—I know a man of the name of Bond and Chilvers.

17,953. Where does Chilvers live?—He lives down the Quay side.

17,954. What did you spend there?—I cannot say how much.

17,955. Three or four shillings?—No, I never went with more than 3*s.* 6*d.* when I started.

17,956. What was the next house?—The next was the "Cock and Pie."

17,957. How much did you spend there altogether?—I do not know whether it was a pint or two pints; there were several people there.

17,958. At the "Cock and Pie" you ran up a score?—I had no money.

17,959. What did you spend, including that which you afterwards paid?—I think I paid the man 2*s.* 6*d.* or 3*s.*, I cannot swear which.

17,960. How many people did you treat there?—I do not know how many people there were; there were five or six, or six or seven.

17,961. Can you give me the name of any of them?—There was the landlord, and, I think, Berwick was there, and there was Mr. Philip Hill.

17,962. Do you know the Blews?—No.

17,963. Do you know William Blew?—Yes, I know him, but I think he was not there.

17,964. Will you swear it?—I do not remember seeing him.

17,965. Was Henry Townsend there?—I do not remember seeing him till the afternoon. I think he was on the Quay, but not in the house.

17,966. When you saw him in the afternoon, did you give him some beer?—No.

17,967. Do you know Thomas Paston?—Yes.

17,968. Was he there?—No; he was in the "Ribs of Beef," but not at the "Cock and Pie."

17,969. Was James Barber there?—No; I never saw him.

17,970. Was William Leader?—I do not know him.

17,971. Who were there that you recollect?—Not anyone else that I recollect; there were some people, but I do not know who they were.

17,972. What other house did you go to?—I went to Mr. Mackley's, in Pockthorpe.

17,973. Did you treat anybody there?—Yes.

17,974. What did you spend there?—I think it was a gallon or half a gallon. They said, "Are you going to treat?" and I said, "Have what you like."

17,975. To whom did you give it?—I do not know; they were all strangers. I did not know a man in the house; not until I was told afterwards.

17,976. After that where did you go to?—I was going off, and there were three men who wanted to go and vote for Stracey, and I said, "Jump on the "gig and you can go down;" we were about to start when the horse would not pull and tipped us all out. There were several young women got round me and said they did not often see me, and asked me to stand treat, and I said I had no money, but I went and borrowed 5*s.* and treated them. I had a little drop of gin, some of them had rum and some brandy, and it cost me 3*s.* 3*d.* or 3*s.* 6*d.*, I cannot say which.

17,977. Can you give me the names of any of the men there?—There was not a man there, they were all women.

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17,978. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Has anybody paid you since for all this beer?—No.

17,979. Have you asked anybody for it?—No.

17,980. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you go about with anybody that day?—No.

D. Golder.

DANIEL GOLDER sworn and examined.

17,981. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A journeyman baker.

17,982. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

17,983. At what time in the day?—As near as I can tell between a quarter past and half-past 3.

17,984. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all.

17,985. How came you to be so late?—Because it did not suit me to go before, on account of leaving my work.

17,986. Did you see Mitchell that day?—No.

17,987. Or Freestone?—I did not see anybody. I went from my work to the polling place and back again to my work.

17,988. You did not get any money for voting?—No.

17,989. Or promise of any money?—No.

17,990. Or for having voted?—No.

17,991. Did you give anybody money for voting?—No.

17,992. Or for having voted?—No.

R. Howard.

ROBERT HOWARD sworn and examined.

17,993. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

17,994. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

17,995. For whom?—Stracey and Russell.

17,996. At what time in the day?—As near as I can say half-past 3.

17,997. Where had you been all day?—At work.

17,998. Did you get anything for voting?—Yes.

17,999. What did you get?—1*l.*

18,000. Who paid you?—Mr. Hardiment.

18,001. Where?—At Mackley's.

18,002. Who else had 1*l.* there that you recollect?—I went up along with a young man of the name of Staff. I and he went together.

18,003. Did he get 1*l.* as well?—Yes.

18,004. Did you see anybody else get 1*l.*?—Not that I knew; there were two or three on the stairs, but I did not know them.

18,005. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you not know who they were?—No, I do not, they were strangers to me.

18,006. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you tell Hardiment that you should vote for Stracey and Russell?—He never told me who to vote for; he says, "You "know what to do."

18,007. You knew he was a Stracey man, and as long as you voted for Stracey you thought it was all right?—Yes, I thought so, of course.

C. Hunt.

CHARLES HUNT sworn and examined.

18,008. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you vote?—I had not any vote.

18,009. Where were you during the day?—Walking about.

18,010. Did you get any beer?—Oh yes, lots.

18,011. Where?—At different places.

18,012. Which you did not pay for?—Oh yes, that I did.

18,013. Every drop?—No, not every drop; I paid for it when it came to my turn.

18,014. Were you hired by anybody for this election?—No.

18,015. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where do you live?—In St. Mary's. I lived in St. Martin's when the election was.

18,016. What place in St. Martin's?—What they call Selfe's Yard.

18,017. How long had you lived there?—About $2\frac{1}{2}$ years.

18,018. Did you not know that you had a vote?—I never had; I never paid no rates, so I could have no vote.

18,019. Did you know that anybody went and voted for you?—No.

18,020. Did you ever get anything for voting?—No.

18,021. Somebody went and voted for you.—I did not vote, I can assure you.

18,022. (*Mr. Biron.*) Somebody else got half a sovereign for it.—I did not, indeed.

18,023. Somebody else did.—I did not; I should have been glad to have received it; I wanted it bad enough.

18,024. Somebody went and got your birthright.—I never voted. I never had a vote.

J. Lombe.

JOHN LOMBE sworn and examined.

18,025. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Russell and Tillett.

18,026. At what time in the day?—Between 10 and 11.

18,027. Are you sure it was before 2 o'clock?—Yes.

18,028. You are returned as voting after 2; did you get anything for your vote?—No.

18,029. Or the promise of anything?—No.

18,030. Did you hear of anybody else promising anybody?—No.

18,031. Or paying anybody?—No.

18,032. You know nothing about it?—No.

H. Lane.

HUMPHREY LANE sworn and examined.

18,033. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you keep the "Queen Anne," in Church Street?—No, the "Arabian Horse."

18,034. Do you know Mr. Gedge?—No, not to the best of my knowledge, I do not.

18,035. Are you a voter?—Yes.

18,036. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,037. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Stracey.

18,038. At what time in the day?—I suppose it was about half-past 2, as near as I can guess.

18,039. How came you to be so late in the day?—I am sure I do not know. I did not feel anyways in a hurry.

18,040. You did not think it was of any consequence?—I should think it was not.

18,041. Did anyone come and canvass you?—I had not anyone come to me at all. I do not think they knew I had a vote, because I was not asked.

18,042. Were there a number of persons in your house that day?—No.

18,043. Was there nobody in your house?—There might be three or four to come in as they passed, but not anyone to come in and talk about the election affair.

18,044. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

18,045. Money or anything else?—No, nor yet anything else.

18,046. Or were promised anything?—Nor yet promised anything.

18,047. Have you got anything since?—No, in fact, I was never talked to about the election affair.

18,048. Who were the persons who came into your house?—I cannot say; there were very few people; I do not know that there were half a dozen persons came in that day.

18,049. Do you know a person of the name of James Finch?—No, not that I know of.

18,050. Did not a man collect a lot of voters at your house?—No.

18,051. Were there some men treating some voters in your house that day?—No, I do not suppose I drew a gallon the whole day.

CHARLES LARKMAN sworn and examined. *C. Larkman.*

18,052. What are you by trade?—A shoe manufacturer.

18,053. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

18,054. At what time in the day?—I should say about 3; I cannot say for about a few minutes.

18,055. What made you so late?—If I were to tell you the reason it would take a long while. I first of all went to the "Little Buck," St. Martin's, early in the morning between 8 and 9, where there were four or five, or it might be more, and we all agreed to vote together, and at about 12 o'clock we were going—

18,056. Who were the people you were going to vote with?—Mr. Moore, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Crane. We all agreed to vote together, and about 12 o'clock we were going to vote, and they said "Go and ask Mr. Smith if he is going," and I says "I will have my dinner first before I go," and so it was, I had my dinner first.

18,057. Did you get any voters to go to the poll?—No, of course not.

18,058. Did you ask anyone to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No, not one.

18,059. Did you make any promise to anyone?—No.

18,060. Did you offer any money?—Not any.

18,061. Have you paid any money?—No, not any.

18,062. Have you received any money?—No.

18,063. Since the election?—No; I received nothing, was offered nothing, and asked for nothing.

18,064. Were you at any of these public houses on the polling day?—Yes, at the "Buck" in St. Martin's till a quarter before 12.

18,065. Were you at any other public houses?—Yes, I was; I called at Mr. Carver's, the "Fencers' Arms," and got a glass.

18,066. Anywhere else?—No, not till after I voted.

18,067. Did you give any beer to any voters?—No.

18,068. Did anybody give you any beer?—No, I had not more than a glass, and what I had I paid for.

HORATIO LEMON sworn and examined. *H. Lemon.*

18,069. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shopkeeper.

18,070. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

18,071. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

18,072. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

18,073. How came you to vote so late?—I was forced to be at home that day, having a great many people in for oysters and one thing and another. I could not get out before.

18,074. You did not get anything for voting?—No.

18,075. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

18,076. Did you give anything to other people?—No.

18,077. Or promise them anything?—No.

ROBERT MITCHELL sworn and examined. *R. Mitchell.*

18,078. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were a voter at the last election?—Yes.

18,079. And you were near the "Woolpack" on the day of the election, were you not?—Yes.

18,080. You saw Freestone, the baker?—Yes.

18,081. He gave you 5*s.*?—Yes.

18,082. And you divided it with another man?—Yes.

18,083. To go up and vote?—Yes.

18,084. Had you anything more for voting?—Nothing else.

18,085. (*Mr. Biron.*) You paid a second man?—I only paid one man.

18,086. Is that all?—Yes. I had 5*s.* given to me, and I gave him half of it.

18,087. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you give any man 7*s.* 6*d.* that day?—No, I never see no other man along with me.

18,088. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was not some money afterwards passed through your hands for another voter?—No; only 5*s.* was given to me, and I gave the man half of it.

18,089. I mean afterwards did not some money pass through your hands for another voter?—No.

18,090. I do not mean a sum of money paid to you, but given to you for somebody else?—No; I had only 5*s.* given to me, and the other man with me had half of it; that is all the money I had.

18,091. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you at the "Cherry Tree"?—No, I only went along with Mr. Freestone down to the poll.

WILLIAM MORTIMER sworn and examined. *W. Mortimer.*

18,092. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

18,093. For whom did you vote?—Tillett.

18,094. At what time in the day?—A little before 4.

18,095. Did you give a plumper for Tillett?—Yes.

18,096. What made you go so late?—Because I was after my business.

18,097. Had anybody asked you to vote?—There were two or three round me just before I came home.

18,098. With whom do you work?—I do carting for anyone. I am a general carter for anyone.

18,099. Had you been asked for your vote before?—There was some people came round a time or two, but I was not in the way at the time.

18,100. Was anything promised you?—No.

18,101. Was anything offered you?—No.

18,102. Has anything been paid to you since?—No.

18,103. Has nothing been promised to you?—No.

18,104. Did anybody give you any beer on the polling day?—No; I was not about anywhere till I went to vote.

18,105. You were not about the city till quite late, is that so?—Yes.

CHARLES MORSE recalled and further examined. *C. Morse.*

18,106. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Just reflect; you were in Clarke's beerhouse and you saw Benfather?—Yes, I did.

18,107. Did not Benfather ask you to vote?—Yes.

18,108. Did you not tell him that you wanted a day's pay or a day's wages?—No, I never told him so;

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C. Morse.
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he asked me to vote, and he offered me 5*s.* for my vote.

18,109. You took the 5*s.* and went along with him to vote?—Yes.

18,110. Why did you not tell us that before. Have you seen Benfather since this inquiry?—I have seen him several times; I saw him yesterday.

18,111. Did he tell you to come and say that he never offered you anything?—No, he never said nothing to me.

18,112. What did he say to you?—He told me I could do which way I thought proper.

18,113. What did he come to you about?—I see him in the street, he never came to my house.

18,114. Did he not say anything to you about your coming here?—He asked me whether I had got an order to come, and I said "Yes," I had.

18,115. Then what did he say to you?—He said I could do which way I thought proper.

18,116. Did he not say to you, "You must not say "that I offered you 5*s.*"?—No, he did not.

18,117. Do consider.—I have no considering.

18,118. Did he not say you must not say you had that offer of 5*s.*?—If he did I did not understand what he said.

18,119. Did he say "You must not say anything "about that 5*s.* Do not tell them what you know"?—He might say such a thing.

18,120. He did say so?—But I paid no regard to that.

18,121-2. Did he say so?—Well, I believe he did.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) This court will now stand adjourned till Monday the 27th instant, in order that in the interval effectual means may be taken to abridge the inquiry in such a manner as shall not be inconsistent with its perfect efficiency; and every effort will be made to save the city all expense consistent with the attainment of that object.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

Monday, 27th September 1869.

SIXTEENTH DAY.
J. T. Furse.
27 Sept. 1869.

James Thomas Furse sworn and examined.

18,123. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter in this city at the last election?—Yes, I was.

18,124. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

18,125. Did you take an active interest in the promotion of the election of Sir Henry Stracey?—Not till the latter part of the day.

18,126. At the latter part of the day did you receive any money from any person?—I did.

18,127. From whom did you receive any money, and how much?—I received 10*l.* from Dr. Allen.

18,128. Was that for the purpose of paying voters to vote?—I suppose that was what he gave it to me for.

18,129. Did you proceed to carry out what you supposed to be the object?—Yes, I did.

18,130. To whom did you pay it?—I gave 3*l.* to a man named Townsend.

18,131. Where does he live?—He lives in Pig Lane.

18,132. Was that for the purpose of distributing amongst voters?—It was.

18,133. What did you do with the rest?—I gave 2*l.* 10*s.* to a man named Bacon.

18,134. Where does he live?—He lives in King Street.

18,135. Was that for the same purpose?—Yes.

18,136. What did you do with the further sum?—I gave 2*l.* to a man named Huggins.

18,137. What did you do with the remaining 2*l.* 10*s.*?—I gave 1*l.* to a man named Mitchell, a baker.

18,138. Did you pay anybody else any money?—I gave half a sovereign to a man of the name of Potter to vote.

18,139. Where does he live?—In New Catton. I gave half a sovereign to a man named Pearson, and 8*s.* to a man, I think his name was Cotton, he came from Yarmouth to vote, and that was for his expenses and day's work; and I gave half a crown to a man of the name of Taylor, that was for a voter, and I believe he gave it to a voter.

18,140. Do you know the name of the voter?—No, I do not; he could tell you that.

18,141. Did you pay any more money to any other person?—No.

18,142. That exhausted all the money you received from Dr. Allen?—Yes.

18,143. Did you receive any money from anybody else?—No, not any.

18,144. Did you lend a sum of money which you received from Mr. Howse Allen?—Yes.

18,145. What was that?—Half a crown.

18,146. To whom did you lend it?—To a man of the name of Bond. I believe he is since dead.

18,147. Was he a voter?—Yes.

18,148. He had a hesitation about taking it as a gift, and you made it a loan?—He asked me to lend it to him.

18,149. Did he afterwards vote?—I believe he voted before he received it; but of that I am not certain.

18,150. Did you receive any further sum of money?—No, not any.

18,151. Do you know of anybody else having been paid money for like purposes?—I do not.

18,152. Did anybody go with you who promised any voters any money?—No, I did not take a voter up the whole day.

18,153. Do you know of any other voters being paid or promised payment?—I do not, only what I have read in the papers.

18,154. Was a person of the name of Colby present when you gave Bond that money?—He was not.

18,155. Do you know a person of the name of Charles Blyth?—I do.

18,156. Did you give him or promise him any money?—I did not speak to him on the day.

18,157. But you may have spoken to him before?—No, I did not, anything about the election.

18,158. Did you canvass him?—No, I did not.

18,159. He lives next door to your shop, does he not?—Next door to the workshop.

18,160. Are you sure you had no conversation with him upon the subject?—I had not.

18,161. You gave him nothing for his vote, and promised him nothing?—No.

18,162. Did you pay for any beer for voters?—I might, perhaps, in the course of the day; not for voters, I think.

18,163. Did you pay for any beer at any public houses?—I went in for a glass of ale at the "Waggon and Horses," and a man asked me for a shilling, but he was not a voter; he told me he was not.

18,164. Is that the only sum you paid?—That is all that I remember.

18,165. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you settled any claims since?—None whatever.

18,166. How was it you came to select Townsend, Bacon, and Huggins to distribute these bribes?—They were close at hand when I received the money.

18,167. Did you tell them who to go to?—I did not, because I did not know who were the voters, and I did not take an active part in the election at all till the latter part of the day, when I received the money.

18,168. How came you to pick out those three men and trust them with the money?—I saw them running about in the course of the day.

18,169. Did you know them before?—Yes, quite well.

18,170. Have you had anything to do before with elections?—No, I have not.

18,171. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you ever had money at any previous election to distribute?—No.

GEORGE PEARCE sworn and examined. *G. Pearce.*

18,172. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

18,173. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

18,174. At what time of the day?—At half-past 1.

18,175. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

18,176. Where were you at half-past 1?—In St. Mary's.

18,177. I think you were employed at the election by the Stracey party, were you not?—I was once.

18,178. How many days?—Only one day.

18,179. How much did you get for that?—Two shillings.

18,180. Who paid you that?—Mr. Ambrose Andrews' brother.

18,181. That is the brother of the publican?—Yes.

18,182. Did you get the 2*s.* the day before or the day after the election?—I think it was 2*s.* before the election.

18,183. What was this 2*s.* given to you for?—I was on a job along with other men.

18,184. Were you at any meeting?—That was a meeting that we went to.

18,185. At St. Andrew's Hall?—Yes.

18,186. And you held your hand up like the rest?—Yes, I was like the rest of the people, and held up my hand when I was required.

18,187. Have you ever voted at any election before this?—No.

18,188. Is that all the money you had?—Yes.

18,189. Has nothing been promised you?—No.

18,190. Nothing has been given to you since?—No, nothing.

18,191. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You held up your hand for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

CHARLES NOBBS sworn and examined. *C. Nobbs.*

18,192. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—Shopkeeper.

18,193. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,194. For whom?—For Mr. Henry Stracey.

18,195. At what time of the day?—Between 3 and 4.

18,196. Did you get anything by voting?—Yes.

18,197. How much?—15*s.*

18,198. From whom?—Mr. Hardiment.

18,199. Where did he give you the 15*s.*?—At Mr. Cartwright's, in Rosemary Lane.

18,200. Did you see him pay any other men there?—No.

18,201. How many men were there when you were paid?—Only Mr. Hardiment and me.

18,202. In what room was it he paid you?—On the right-hand side, opposite the bar.

18,203. Were there not a number of other men waiting to be paid?—I see a number of people standing about there.

18,204. Do you mean to say you were let in by yourself, paid, and let out again?—Yes.

18,205. Did you see any other men go in after you came out?—No, I went out and voted directly.

18,206. How came you to go to Cartwright's?—I was told they were giving some money there.

18,207. Who told you?—Some people standing about there said there was money given, and I went in.

18,208. Who were you about with on that day?—I was not about at all till about 3 o'clock; I was looking after my shop.

18,209. Surely you can give me the names of some of those who were at Cartwright's?—I cannot give the name of one.

18,210. Were they all strangers to you?—Yes, they were all strangers to me, perfect strangers.

18,211. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was it the common talk outside?—Yes.

18,212. How many men were there talking about it outside?—There might be 10.

18,213. Did you see them going in and coming out?—No, I did not see anyone go in; there were several inside when I went in, but what they were inside for I do not know.

GARDINER WARMAN sworn and examined. *G. Warman.*

18,214. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

18,215. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

18,216. At what time of the day?—Between 3 and 4, or it might be a quarter past 3.

18,217. What did you receive for your vote?—Nothing.

18,218. Where were you during the day?—At work.

18,219. Where?—At home, making a pair of boots for a young woman.

18,220. That was not very urgent business?—They must be done by dinner time; the young woman wanted them to go to Yarmouth in between 1 and 2, and I never finished them till 1 o'clock.

18,221. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

18,222. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Baldwin, the baker, and several more.

18,223. Did he promise you anything?—No, nothing.

18,224. Did you promise him your vote?—No.

18,225. Why not?—He belonged to the Liberal side.

18,226. Were you not canvassed for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

18,227. By whom?—By young Stracey and Mr. Dowson, I believe.

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G. Warman.

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18,228. Were you at the "Woolpack" on that day?—No.

18,229. Did nobody give you any beer for voting?—No, not a glass of anything.

18,230. Had you promised your vote to young Mr. Stracey?—Yes.

18,231. When was it he canvassed you?—The Friday before the election.

18,232. Do you know Hardiment?—No.

H. Durrant.

HENRY DURRANT sworn and examined.

18,233. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A grocer.

18,234. Are you a voter?—No, I am not a voter.

18,235. You were taking an active part in this election?—No.

18,236. Did you take no part at all?—No, none at all.

18,237. Do you know a man of the name of Robert Bunn?—Yes.

18,238. Do you recollect talking to him on the day of the poll?—I remember seeing him at my shop.

18,239. Do you recollect his saying something to you about getting voters to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

18,240. Did you receive any money from him?—Yes.

18,241. What for?—He gave it to me, of course, for the purpose of getting voters, but there was no talk about it. I knew what he meant.

18,242. What did you do with it?—I did not receive it till 20 minutes to 4, and did nothing whatever with it.

18,243. What have you done with it?—I have it now.

18,244. Have you brought it with you in your pocket?—No, I have got it at home.

18,245. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The same money?—No, I do not say it is the same money; but I have 16*l.* at home, and whoever can claim it can have it.

18,246. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) In what money did you receive it?—In half sovereigns.

18,247. And in what money is it now?—I cannot say, it may be notes or sovereigns.

18,248. Do you mean to say that you did not spend any of this money?—Not a penny.

18,249. When Mr. Bunn handed it over to you, did you not make any observation?—I do not remember making any at all.

18,250. You took this 16*l.*, knowing Mr. Bunn wanted you to employ it in bribery, having a determination all the time not to do it?—I beg your pardon, I had not an opportunity, or I should have done so.

18,251. You knew some people who wanted a little money?—I did.

18,252. You hinted it to Bunn?—I think before that there was some little remark made about it, that I could use it if I had it, but that was not on the day of the election at all.

18,253. What day was that?—I really cannot say; prior to the election.

18,254. Was it one day or two days?—It might be two or three days.

18,255. Did you mention how you might spend money, supposing you got it?—I intended, of course, in buying voters.

18,256. In what quarter?—Anywhere where I could find them.

18,257. That was the conversation you had with Bunn two or three days before the election?—Yes.

18,258. In consequence of that Bunn comes to you at 20 minutes to 4 with 16*l.*?—Yes.

18,259. Did you lay out any money at all yourself at this election?—No, not a penny.

18,260. Or spend any money in beer?—No. I had nothing whatever to do with the election, and did not expect to have anything to do with it till I saw Bunn.

18,261. I thought there was this conversation?—I did not know anything was coming till nearly 4 o'clock.

18,262. You did not suppose any was coming?—I did not suppose there was any till that time.

18,263. Have you ever offered to return this money?—I do not know to whom to offer it.

18,264. (*Mr. Biron.*) You know whom it came from?—I knew it came from Bunn, and I thought it might be as well in my possession as his.

18,265. Has anybody asked you for that money?—Nobody.

18,266. Have you told anybody that you had it?—Oh, yes, lots of people.

18,267. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You say you had a conversation two days before with Bunn about your being able to lay out money at the election?—Yes.

18,268. You knew where you could lay it out?—I always know that there are opportunities for that at an election.

18,269. But you must have had some special knowledge as to where you could lay it out to have had that conversation?—No, I did not.

18,270. Do you mean to say that you, who took no part and no interest in the election, said to Mr. Bunn, "If I had a sum of money I think I could lay "it out at the election"?—That is all.

18,271. How came you to have such a conversation?—I do not know. The election was being talked about, and I supposed there would be, as there always had been, plenty of people waiting for money.

18,272. You knew where you could lay it out?—No; I imagined there would be the same opportunities as there had been on other occasions.

18,273. When Mr. Bunn came did you tell him it was too late to lay it out?—No.

18,274. You knew as much then as you did immediately afterwards?—No, I did not.

18,275. Did you do a single thing for the purpose of laying it out?—Yes, I did. I walked up as far as the polling place.

18,276. And you walked back again?—Yes. I saw so many loose and half-drunken people about, noisy and troublesome, that I thought it was not safe to do it.

18,277. You did not inquire of them whether they were going to vote, or anything of that sort, although you had got the money in your pocket?—No, I did not.

18,278. You took no step to distribute it?—No.

18,279. You put it in your own pocket, and have kept it there ever since?—It is in my house now.

18,280. You have perhaps other money in lieu of it?—I have 16*l.* that anybody owning can have.

G. Bygrave.

GRANVILLE BYGRAVE sworn and examined.

18,281. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

18,282. On the day of the election were you with a person of the name of Gilbert?—Yes.

18,283. Do you know a garden in Regent Street?—Yes, quite well.

18,284. Do you know Mr. Fisher, the grocer, in St. Stephen's?—Yes.

18,285. Did you see Mr. Fisher in the garden?—I heard Mr. Gilbert call to Mr. Fisher.

18,286. Did Fisher say anything to you and Gilbert?—No, Gilbert said it to Fisher.

18,287. What did he say?—He asked about money.

18,288. What did he say?—He called to him, and asked if there was anything to be got.

18,289. What did Fisher say?—He said he could not give anything. He said, "Come down to the "'Trumpet' at half-past 2," or "Go down;" it was one of the two.

18,290. Did he say whether anything would be at the "Trumpet"?—He did not say whether there would be anything. He said, "Come down."

18,291. Did you and Gilbert go to the "Trumpet"?—Me, Gilbert, and Walker.

18,292. Was Walker with you at the time?—Walker was in his shop at work, I believe, during the time.

18,293. It was near his shop?—Very close to his workshop.

18,294. Did you see Fisher down at the "Trumpet"?—I saw him come in about 1 into the "Trumpet." I will not be positive about it.

18,295. Did you speak to him in the "Trumpet" at all yourself?—No.

18,296. Did Gilbert speak to him, do you recollect?—No, I do not recollect his speaking to him in the "Trumpet."

18,297. Did you see Fisher again that afternoon?—Gilbert and me went up into the committee room during the afternoon, it might be three-quarters of an hour after, and Gilbert asked him again, and he said he dare not promise him anything then, and promised him 5*s.* in a fortnight.

18,298. Did he say where he was to come for it?—He said if he came to his shop he would give him 5*s.* in a fortnight.

18,299. Did he promise you the same thing?—I suppose he meant both of us. I never asked for anything.

18,300. Did Gilbert speak for himself and you?—I suppose he did.

18,301. You understood you were to be included in the 5*s.*?—I suppose he meant so, seeing I was with him. I suppose he thought I wanted the same sort of physic.

18,302. Did he say you were to do anything for it?—If we voted we were to have it. I do not know any other conditions.

18,303. For whom were you to vote?—He did not say who; but as he was a Conservative I suppose we was to vote on that cause. He would not give 5*s.* for me to vote for Mr. Tillett.

18,304. Did you see Mr. Hardy with Mr. Fisher that day?—I saw Mr. Hardy with Mr. Fisher when Mr. Gilbert called to them; they were canvassing together in Regent Street.

18,305. Did Fisher come from Hardy to you?—They both came together. Fisher and Hardy were together, and they came and spoke together; they were close to one another. Mr. Hardy might be a yard away from Mr. Fisher, but they were in company together; the one was not outside the garden and the other in; they were both in the garden.

18,306. You say you were at the "Trumpet"?—In the afternoon.

18,307. Was that after you had seen Fisher the second time?—I was in the "Trumpet" twice in the afternoon, once about half-past 2 or a little after 2, and just after the poll closed, about two minutes after 4.

18,308. What time was it you had seen Fisher at the committee room?—I should say it was half-past 2; between half-past 2 and 3. I cannot be positive to a few minutes.

18,309. Before you went to the "Trumpet" at a little after 4 did you see Hunt and a person of the name of Smith, a painter, together in the street?—No, I went into the "Trumpet" about half-past 2 and I saw Hunt and Smith, the fowl dealer, in the market room.

18,310. Did you hear Hunt say anything?—Yes. Am I allowed to make a statement?

18,311. State what passed.—I went into the "Trumpet" about half-past 2 with my friend and had a glass of ale. There were a great many people in the room, and they said, "Go into that room "through there." I had never been in the room, to the best of my knowledge, before in my life, and I understood it was the market room. When I got there they said, "Come in, shut the door; are you all "voters?" Someone answered, "Yes." I suppose he spoke for the whole of us. One man said Mr. Walker had voted, but howsomever the subject was dropped, and they said, "How many of you is "there?" and they were counted, and they counted 16. Hunt says he has got 5*l.*, and he will give 5*s.* each, and at that they grumbled, and then Smith, the fowl dealer, made a reply, as I understood, that he would be 1*l.* out of his own pocket and make it up 7*s.* 6*d.* a man, and some were agreeable to take it and some were not, and at that time I left them. I never saw anyone take any money or never took any myself, and I went out. We all went out, me, Walker, and Gilbert.

18,312. You were not willing to take the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—No, it was rather too cheap.

18,313. Do you know a painter whom you had seen in the "Trumpet"?—I saw a man, but I do not know his name.

18,31. Was he with Hunt?—No; the last man I saw I did not know his name. He was with young Mr. Smith, and old Smith, the fowl dealer, and Fuller, the landlord.

18,315. Where were they?—Fuller was against the poll, and young Smith was conducting the man up St. Stephen's.

18,316. Was that towards the "Trumpet"?—It was to the poll nearest to the "Trumpet."

18,317. Did you afterwards see that man at the "Trumpet" when you went back?—I went into the "Trumpet" after that with Gilbert. We did not go into the bar, but in the little side place. He peeped in at the door somewhere there, and they slammed it in his face, and afterwards Smith came out and he said, "Here is three more of them." He said it to Fuller, and Fuller said, "It is over time "now," as if he was loth to part with the coin, and Smith made a reply, and says to me, "Go you and "get nothing, you have done yourself," and I said, "Never mind, I have not allowed you to do me," and I left the house.

18,318. Did you see anything that passed inside that room?—No, nothing, because I had no chance to see anything, the door was shut.

18,319. Did you see the same man that you had seen with young Smith come out of the room?—No, I do not know who was in the room.

18,320. You received nothing for your vote?—I did not vote at all.

JAMES TILLETT sworn and examined.

J. Tillett.

18,321. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A smith.

18,322. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,323. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

18,324. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

18,325. Did you get anything for voting?—Yes.

18,326. How much?—10*s.*

18,327. From whom?—From Hardiment.

18,328. Where did he pay you?—In Rosemary Lane. I do not know the sign of the public house.

18,329. Was it Cartwright's?—Yes.

18,330. Did you see any one else paid?—No, there was only I and Hardiment in the room.

18,331. Who was outside?—I do not know.

18,332. How came you to go there?—I see a lot of people standing there, and I went in and I see them give the money away.

18,3 Can you give me the names of any that were standing about?—No, I cannot.

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J. Tillett.

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18,334. Were they all strangers to you?—Yes, all perfect strangers.

18,335. How came you to know there was money going there?—Because I went into the house.

18,336. Who told you about the money?—I see a lot of them go in one by one.

18,337. Did the landlord say anything to you about it?—I did not see any landlord.

18,338. Or landlady?—No.

18,339. Nobody?—No.

18,340. You go into Cartwright's public house, walk straight into a room, and get 10*s.*?—I see a lot go into the room one by one, and I go in and I see Hardiment there, and he gave me 10*s.*, and I went and voted directly.

18,341. Did nobody ask you whether you were a voter?—No, they never asked me such a question.

18,342. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How came you to go into a room where he was?—I was coming past, and I saw a lot go in.

18,343. How many did you see go in?—Five or six, one by one.

18,344. At what time was this?—Between 3 and 4.

18,345. Do you mean to say you do not know the name of anybody else that was there that afternoon?—I cannot tell you the names.

F. Scotter.

FREDERICK SCOTTER sworn and examined.

18,346. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

18,347. At what time of the day did you vote?—I think it was somewhere about 4.

18,348. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

18,349. You keep a public house?—Yes.

18,350. Were there many voters there on the day of the poll?—Not any that I know of.

18,351. What is the sign of your public house?—The "Old Angel."

18,352. Was yours a party house?—No, certainly not.

18,353. Was there much beer consumed that day?—No, not more than usual, not so much I think it is very likely, because I was not up till near dinner time.

18,354. Who paid for the beer that was served?—Them that drank it.

18,355. You are quite certain of that?—Yes.

18,356. Did you hear of any money being paid for votes at this last election?—No.

18,357. You had no knowledge of it?—No, not any.

18,358. Did you receive any money?—No, not any.

18,359. Were you promised any?—Not one farthing.

18,360. Has any money been paid through your hands to any voters?—No, not one farthing.

18,361. Have you made any claim since the election for beer or anything else?—No, no claim whatever upon no person.

18,362. Have you had anything to do with any former elections here?—No, I never had anything to do with former elections.

18,363. Have you voted at former elections?—No.

W. Hewett.

WILLIAM HEWETT sworn and examined.

18,364. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

18,365. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,366. For whom?—For Tillett.

18,367. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

18,368. How came you to vote so late?—Because it suited my purpose best; I had no other time. I could not lose my time to go out.

18,369. Were you at work until then?—Yes.

18,370. Did you get anything for voting?—No, nothing.

18,371. Or the promise of anything?—No, nothing.

18,372. Or any beer?—No, nothing, not any.

18,373. Are you a member of the organisation?—No.

18,374. Had you been canvassed before?—No.

H. Durrant.

HENRY DURRANT recalled and further examined.

18,375. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you got that 16*l.*?—I have.

18,376. What do you mean to do with that money?—Keep it until somebody claims it who has a right to have it.

18,377. You know to whom it belongs?—No, I do not. I know from whom I got it, but where he got it from I do not know.

18,378. Do you mean to say you have not heard the proceedings before this court?—I only know it from what Bunn has stated.

18,379. And also from the evidence of Mr. Allen?—Yes.

18,380. Therefore you know where it came from?—I know Mr. Bunn had some money from Mr. Allen.

18,381. And you know it is Mr. Webster's money?—I do not know that.

18,382. Have you not read the evidence?—Yes.

18,383. Did you not know that Mr. Webster drew some money and handed it to Mr. Allen, and Mr. Allen handed it to Mr. Bunn?—Yes.

18,384. Were you concerned in former elections at this place?—Yes.

18,385. What money have you dispersed in bribery at former elections?—I cannot say the amount; I have never kept any memoranda of it.

18,386. How much did you disburse at the election of 1865?—Is that Waters' election?

18,387. Yes.—It would be 50*l.* or 60*l.* or something like that.

18,388. Is your memory defective?—I have no memoranda to go by at all.

18,389. Surely you can tell us with something like accuracy?—I cannot tell you nearer than 60*l.*

18,390. How many voters did you buy with that?—I cannot tell you.

18,391. Nor the names of any voters you bought?—No, I do not remember their names now; I kept no list.

18,392. About what did you pay for a vote?—About 2*l.* or 3*l.* I think it was at Waters' election.

18,393. That was about the standard price, was it?—Yes, I think that was about the price.

18,394. You bought about 20?—Yes, about that.

18,395. Who they were you cannot say?—No, I connot tell you at all.

18,396. Now, as to the election of 1860?—I really cannot recollect who the candidates were then.

18,397. Warner and Russell and Forlonge and Lewis; what money did you receive at that time?—Not a penny.

18,398. In the election of 1857, Bury and Schneider's; did you receive anything then?—I did, I know it is the election when the Liberals were put out.

18,399. Did you receive the money on the Conservative side?—What I received was on the Conservative side, certainly.

18,400. From whom did you receive it?—I think it was Mr. William Kitton.

18,401. About what was the amount?—Not so much as in Waters' election. I cannot tell you the amount.

18,402–3. Can you give us any idea to whom you paid that money?—No, it is so long ago I cannot recollect.

18,404. What about was the price of a vote?—It was smaller than 2*l.*

18,405. About 1*l.* or 30*s.*?—Yes, something like that.

18,406. Did you receive anything at the election of Lord Bury in that year, when there was only one vacancy?—No, I think not.

18,407. From whom did you get the 60*l.* at Mr. Waters' election?—Through the same gentleman, Mr. William Kitton.

18,408. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you spend the whole of the 60*l.*?—Yes, I did.

18,409. The whole of it?—Except 3*l.* which they gave me.

18,410. Were you a voter then?—Yes.

18,411. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who was the person who said he gave you the odd 3*l.*?—Mr. William Kitton.

18,412. Are you a member of the Eldon Club?—No.

18,413. Did you receive anything from Mr. Kitton this time?—No, only from Bunn; the gentleman from whom I received the money on the other occasions is dead.

18,414. Did he die before the last election?—Yes.

JAMES CLAXTON sworn and examined.

J. Claxton.

18,415. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A weaver.

18,416. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,417. For whom?—Mr. Henry Stracey.

18,418. At what time in the day?—Twenty minutes before 4 or a quarter before 4, I cannot say which.

18,419. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

18,420. Or the promise of anything?—No.

18,421. How came you to vote?—That was the first time I had a vote, and I thought I would vote.

18,422. Had you been canvassed?—They did canvass me, but I was out at the time. I never saw any one. I went and voted, and no one ever asked me.

18,423. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you in any public house that day?—No.

18,424. Nobody had promised you anything?—No.

18,425. You never received anything at all before or since?—No.

EDWARD NOBBS sworn and examined.

E. Nobbs.

18,426. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

18,427. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,428. What is your business?—A shopkeeper.

18,429. Were you employed with reference to the last election?—Yes.

18,430. On the part of Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

18,431. Were you paid?—Yes.

18,432. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

18,433. For what work were you paid?—I was engaged for eight days. I had eight days' employment at the eighth ward committee room.

18,434. What were you doing?—I had to take charge of the committee room from morning till night. I had charge of the door to see who came in and went out, and to light the fire and sweep up.

18,435. You were employed during the whole of the election?—Yes.

18,436. Did they not tell you you ought not to vote?—No.

18,437. Who told you to vote?—Not anyone.

18,438. Did you receive anything beyond your pay for your services?—No, certainly not.

18,439. Do you know of any money being found for persons to pay to voters?—No, I do not know further than what I have heard and seen in the papers.

18,440. Did you carry any money to anybody?—No.

18,441. Did you hear talk of money being found in the committee room?—Yes, I heard it talked of.

18,442. Who talked about it?—It was the general conversation with the gentlemen in the committee room.

18,443. Who were talking about it?—Mr. Lake was there, and Mr. Wiseman was there.

18,444. What did Mr. Lake say?—He said that the thing was pretty well all right now, he believed. I cannot exactly say what words he made use of, but he made use of the words to the effect to make me know that money was stirring about.

18,445. Who else made an observation of that kind besides Mr. Lake?—Concerning the election do you mean?

18,446. About money being about.—I cannot remember exactly the particular persons. Mr. Lake and various other gentlemen were there, and, of course, I was there; and, of course, from what I see with my own eyes I knew money was stirring.

18,447. Did you see any money?—No, I did not see any money.

18,448. You heard Lake and Wiseman talking about it?—No, I did not hear Lake and Wiseman talking about it, but I saw Wiseman leave the committee room in a very particular hurry, and after Wiseman had gone away we expected he had gone after this.

18,449. What time of the day was this?—I think it was some time after 2.

18,450. Had Dr. Allen been in and spoken to Wiseman?—Yes, he had been previous to that.

18,451. Was Mr. Gedge in the room?—I will not say whether Mr. Gedge was there then, but Mr. Gedge had been there nearly all the day.

18,452. Did you hear him talking concerning this money?—No, I did not hear him talking concerning that money, and, in fact, I do not think he was there when Mr. Allen came, though he had been there the greater part of the day.

18,453. Did you hear money being talked about when Mr. Gedge returned?—No, certainly not.

18,454. When he was in the room was it being talked about?—No, not that I am aware of. Allow me to tell you it was not general conversation with the gentlemen that they expected to have any money, because I really do not think they expected they were going to have it till the last minute, because they said they were doing uncommonly well, and had polled more votes in the eighth ward on the Conservative side than they had ever known before, therefore I do not think they expected any money.

18,455. You do not recollect Mr. Gedge being there after Dr. Allen came?—I would more likely

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say he was, although I could not be on oath to say he was.

18,456. Was he there during any part of the day when money was being talked about?—Of course, he must have been, because he was there the biggest part of the day.

18,457. They were talking about money?—No, they were not talking about the money not till Mr. Allen came, and then I surmised that Mr. Allen brought the order for the money, as there was not any conversation about money previous to that.

W. Betts.

WILLIAM BETTS sworn and examined.

18,458. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

18,459. At what time in the day?—About 25 minutes to 4.

18,460. What made you poll so late?—I had not an opportunity before. I was at my employment.

18,461. I think you had been to the "Woolpack" that day?—After I had voted.

18,462. Do you not recollect some money being paid you there?—No, I never saw any.

18,463. Did you not receive money?—No, I did not.

18,464. Have you received any since?—No.

18,465. Has any been promised you?—No.

18,466. Can you give me the names of any of the people that were there?—No, I was not in the house five minutes.

18,467. Were you in the shed at the back of the house?—No.

18,468. Was there not a brother of yours there?—I have a brother of the name of Robert Betts.

18,469. He was there, was he not?—I never saw him.

18,470. Was Clarke there?—I never saw him.

18,471. Had you any conversation with Mackley on that day?—No, not a word.

18,472. Did you see Mackley there that day?—No; his wife drawed me a pint of beer when I went in.

18,473. What did she say to you?—She never said anything about it, but thanked me for my twopence.

18,474. Did you thank her for a sovereign?—I never got one or see one.

18,475. Did your wife get any money?—No.

18,476. Have your rates been paid for you?—I have paid them myself, nobody ever paid no rates for me.

18,477. Who asked you to vote at this election?—Nobody; I voted upon my own accord.

18,478. Is this the first time you ever voted?—Yes.

18,479. Were you not canvassed by anybody?—Yes, when I was not at home; the candidates came when I was out at my employment.

18,480. Did no one ask you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No, it is my principle.

18,481. Did you wager anything about his election?—No.

18,482. You did not make any bet about his election?—No; I was at my employment.

18,483. You went away at dinner time?—I was at work at 7 o'clock in the morning, and did not come off till 3 in the afternoon, and then I had half a mind to come home, and I stopped and got my dinner before I voted.

18,484. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know a man of the name of Boulter?—Yes, he worked with me.

18,485. Was he not at the "Woolpack" that day?—I never saw him.

18,486. Have you not heard that he was?—No.

18,487. Do you know a man of the name of Clarke?—Yes, he worked with me too.

18,488. Do you not know that Boulter and Clarke received 1*l.* and 15*s.* for their votes?—No, I do not.

18,489. You saw Hardiment there, did you not?—No, I never saw Mr. Hardiment that day at all.

18,490. Did Mackley give you anything that day?—No.

18,491. Did he not take you into a shed at the back?—No.

18,492. Did you go into a shed with him?—No.

18,493. Were you not in a shed at the back of his premises that day?—No, I was not.

18,494. Did not Mackley give you some money that day?—No.

18,495. Nor promise you any?—No, nor promise me anything.

18,496. Have you not heard Boulter and Clarke say they have received money from Mackley that day?—No, I did not.

18,497. Had you no conversation with them about their receiving money?—No.

R. Betts.

ROBERT BETTS sworn and examined.

18,498. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

18,499. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

18,500. At what time in the day?—About half-past three. I could not vote before on account of having a lot of work to do, or else I should have voted in the morning.

18,501. Did you get anything for voting?—No, nothing; I was at work the whole day.

18,502. Were you at the "Woolpack" on the election day?—Not that day. I was at the "Woolpack" about 7 o'clock in the evening, but I was not there at all during the day.

18,503. Were you not there with your brother, James Betts?—I have a brother James, the oldest brother, but he was not there the whole day, I know.

18,504. Do you know Boulter?—I know him, but I never see him that day.

18,505. Did you notice him at the "Woolpack"?—I did not see him the whole day. I was at work the whole day.

18,506. Did you not receive 1*l.* from Mackley?—I never received 1*l.*, nor see Mr. Mackley not till after 6 o'clock in the evening.

18,507. After 6 o'clock in the evening did you receive it?—I never received a farthing from Mr. Mackley in my life.

18,508. Were you in a shed at the back of his house?—I was not at the back or front that day.

18,509. You said you were after 6?—I was after 6, but voting was all over then, and I never received anything from Mr. Mackley.

18,510. Did you receive any money from anybody?—I never received a farthing.

18,511. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you promised anything?—No. I never see anyone that day. I was at work the whole day, and never went off my ground till about half-past 3, and then I went to vote; and after I went to vote my brother William called me into the "Rosemary" tavern, and said, "Robert, have a glass of ale;" and I said, "I feel "rather dry;" and I said, "I will be a pint along "with you after my work is done; I must do it." And after 6 I went to Mackley's, and was there, I suppose, till about 10. I never see a soul that day.

18,512. Do you know William Clarke?—Yes, I know him quite well. I work with him.

18,513. Was he at Mackley's?—I do not know. I was not there myself.

18,514. Who went to the poll with you?—Not anyone. I went alone, and came back the same. I did not want anyone to go with me, for I knew the way.

18,515. Have you had a talk with your brother James about this?—I do not suppose I have been in my brother James' company these three years.

18,516. Have you not heard your brother James say that Boulter, you, and William Betts received 1*l.*?—He could not say such a thing, because I never received any.

18,517. Have you not heard your brother say such a thing?—No, I never heard any such thing.

18,518. That you received it at the shed at the back of Mackley's house?—I was not in the shed or at Mackley's house till after the polling was over, a quarter after 6.

18,519. Your brother James Betts lives in Tinkler's Lane?—No, in St. Martin's, next door to Mr. Baldwin, the baker.

18,520. What is your brother?—A weaver.

18,521. Is he a voter?—No, he had no vote on account of being away, and had not been here time enough to pay the rates; he had been in the country.

18,522. Is he in Norwich now?—Yes.

BARNARD COX sworn and examined. *B. Cox.*

18,523. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

18,524. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,525. For whom?—Tillett and Russell.

18,526. At what time did you vote?—About a quarter to 9 in the morning.

18,527. Do you know of anybody having received money at the last election for voting?—Myself I am not a personal witness to anything of the sort, but there are two or three points about which I have had pretty clear information; one thing is respecting a Thomas Mackley that keeps a public house in St. Gregory's.

18,528. I will not trouble you about that at present. Do you know anything respecting any other person?—There is a young man of the name of Joseph Scarles that voted at the last election illegally, and he said in the presence of me and others, using very rough language, that he had no vote, and never would vote without money being paid; he voted for Mr. Stracey, and came up in a gross state of intoxication led by a dark gentleman, and he has since stated to an acquaintance of mine that he took half-a-sovereign.

18,529. Who was the person to whom he made that statement?—Mr. Godfrey Simmons.

18,530. Who is he?—He lives in Tinkler's Lane, and is a shoemaker.

18,531. Where does Joseph Scarles live?—He lives in Tinkler's Lane, and is a shoemaker, but he had no vote.

18,532. He was not upon the register?—No. I saw him vote.

18,533. In whose name did he vote?—I do not know, but I saw him vote about 20 minutes past 3 in the afternoon, and he voted for Stracey.

18,534. In whose name?—I could not find out. I have been informed since that it was a wrong voting paper sent to him, and he voted for somebody else.

18,535. At what polling place did he vote?—At the voting place in St. Giles' Street; he voted just before Mr. Uran, who voted for Tillett and Russell.

ROBERT WEBSTER sworn and examined. *R. Webster.*

18,536. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

18,537. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

18,538. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3 o'clock.

18,539. What made you vote so late?—I was at work in the country, and did not come home till dinner hour.

18,540. Who asked you to vote?—Mr. Hardiment.

18,541. Did he give you anything for your vote?—5*s.*

18,542. Where did he give you the 5*s.*?—At Mr. Cartwright's, the "Rosemary" tavern, in St. Mary's, in the eighth ward.

18,543. Were there other people there?—Yes, there were many persons passing out and repassing.

18,544. Did you see anybody else get any money?—I did not see anyone take anything.

18,545. What made you go there?—I went in there to get a glass of ale before I voted, and I stayed there a few minutes.

18,546. And you heard there was money going?—They said they were giving 5*s.*

18,547. Who told you?—I heard many of them saying they were giving 5*s.*

18,548. It was common talk amongst a good many of them?—Yes.

18,549. And you went up to poll?—Yes.

18,550. Who went with you?—A man of the name of Freestone, who was in the room at the time.

18,551. Was Freestone there when you got the money?—Yes.

18,552. And saw it paid?—Yes.

18,553. And he took you up to the poll?—Yes, he went up to the poll with me to vote.

18,554. Had anything been said about getting money before this?—No, I had not heard anything. When I got my breakfast I went up to Catton, and did not come home till dinner time, and after I got my dinner I went to the polling place and voted.

18,555. Was this the first time you had ever voted?—Yes.

EDWARD SUMMERS sworn and examined. *E. Summers.*

18,556. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

18,557. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,558. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

18,559. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

18,560. What did you get for voting?—1*l.*

18,561. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Hardiment.

18,562. Where?—At Mr. Mackley's, on the landing.

18,563. Who was with you?—There were several people there; a man of the name of Howard, of St. Martin's, a horse dealer, and a man of the name of Staff, who is dead since.

18,564. Where did he live?—He lived in St. Martin's.

18,565. What was he?—A match manufacturer, I think.

18,566. Anyone else?—There were several there, but those were the only names I knew when I was there.

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18,567. Did they get anything?—I did not see what they got, but I made sure they got the same as I did. I did not see them take any money.

18,568. Did you see Mackley himself there?—I see him in the bar when I went in to get a glass of ale, going through.

18,569. You did not see him upstairs?—No, not while I was there.

18,570. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many of you were there together?—I should think there might b a dozen at the time I was there.

18,571. Had you seen some coming down and some going up?—Yes.

18,572. (*Mr. Biron.*) At what time was it you got this money?—I should think about 3 or a little after, but it was nearer 4 when I voted.

18,573. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of any other men having received money besides those?—No.

T. Warnes.

THOMAS WARNES sworn and examined.

18,574. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you live at the "Ship," Cowgate Street, St. Paul's?—Yes.

18,575. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

18,576. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

18,577. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4, I think, or something like that, but I cannot tell to a minute or two.

18,578. You know Dr. Allen, do you not?—I know him to see to.

18,579. Did you receive some money from him on that day?—No.

18,580. Did you receive any money for paying voters that day?—No.

18,581. Or at any time?—No.

18,582. Did you give any money to voters that day?—No.

18,583. Did you promise them any money?—No.

18,584. Did you receive any money yourself for voting?—No, I never received a farthing. All the money I took was for my beer.

18,585. Were there voters in your house that day?—Yes, several.

18,586. Who came in and ordered the beer?—I cannot say who they were.

18,587. Was there not an order given for beer supplied for the people there?—I heard my wife say that somebody gave her an order for half-a-crown's worth of beer, and she took the money for it.

18,588. Do you know who that person was?—No, I do not; stop, excuse me, my son paid my wife for the beer.

18,589. Do you know from whom he got the money?—No, I do not.

18,590. In what position of life is your son?—He keeps a public house; he is a shoemaker by trade.

18,591. Do you know a person of the name of Stamp?—Yes, I know a man of the name of Stamp that lives in my street.

18,592. Was he in your house that day?—He was not.

18,593. Will you swear he was not?—Yes, I will swear so. I came here to speak the truth, and I speak the truth.

18,594. Do you recollect Dr. Allen coming into your house that afternoon?—No, I do not.

18,595. Was Inspector Clarke there?—No. Inspector Clarke was never in my house in his life, not since I have kept it; he has been up my yard, but not in my house.

18,596. Did he come up your yard that afternoon?—No, I never see him. I never see him that day at all.

18,597. Did you hear some betting going on that day?—There was none.

18,598. Were they not betting 5 to 1 that the men dare not vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—If there was such a thing, I never heard it.

18,599. Where did the men sit while they were drinking their beer?—In the tap-room.

18,600. Did you go in and out of the tap-room?—Yes.

18,601. Did you not hear them talking about making bets of 5 to 1 that the men dare not vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Believe me, I was backwards and forwards, and I never heard it. If I heard it, I might as well say yes as no.

18,602. Do you recollect Dr. Allen ordering some beer at your house?—No, never.

18,603. Did he not call for some beer?—No; I never saw Mr. Allen at all that election day.

18,604. You will not undertake to say he was not there?—No, he was not there, I can assure you, nor yet Mr. Clarke was not there. I never saw either. All I see of Mr. Allen is by his going backwards and forwards riding. I never spoke to the man in my life that I know of.

18,605. Your son was very active that day, was he not?—Yes, I believe he was.

18,606. Do you know a man of the name of Myers?—No.

18,607. Had your son a cart?—Yes.

18,608. Was he taking up men in the cart to the poll?—I do not know. He was rather busy in the election, and he came to me. I should not have voted at all if he had not come to me and axed me to oblige him.

18,609. Do you know the two Staffs?—Yes, I know them.

18,610. Were they in your house?—Yes, backwards and forwards the whole day.

18,611. Do you not know that they got beer which was paid for by other people?—I do not know anything about that.

18,612. Did they pay you for any beer?—What beer I drawed I took for.

18,613. Were not the Staffs drinking in your house the whole day, and do you mean to say they paid you a single farthing for beer?—They might pay my wife.

18,614. They might, but will you undertake to say that they paid a single farthing for beer?—I do not recollect drawing anything for them, but my wife might.

18,615. Is your son a voter?—Yes, to be sure.

18,616. Your son keeps a public house; what is the name of it?—The "Elm" tavern.

18,617. Where is it?—In the boundaries of Catton.

18,618. Do you recollect some people calling at your house in order to get up voters, and your wife saying to them that beer alone would not do it, and they must have some money?—No, I do not recollect it.

18,619. Will you undertake to say your wife did not say that to them in your presence?—Not in my presence. I heard her say she took half a crown for beer.

18,620. Did you not hear her say that beer alone would not do it, and they must have some money?—No, I never heard the words, and never see the colour of no money.

18,621. Has not your wife told you that she said so?—No.

18,622. Did you not know that the voters in your house wanted money?—Yes, they did want some, but they did not get none.

18,623. Did they not get it?—I never see a farthing.

18,624. Do you not know that they got it?—No, I do not.

18,625. Did you not hear them say that they got it?—No, certainly not.

18,626. Do you not know anybody who came there for the purpose of giving it to them?—I do not know who came.

18,627. Do you not know that some persons came to your house for the purpose of giving voters money?—I do not know what they came for.

18,628. Were there some persons there who came to get some voters?—Yes.

18,629. Who were they?—My son was one, and another man named Worledge, and the other men I do not know.

18,630. Have you never seen them before or since?—No.

18,631. Was Cubitt one?—I do not know him.

18,632. Did you hear his name?—I heard his name, but I did not know him if I see him.

18,633. Did you not hear that they were giving money to the voters to go to the poll?—I do not know that they were giving money to the voters to go to the poll.

18,634. Do you know Mr. Woodrow?—I heard his name. I do not know him.

18,635. Did you not hear that Mr. Woodrow, Cubitt, and your son were there for the purpose of getting up the voters and paying them money?—I know nothing about paying the money.

18,636. Did you not hear they were paying money?—No, I never heard they were paying money.

18,637. You knew the voters that were in your house?—There were several.

18,638. Just give me the names?—There were the two Starkes.

18,639. Was Stamp there?—I never see him there that day at all.

18,640. Was William Platten there?—I do not know him by name.

18,641. Was Charles Foster there?—No.

18,642. Give me the names of those you know?—There were two Starkes and a young man by the name of Wright.

18,643. Where does he live?—In Ship Yard. There was a man of the name of William Bensley and another man by the name of Bolingbroke. I cannot recollect any more.

18,644. I shall be obliged to refresh your memory, you can recollect a great deal more; there were 30 men in your house?—No, nor yet above half.

18,645. There were 15 then?—There might be 15, but they were not all voters.

18,646. I do not care whether they were all voters; who were the men in your house?—I cannot tell, they were coming backwards and forwards; they were strangers.

18,647. Who were those who were coming backwards and forwards whom you did know and were not strangers?—I have told you the persons that were voters.

18,648. Tell me those who were not voters?—I cannot tell you who they were, they were quite strangers.

18,649. Cannot you tell me the name of one?—No, I cannot.

18,650. Do you mean to say there were not several other people there who used your house?—Yes.

18,651. Tell me their names?—How can I tell you their names when I do not know them; they were strangers coming backwards and forwards at election times, busy times, and I cannot tell you who they were.

18,652. Do you know a man of the name of Spaules?—Yes, certainly I do.

18,653. Was he there?—He is a neighbour of mine, he might be there.

18,654. Was he not there?—I cannot tell you whether he was there exactly.

18,655. Do you not recollect that he was there?—He might be there.

18,656. Did you see your son with money?—No, I never see him with none; he paid my wife half-a-crown for beer that was ordered, but I never see it. I heard my wife say she took the half-crown.

18,657. Spaules was not a voter?—No, I do not think he was.

18,658. Did your wife give him some money that day?—I cannot say, I am sure, I should say it is very likely she did not.

18,659. After that answer I will send you down to try and recollect yourself?—My wife never gave him no money, I know.

GEORGE SENTON sworn and examined. *G. Senton.*

18,660. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Not now; I was at the time of the election.

18,661. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

18,662. At what time of the day did you vote?—It was some time in the afternoon, between 3 and 4, I think it was.

18,663. Did anybody give you anything for your vote?—Not anything.

18,664. Did anybody make any offer for your vote?—No.

18,665. Have you had anything since?—No.

18,666. Have you had anything promised you?—No. I know no more than this board about the election.

18,667. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes, for a general election.

EDMUND WARMAN sworn and examined. *E. Warman.*

18,668. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a superannuated police officer of the county of Norfolk, and one of the night watch at the Castle.

18,669. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,670. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

18,671. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

18,672. Are you married?—Yes.

18,673. Did your wife ever tell you that she got something for your voting?—I know she did not.

18,674. How do you know that?—Because I am certain she would have told me if she had.

18,675. You mean that she did not tell you?—I was never canvassed by no one, no one came to canvass me from either party.

18,676. Did you hear of anything being left at your house?—No.

18,677. Did you hear of half a sovereign being left?—No, there was not and none offered.

18,678. Did you hear that some men had been to get you up to vote?—I was upstairs, and heard the conversation. I was ill at the time, and my wife said I was not going till I had taken some refreshment; and they said "what refreshment will he "take;" and my wife said, "not anything at your "expense."

18,679. Did they offer to give her some money for you to vote?—No.

18,680. Or leave any?—No.

18,681. Was that all that took place?—Yes.

18,682. Why did you not vote earlier in the day?—Because I had been unwell.

18,683. Had you been canvassed before?—No.

18,684. Do you know a man of the name of John White?—I have known him since the election. I did not go out for 24 days after the election, and I never left my house, I think, for 13 days before.

18,685. Were you not taken to vote in a cab?—In a fly.

18,686. Who took you?—I do not know who the man was; he was a perfect stranger to me, and I never spoke to him or he to me.

18,687. How did he know you were going to vote?—A man came down to the house, and asked if my name was Warman, and I said, "Yes;" and he said, "There is a chaise waiting at the door that will take "you to the poll and back again."

18,688. Did he ask you for whom you were going to vote?—He knew perfectly well I was a Conservative, and always voted Conservative.

18,689. Had you promised your vote?—No. I had not been solicited by either party, neither Whigs nor Conservatives.

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Joseph Marshall sworn and examined.

J. Marshall.

18,690. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you by trade?—An upholsterer and paperhanger.

18,691. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

18,692. At what time did you vote?—At about half-past 2, as nigh as I can judge.

18,693. Where were you during the election?—I was at my work in the forenoon.

18,694. But towards the afternoon in what public house were you?—In none at all.

18,695. Were you canvassed for your vote?—No, I was not, nor yet asked by anyone to vote.

18,696. Do you mean to say that you went up of your own accord?—Yes, I went up fearlessly and freely on my own account, and I was not asked for my vote by anyone.

18,697. Were you not promised anything for your vote?—No, not in any shape whatever.

18,698. Was anything given to you for your vote?—Nothing at all; I never had anything.

18,699. Had you been a voter before?—Yes.

18,700. Had you received anything before for your vote?—No, never in my life.

18,701. Had you always voted for the Conservatives?—No.

18,702. Then why did you vote for them this time?—My own inclination led me to do so.

18,703. But what had changed your inclination?—I cannot tell what had changed my inclination. I had no promise of anything.

18,704. What made you change your mind and vote for the Conservatives, you having always voted for the Liberals before?—I cannot give you any reason for it.

18,705. Can you give no reason at all?—No, I had no reason for changing my opinion.

18,706. Then why did you vote at all?—The only reason I can give you is that my inclination led me to do so.

18,707. (*Mr. Biron.*) The Conservatives had changed; they had passed the Reform Bill; was it because you thought that they had come over to your way of thinking?—I cannot give you any reason. I have spoken the truth. I never asked anything, and I was never promised anything, and I never drank a glass of beer at anybody's expense.

James Aldham sworn and examined.

J. Aldham.

18,708. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

18,709. At what hour in the day did you vote?—At 20 minutes after 9.

18,710. Who canvassed you for your vote?—I was never canvassed at all. I had two cards sent to me, one from each party.

18,711. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

18,712. Were you promised anything?—No.

18,713. Did you ever receive anything for your vote at any former election?—No.

18,714. Or were you ever promised anything?—No.

18,715. What are you by trade?—I am messenger to the Board of Guardians.

18,716. Did you always vote on the Conservative side?—Yes, always, for 40 years.

Abraham Fitzgerald sworn and examined.

A. Fitzgerald.

18,717. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A malster.

18,718. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,719. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

18,720. At what time in the day?—About 11 o'clock. I cannot say exactly; but somewhere about that time.

18,721. Did you see Hardiment that day?—I saw him afterwards. I was at work up to the time I voted.

18,722. After 11 did you see him?—I see him in the street.

18,723. Did you go about with him?—No.

18,724. Did he give you anything?—No.

18,725. Did you see him give anything to anybody else?—No.

18,726. Did he say anything to you about bribing people?—No, I only knew the man by sight; I never spoke to him previously.

18,727. How came you to speak to him that day?—I did not speak to him; I only saw him in the street.

18,728. You only saw him passing by?—That is all.

18,729. Did you see anybody get any money that day for voting?—No.

18,730. Do you know of anybody having had any money for voting?—No, I cannot say. I was hard at work till I went and voted; and after I voted I was about the streets, and in and out, looking after my work.

James Michael Platfoot sworn and examined.

J. M. Platfoot.

18,731. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A boot and shoe manufacturer.

18,732. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Tillett and Russell.

18,733. Do you know Thomas Worledge?—Yes.

18,734. Did you go to Clarke's beerhouse on the day of the election?—Yes.

18,735. Did you see there a man of the name of Enoch Colman?—No.

18,736. Do you know Enoch Colman?—Yes.

18,737. Did you see him that day?—Yes.

18,738. Did he ask you any questions?—No. Andrew Colman; that is the brother of Enoch Colman.

18,739. Did he ask you if you had any money?—Yes.

18,740. On your side?—Yes.

18,741. What did you say?—I told him no, nor yet none of our party, because I thought they were all too true for that.

18,742. Did he then say anything to you?—Yes.

18,743. What did he say?—He said he would not vote unless he got paid for his day's work.

18,744. Did he say there were any others of the same opinion as himself?—Yes, he said there was about 40.

18,745. What did he want?—A day's pay, about half-a-crown he thought. I said "It is no use." He said "Go with me and you can see them all," and I went with Mr. Colman into Clarke's beerhouse. There was not 40, but there was a great many. The room was quite full. It was a bake office, the back room. They got me into the centre of the room. They said I was a good hearted fellow, and that sort of thing, "Would I give them anything as a day's "work?" I said "No, I had nothing." They said "Nonsense, there is money." I said "Not by the "Liberal party. It was the Conservative party." They said "No matter what side, money we want and "money we'll have."

18,746. What time in the day was this?—About half-past 3.

18,747. Did you see young Wiseman there?—Yes, they kept me in the room. They locked me in this room, and said I should not go unless I gave them some money or stood something to drink. I said

"You might lock me up, but I won't give you any "money or anything to drink." Mr Clarke gave the "down" to say somebody was coming. It was young Wiseman, and I did not leave the house, but I stood against the door. Mr. Wiseman passed me and went inside in the midst of those men that had not voted.

18,748. Did you see Benfather there?—No.

18,749. Who were the men who were there at that time, do you know their names?—I know several of their names; one man's name was Cutlock that I had asked to vote for Tillett, and he said he would not unless he got paid, and a man of the name of Sexton.

18,750. What is his Christian name?—Benjamin. He voted for Stracey about half-past 3, or somewhere about that time.

18,751. Who else?—Enoch Colman. He voted for Stracey.

18,752. Did he tell you what he had got?—No, nor yet any of them.

18,753. Do you know Isaac Fountain? Was he there?—I don't know him. He might be there, but I don't know him.

18,754. Do you know a man of the name of Warren?—No.

18,755. Did not you see Benfather there at all?—Not in the house. He was outside the door. He came up to Clarke's beerhouse, I think, in a cab with Sexton in it. He was not taken from Clarke's beerhouse; Sexton was not.

18,756. What time in the day was it when he came up?—About half-past 3.

18,757. Did you see him do anything?—Not anything.

18,758. Did you see him go into the house?—He did not come into the house when I was there.

18,759. Did you see him speaking to the men who were outside?—No, I cannot say. My eye was on young Wiseman. That is the man I was looking after.

18,760. Was Benfather there when young Wiseman was there?—Mr. Wiseman was inside the house, Benfather was outside.

18,761. Did you see young Wiseman do anything?—No, I did not see him do anything, but he was talking and whispering over the table, and he had not been in two minutes before the fly was filled right full with voters, and they voted for Stracey, because I went and saw.

18,762. Who was with young Wiseman?—I cannot say.

18,763. Do you know a person of the name of White, a pedestrian?—Yes.

18,764. Was he there?—No, he was working very hard like myself.

18,765. Did you see young Wiseman give money to anybody?—Not in Clarke's beerhouse or anywhere else, but those men said they would not vote unless they got paid, and he said something to the men, and they all left the beerhouse. Wiseman came outside, and he said "There is Ross and one or two others," the names I never catched, and from Clarke's beerhouse they went to the "Royal Oak" where Benfather lived.

18,766. Is that Richard Ross?—Yes.

18,767. You did not see any money paid there?—No, I thought he gave them money, and I said to Wiseman again the "Royal Oak" "You are going to "work rather curious." "What do you mean?" he said. I said "Giving money. I know you have "given money because those men you have just sent "to the poll said they would not vote unless they got "paid for their day's work," and he said "Don't make "a noise. Do you want half a sovereign?" and I said "No."

18,768. I suppose he did not give you half a sovereign?—No.

18,769. At what place did you see him talking to the voters?—Well, my thoughts was after this other man; I left him going into the "Royal Oak."

18,770. There you left him?—Yes, and I saw these other men polled. I saw them give their vote in at the polling booth.

18,771. Do you know of any other money having been given away at this election?—Well, I was in a carriage on the railway about three weeks ago, and got into company with a young man of the name of Brady, a glass maker in Magdalen Street. He said he was offered money. I said "Who by?" and he said "By Mr. Chaplin, of Bridge Street," the shoe manufacturer.

18,772. Did you see him with Worledge?—Yes, several times during the day, and I had been told lots of times they were getting votes for beer and so on. I said "No matter what they do. I am not supposed "to do anything of the sort." I also heard that Mr. Sparkes, of Cat and Fiddle Yard, received money for his vote. Sparkes, the glass maker, he received it of Mr. Chaplin, I understood.

18,773. From whom did he receive it?—Mr. Brady will be able to tell you all about that.

MARIA WARNES sworn and examined.

M. Warnes.

18,774. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are landlady of the "Ship," in Cowgate Street?—Yes, I am.

18,775. Do you recollect the day of the election?—Yes, I do.

18,776. Your son was very active in that election, was he not?—I don't know, I am sure, what my son done on the election day.

18,777. But your son was at your house on that day?—Yes, he came in a cart; but I don't know whether he got out of the cart or not. I don't think he did.

18,778. Were there not a number of men who were voters in your house drinking on that day?—Well, I had some people in my house drinking on that day.

18,779. Were there not a number of voters?—They might be voters.

18,780. Tell me their names, whether they were voters or not?—That I cannot do.

18,781. You know some of them?—Yes, I know the names of my neighbours what lives about me.

18,782. Give me the names of your neighbours?—William Bensley, of St. Edmund's, is one.

18,783. Who else?—A man by the name of William Bailey, next door in my yard. He said if he was wanted he would come.

18,784. Who else?—If I was at home I might recollect; but I don't know out of so many.

18,785. Do you mean to say you could recollect them better at home than here?—I think I could.

18,786. Why?—Because I was brought from my house at a minute or two's notice, and I am an old woman, and am rather confused.

18,787. Now calm yourself?—I am here to speak the truth.

18,788. Of course.—I had several of my neighbours there, but I did not go with them to vote.

18,789. Who else was there?—There was John Bridge. He was in that day, and I had several in on the election day.

18,790. Go on.—I am sure I cannot tell you exactly. I had several in, but who they were I could not say. I might have enough to do to recollect everybody that came in my house that day.

18,791. Do you recollect William Platten?—No, I don't know him.

18,792. Do you recollect Thomas Stamp?—No, I don't know him.

18,793. You recollect the two Staffs?—Yes, I can recollect Mr. Staff and his son.

18,794. They were there?—They might come in.

18,795. Were they in there or not?—I am sure I

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don't know. I don't know whether they were in mine or not. They do come in sometimes.

18,796. Were they in there on that day?—Well, I believe they was.

18,797. Was there a person of the name of Cubitt there that day?—I don't know Mr. Cubitt.

18,798. Was William Wright there?—Yes, he was; he came into my house that day. They are neighbours living round.

18,799. Bolingbroke, was he there?—Yes.

18,800. What is his Christian name?—William, I believe.

18,801. Where does he live?—I believe he lives in St. Edmund's.

18,802. Do you recollect your son coming there?—Yes, I recollect my son coming to the door.

18,803. Who came with him?—I cannot tell you.

18,804. Did you see anybody with him?—Yes, there was one or two men with him; but I am sure I don't know who they was.

18,805. Were not Cubitt and Worledge with him?—I don't know Cubitt.

18,806. Do you know Worledge?—No, I don't know Worledge. If I was now to meet him I should not know him.

18,807. Did anybody that came with your son pay for beer?—No.

18,808. Did they send up for beer?—My son gave me half-a-crown, as he has many a time given me a shilling, for the good of the house.

18,809. Was that money distributed amongst the people there?—Certainly not.

18,810. What was it given for?—Because I am his mother, and he has often given me a shilling, my son has.

18,811. He gave you a shilling as a present?—He has many a time.

18,812. He gave you a shilling as a present that day?—No; he gave me half-a-crown.

18,813. As a present?—Yes.

18,814. For no other purpose?—No; what should he give his mother half-a-crown for?

18,815. Did you give him ale for it?—No; he has given me sixpence many a time.

18,816. How soon after he came in did he give you the half-crown?—When he was going away.

18,817. Did you after that draw some beer?—I don't know. If anybody came in for a pint of beer, of course I drawed it.

18,818. Did you not draw some beer, and give it to the people who were in your tap-room?—Certainly not; if I had beer drawed in my house, I had the money paid for it. Who poured it out I don't know.

18,819. Were you not paid by your son for the men who were in the tap-room?—No; they paid for it themselves. My son did not pay for nobody.

18,820. Do you know Charles Foster?—No, I don't know him.

18,821. Do you know a man of the name of Mears?—No, I don't.

18,822. Do you recollect Dr. Allen coming to your house that afternoon?—Certainly not. He has never been in my house. Once I sent for him on account of my little child being ill, but he did not come; he sent his man. I should not know Dr. Allen only by his coming past in a gig.

18,823. If your husband said you drew beer that is wrong?—I did draw some beer that day.

18,824. If your husband said you drew beer for the half-crown which your son gave you it is wrong?—I don't know. I drawed some beer that day, and my son gave me half-a-crown more than once. My husband was not there, I don't think.

18,825. I don't care whether your husband was there or not; but did you not draw beer for that half-crown which was given to you by your son?—My son told me, "If you draw a glass of beer at election "time mind you take the money for it."

18,826. And yet he gave you half-a-crown?—He has given me more than one half-crown, my son has. He has given me half-a-crown many a time.

18,827. Did he not give you that half-crown, and tell you to draw beer for it? And did you not tell your husband so?—No, I did not. I could not tell him so.

18,828. Then if he has said you told him so he told a falsehood, did he?—I am not come here to tell a falsehood.

18,829. But if he said so he has told a falsehood?—I don't think my husband did say so. You have summoned me to tell the truth, and I won't tell an untruth for anyone. People had something in my house, and they paid for it.

18,830. Listen to my question. If your husband said you told him that you drew the beer for the half-crown he has told a falsehood, has he?—I don't think my husband said so. I don't think my husband has come here to say a falsehood.

18,831. Do you mean to say it is a falsehood?—I don't believe my husband said so.

18,832. But if he said that you told him that you drew the beer for that it is a falsehood?—If he did say so; but has my husband said so?

18,833. If your husband said that you drew beer for that half-crown he has told a falsehood, has he?—Well, sir, I drawed some beer that day.

18,834. And did you not draw it for the half-crown?—I drawed some beer, and he gave me half-a-crown.

18,835. Did you not draw the beer after you had the half-crown?—Certainly not after the half-crown was given me, because my son went off directly after he gave me the half-crown.

18,836. Did you draw it at the same time?—No, I stood on the threshold. My son said "Mother, "come here," and he gave me half-a-crown.

18,837. Did you not draw beer for that half-crown that was given you by your son?—I drawed some beer.

18,838. And for that half-crown?—No, I don't know that it was for the half-crown, because my son had given me half-a-crown when it was not for beer. He was in on the Saturday, and gave me a shilling, and did not have beer.

18,839. Was there not some beer drunk by the men for which they did not pay?—What! draw a pint of beer without the money.

18,840. Listen to the question. Do you mean to say that there was no beer drawn in your house, and drunk by people who did not pay for it?—Yes; I drawed some, and I often do that, and I did not get paid for it.

18,841. Has anybody paid you since for it?—Certainly not; not a farthing. If they say so bring them to my face.

18,842. Do you know a man of the name of Spaull?—I know a neighbour across the way of the name of Spaull, in Priory Yard.

18,843. Did you give him some money that day?—What should I give him money for?

18,844. Did you give it him?—No, I never gave him a penny in all my life.

18,845. You will swear you did not give Spaull some money on that day?—No, I did not. I don't know whether I saw him or not. I might see him.

18,846. Did you not give Spaull money that day?—I don't know what I should give him money for that day.

18,847. Did you?—I have given him money when he was ill. I may have given him a penny or a pint, but not at election time.

18,848. Not that day?—No, nor yet the next day.

18,849. Did you not give Spaull some money, and when he turned out not to be a voter did he not refuse to give it you back, and did he not work it out afterwards?—You have asked me questions I can-

not resolve. I never gave Spaull a penny nor a farthing.

18,850. Did he work out any money with you?—Never in his life.

18,851. Did you find out that he was not a voter?—I don't know whether he is a voter or not.

18,852. Do you believe he was a voter?—I don't trouble my head about it. I know nothing about it; whether he is a voter or not.

18,853. Did he refuse to return you money?—No. Bring him here, now I am before you. I have given him a penny when he was ill.

18,854. Will you undertake to say you never gave any money to Spaull, which he refused to return?—I don't know that I saw him that day.

18,855. Do you swear that you did not give him on that day money which he refused to return, when it was found out that he was not a voter, and which he ultimately worked out?—I tell you what you had better do. You have summoned me; you had better summon him, and ask him that.

18,856. Did Spaull do any work for you that day?—No, nor yet no other day.

18,857. Never since the election?—No, nor yet before.

18,858. Has he never done any work at all for you?—No.

18,859. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you only get one half-crown from your son?—That is all, and when any man come in that day, the same as they might this morning, to get a pint or a pot of beer, they got it. If I trusted them and they did not pay me, it was my loss.

18,860. Did you receive a further sum afterwards from him?—Certainly not. I don't think I see my son again that day.

18,861. The next day did he pay you some more?—No. I don't think I saw him the next day.

18,862. Do you mean to say you have received no further money from your son?—No, certainly not, of course. I never see any money offered nor beer given, I assure you. I am come here to speak the truth, I am the mother of a lot of children, and I would not stand here to tell an untruth.

18,863. What is Spaull's Christian name?—Robert.

THOMAS BOULTER sworn and examined.

T. Boulter.

18,864. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

18,865. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

18,866. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock, or something like that. I cannot tell you exactly.

18,867. With whom did you go to the poll?—No one. I went alone.

18,868. Who asked you to go and vote?—No one asked me to go. I went myself.

18,869. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

18,870. Did you get any beer?—No, not a drop.

18,871. Did you not get a sovereign?—No; nor yet a farthing.

18,872. Have you ever told anybody that you got a sovereign?—No, not for my vote.

18,873. What did you get a sovereign for?—I never got one.

18,874. Did you get any money at all that day?—Not a halfpenny.

18,875. Were you promised any?—Not by nobody.

18,876. Were you at the "Woolpack" that day?—Not at all.

18,877. Were you near the "Woolpack"?—No nigher than what I work that I know of.

18,878. Were you at the "Woolpack" in the evening?—Not in the evening.

18,879. Is this the first time you ever voted?—The first time I ever voted in my life. I never had a vote before.

18,880. What made you vote if nobody asked you?—I voted on principle.

18,881. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did Mackley give you any money?—I never see him.

18,882. Not on that day?—No; I never was in Mackley's only once in my life, and that was when I had a sore leg. A man gave me half a pint of porter to go in on a Sunday.

18,883. Were you asked for your vote before the election?—The gentlemen left two cards at my house; both parties.

18,884. Did you see neither of them?—No; neither of them I did not.

18,885. Do you know James Betts?—He works along with me, a man of the name of Betts do.

18,886. Have you heard him say that you were paid a sovereign for your vote?—Not at all. I never heard him say so.

18,887. And that Clarke got 15*s.* for his vote? Do you know Clarke?—I know two or three men named Clarke that work on the Walk where I do.

18,888. Have you not heard James Betts say he got 15*s.* for his vote?—No, I heard him say he got 15*s.* for being subpœnaed. He ain't a voter.

18,889. Were you summoned at the election trial before the judge?—Yes.

18,890. Were you paid for your attendance then?—Yes.

18,891. What were you paid?—I was paid 5*s.* a day after it was over.

18,892. For four days?—No, three.

JOHN BARBER sworn and examined.

J. Barber.

18,893. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—Clicker.

18,894. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

18,895. At what time in the day?—2 o'clock.

18,896. Was anything given to you for your vote?—No.

18,897. Was any promise made to you?—No.

18,898. Have you received anything since?—No.

18,899. Was any money given through or by you to any other voter?—No.

18,900. Have you lost any employment since in consequence of your vote?—No.

18,901. Who is your master?—Mr. John Hotblack.

18,902. Was he your master before this election?—Yes.

18,903. Is he your master still?—Yes.

18,904. You have had no advantage or detriment from the way in which you voted?—Not any.

18,905. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

18,906. Do you know of anyone who has received or been promised money?—Not anyone.

THOMAS HARRISON sworn and examined.

T. Harrison.

18,907. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A dealer.

18,908. Did you vote at the last election?—No.

18,909. Did you see either of the Mackleys on the day of the polling?—No. About two days after I saw him.

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18,910. Which of them ?—Thomas Mackley.

18,911. Did he show you any money ?—No.

18,912. Did he say anything about money ?—Yes.

18,913. What did he say ?—I inquired of him how he had got on on the election day, and he said he was a Liberal in politics, but he had made a good thing out of the election. He had cleared 10*l.* by it, and he was going down to the committee of the North Norfolk election to see if he could get on there.

18,914. Did he tell you how he got the 10*l.* ?—No.

18,915. Did he tell you what money he had got it in ?—No.

18,916. Did he say he got a good handful of half-sovereigns out of it that came to 10*l.* ?—No, but I heard that he had some on the night of the election.

18,917. From whom did you hear that ?—Mr. Macdonald told me he was in the "Plough" public house, St. Benedict's, on the night of the election between 8 and 9 o'clock, and he showed him nearly a handful of half-sovereigns, a great many half-sovereigns, and says, "This is what I got for my "day's work for the Tories ; though I work for them "I am a Liberal."

18,918. Where does Macdonald live ?—He is a traveller. He was lodging at the "Plough." I believe he was engaged at the election as a messenger for Mr. Coaks. He told me on the day after the election. I met him at the bottom of Post Office Street.

18,919. And you yourself had a talk with Mackley a day or two afterwards ?—The day after.

18,920. Did you hear anything more about Mackley and his money ?—No.

18,921. Either from him or anybody else ?—Either from him or anybody else.

18,922. Do you know about any other person having received money ?—Well, I don't know. One of the Houghtons, I don't know which it was, told me the day before the election if I wanted any money he could provide me with some.

18,923. Could you tell me which of the Houghtons that was ?—I don't know them by their Christian names. It is the one that is in business for himself, not the one that works for Mr. Gedge. I think it is John, but I am not sure.

18,924. One is John, and the other is William. Does not that bring it to your mind ?—It is the one engaged in business for himself. He told me the night before the election that if I wanted any money he could provide me with some. He supposed I had a vote.

18,925. Did you hear of anything else ?—No.

18,926. Did Houghton tell you where he could get the money from ?—No. He said there would be some.

18,927. Do you know where this Houghton lives ?—Yes, the Ten Bell Lane.

J. S. Skipper.

JAMES STARK SKIPPER sworn and examined.

18,928. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are a solicitor in practice in this city, I believe ?—I am.

18,929. You were the representative of Sir Henry Stracey upon the inquiry before the judge ?—I was.

18,930. Who was the person whom you employed in getting up the case for Sir Henry Stracey ?—There were a great many, some in every ward. Mr. Dawson had a leading part.

18,931. Was Mr. Dawson your leading man ?—I could hardly say he was the leading man. He had, perhaps, the most to do, but they all worked as well as they could. Dawson was with me the whole time.

18,932. Had Dawson possession of the canvass books ?—No. In fact, I could swear the canvass books never came to my office at all. We did not want them. They were perfectly useless to me for that purpose.

18,933. Do not you know that the canvass books were brought to your office ?—No. I say to my certain knowledge, so far as you can possibly say of things you don't see, I could swear they were not. We had no use for them. They were perfectly useless to me for the object of the petition, and I understand there is no receipt of mine for them.

18,934. Have you inquired since ?—Yes. They have searched and cannot find any receipt.

18,935. You are not aware that they were in your office ?—I am positive they were not.

18,936. They were never altered in any way while they were in your possession ?—No, certainly not. They were found in a bundle of letters. All the papers from me were found in one bundle. That, I think, is evidence in itself that we did not return them.

18,937. I feel I am not at liberty to ask you as to any communication between your clients and yourself ?—I believe that has been established as a rule ; but, really, there was so little that if there is anything you would wish to ask I should be very glad to answer it. I hardly saw Sir Henry Stracey the whole time.

18,938. Do you know of any money having been paid since the election on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey. I am speaking with regard to matters connected with the election itself ?—Not a penny, to my knowledge.

18,939. Are you aware of any money having been paid on his account beyond those which are included in the return of expenses ?—Not a penny.

18,940. Has any claim been made upon you as his representative for any money disbursed on his account ?—Not a penny. I had nothing to do with the election.

18,941. It is possible that when you were considered the representative of Sir Henry Stracey some claims might have been made ?—There were none. I paid nothing on account of the election.

18,942. Has any application been made to you ?—No application has been made to me, not for a penny.

18,943. Have persons come to you and said they paid money on account of the election, and asked for it to be returned ?—Not a single individual.

18,944. Have no persons said that they were volunteers, and that it was a matter of honour that Sir Henry Stracey should return money which they spent ?—Not one.

18,945. Nor any applications for scores run up at public houses, or anything of the kind ?—Nothing of the kind, not a single penny in amount, or any application whatever.

18,946. I suppose you, with a view to the scrutiny which was threatened, investigated the matter fully as far as the other side was concerned ?—Oh yes, we went into a very elaborate investigation, but it did not result in much. In fact, we could not make any substantial case out. Am I allowed to express an opinion ?

18,947. Yes.—My conviction is this, that on the part of the Liberals there was no plant of money. I say that, from the elaborate investigation we went into, or we must have discovered it. On the part of the Conservative side I don't believe there has been any plant beyond what has been developed before you at this Commission. That is my conviction.

18.948. Were you not aware that persons were paid small sums of money for the purpose of influencing voters ?—No doubt on both sides half-crowns were paid, but I said "no plant of money." I have no doubt there were small sums on both sides. It is hardly possible to avoid that in any election ; but there was no "plant."

18,949. No considerable sum ?—No, we must have

discovered it if there had been, from the elaborate machinery we had out in the city.

18,950. You had a number of persons investigating it?—Yes, and going about to suspected people in the evenings at public houses, and in every way we could to bring it out.

18,951. They were in the nature of detectives?—Yes; you may say in that kind of service.

18,952. Have you been connected with elections in the city before?—Oh, yes, I was legal agent the last time at Waters' election; not for Waters, but at the election.

18,953. There was a considerable sum of money spent at that election?—I have heard in court that there was. I have some doubt as to a "considerable" sum, unless we agreed about the figures. There may have been about 300*l.* or 400*l.* I don't think Mr. Waters had the means to spend very much. I was not his agent on the day of the election. I threw the case up the night before; but the bribery was in the early part of the day. It is reported that it was so; and at that time there would not be so much spent. Goldsmid being so much ahead there was no object in Waters spending much money.

18,954. You say you ceased to act the night before the election for Mr. Waters?—Yes.

18,955. Did you continue to act for Mr. Goldsmid?—Yes, I was his agent.

18,956. Was money found by Mr. Goldsmid?—Not a penny. I will venture to say there was not one shilling of illegal expenditure on the part of Mr. Goldsmid at that election; and Waters had no object in spending it, at least, so far as I know. We kept Goldsmid ahead.

18,957. You do not know of any money that was found on Goldsmid's part?—No, except for the legitimate purposes.

18,958. Did you know that money was being found by Waters?—I did not. I never heard of the transaction till Dr. Allen related it here the other day in the witness box. That was the first time I heard of it, although I was the agent.

18,959. Were you in communication with Mr. Arthur Bignold with reference to Waters' election?—Merely for the payment of the bills. Those Mr. Arthur Bignold paid. I contributed a certain sum of money on Mr. Goldsmid's part, and Mr. Arthur Bignold paid everything. That was the agreement.

18,960. Mr. Arthur Bignold did find a very considerable sum of money for that purpose?—So it is stated. That I cannot say.

18,961. Did you see the bills that were paid?—No, I had no concern with them in detail. I simply had to contribute a certain sum of money on Mr. Goldsmid's part, and we did not care whether the bills were one sum or another. We had nothing to do with them in detail.

18,962. Did you not know that claims were made upon Mr. Arthur Bignold for a number of expenses which were expenses to which you, as representing Mr. Goldsmid, would not contribute?—No, we had no details whatever. The agreement was to pay a certain lump sum, and leave all the rest for Mr. Waters' friends to settle.

18,963. What was the lump sum to which you agreed?—650*l.*, and the expenses were, I think, about 2,000*l.*; that is, the published expenses were about 2,000*l.*

18,964. Then you had nothing to do with the providing of money on the part of Waters?—Not the slightest.

18,965. But Mr. Arthur Bignold had?—Yes, he paid the whole.

18,966. Had he been instrumental in bringing Mr. Waters down here?—That I cannot say. Sir Samuel Bignold introduced me to Mr. Waters. He came down with them from one of the clubs in London. I forget how he was got at.

18,967. Was he not brought down from one of the clubs by Mr. Arthur Bignold?—That I cannot say. I did not take it up quite so early upon the ladder as that.

18,968. I understand you that the 650*l.* which was contributed on the part of Mr. Goldsmid was simply for legal expenses?—Simply for legal expenses. That was Mr. Goldsmid's agreement.

18,969. I am speaking now of legitimate expenses.—Yes. I should not have consented to any other. I never offered or paid a bribe in my life, and never intend to do, and I should not have consented to anything illegal.

18,970. Did you take anything like an active part in the late election?—No, I did not, for I was away. I merely spoke at the meetings, but I was away till close up to the election. I was out of the groove rather.

18,971. Mr. Arthur Bignold was taking an active part in it?—Yes, I should say so. I saw him about a good deal.

18,972. Do you know whether he brought down upon the previous occasion some money from London?—I don't know. I always thought Waters brought his own money.

18,973. Do you know whether he brought down any for this election?—No, I do not.

18,974. You did not inquire about that?—No; I heard the rumour about his having done so. I did not believe it.

18,975. Did you hear that he went up to London, and made an application for money; that it was not given to him, and that it was afterwards remitted here?—No, I did not. I have heard what has been said in this court about it. That is all I ever heard about it.

18,976. I suppose from what you knew of the previous election you would not be surprised to find that Mr. Arthur Bignold was the man who managed the last election to a very considerable extent?—Not at all. He is an ardent partisan, you know. Allow me just to say that I am not accusing Mr. Arthur Bignold of any improper payments at the last election.

18,977. Just so. We do not assume that you are accusing him of any improper practice, but he was a person who was extremely active in the election, and taking not only a leading part in that election, but he had taken a leading part in the prior election, which was not a pure one?—Yes.

18,978. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) He managed the financial part?—He managed the financial part afterwards. I do not know what he did before.

18,979. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) There were some men sent away upon the election inquiry?—Yes.

18,980. There were the two Houghtons?—I don't know who they were. I have not the slightest doubt there were men sent away, but as solicitor for the member I do not know who they were.

18,981. (*Mr. Biron.*) Who knows?—Your Secretary knows as well as anybody.

18,982. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was that department left in Dawson's hands?—Dawson partly, and a man named Hunter, whom I had from London, had something to do with it, but I did not inquire into that. You might call that secret service.

18,983. But I suppose that you found the money for the purposes of this secret service?—Yes, undoubtedly.

18,984. It came out of your pocket?—Yes; the general rule I gave was to frustrate the petition in any legal way, and to take care that they did not send away any man who was subpœnaed. I considered that we might send those away who were not subpœnaed.

18,985. Those were your instructions?—Yes, to do nothing illegal, but to take every legal means to frustrate the petition.

18,986. Hunter lived in Green Street, Grosvenor Square, did he not?—I do not know that street, but he was not a man in Grosvenor Square life. I do not know where he lives.

18,987. How came you to employ Hunter?—By

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the recommendation of Mr. Arthur Bignold. He introduced him to me. We wanted a man for careful service. He came down to detect anything he could. I have no doubt he had something to do with some of the men who went away, not the slightest doubt; but I did not inform myself about those points.

18,988. Did Mr. Arthur Bignold come to you and make the suggestion as to Hunter, or did you go to Mr. Arthur Bignold and apply to him?—Mr. Bignold sent him down with a letter of introduction to me.

18,989. But as far as Mr. Arthur Bignold was concerned it was a voluntary act on his part?—Yes; he recommended him as a shrewd person for the purpose.

18,990. Had you consulted Mr. Arthur Bignold?—No.

18,991. It was a mere spontaneous act on his part?—Yes, sending him down was.

18,992. Afterwards, did you or Mr. Arthur Bignold pay him?—I paid him.

18,993. Do not you know that Hunter was down also at the time of the election?—No; I never saw him or heard of him.

18,994. Have you not heard since that he was down here at the time of the election?—No; he came down to me as a perfect stranger, with a letter of introduction. I merely express an opinion. I did not see him, and I do not think he was down.

18,995. Have you not heard that he was?—No; I understood when he came with the letter of introduction that it was his first appearance in Norwich. I understood he was a detective in London; and we wanted to detect Liberal bribery, and therefore we employed him. He was not employed merely for secret service, but he went to public houses, associated with the people, and heard what he could hear, and I am sorry to say it was not very much; at least, when I say I am sorry, I mean that it shows how pure we were.

18,996. You were glad to hear of such a thing as purity in Norwich?—I think Norwich is maligned. I think the last election was as pure as any in a constituency of the same kind in England, and I venture to say, that it was as peaceful a one.

18,997. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you know where Hunter is now?—Not in the least. I took him, employed him, and paid him, and I don't think I shall ever want him again.

18,998. Could you not get at him?—Only through Mr. Bignold. He gave me no address.

18,999. When you were making inquiries after the petition was threatened, of course you had to protect your own side as well as attack the other?—Yes.

19,000. Did you make any inquiries as to where Hardiment's money came from?—No, certainly not.

19,001. You knew he had been spending money?—I heard of it. There was nothing volunteered. It was up-hill work entirely. We had to find everything out. No one volunteered anything on either side. We heard that Hardiment had spent money. Of course it was a great difficulty in my case.

19,002. Did you send Dawson to Hardiment?—No; I never sent him. I do not know whether he went or not.

19,003. You suggested that he had better see Hardiment to know what was the meaning of all this?—No. I had never spoken to Hardiment. Sir Henry Stracey, I was perfectly satisfied, had nothing to do with it. I did not care about the amount of bribery if I could have seated the candidate.

19,004. Hardiment was proved to be an agent in about three hours?—We did not consider him an agent, and of course we complained very much of the ruling which made him an agent.

19,005. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The doctrine of agency was not very strictly established at that time?—I have not the slightest doubt that if the petition were tried now Hardiment would not be considered an agent.

19,006. (*Mr. Biron.*) It is perfectly clear now. Any man who canvasses is an agent for all purposes?—Three or four deep.

19,007. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know where Mr. Arthur Bignold is now?—No; I have had no communication with him since the petition. Am I allowed to say anything?

19,008. Certainly.—I wish to say that I have had some experience of elections here, and I do not hesitate to say that a more peaceable election than the last in Norwich could not be fought anywhere in a constituency of the same extent. I circulated both amongst opponents and friends, gathered in large knots, without any protection, and on all sides I met with the utmost civility. I did not see a single blow struck the whole day, nor did I see a single drunken man in the circle in which I moved. I don't mean to say there was not a man drunk that day, but I will swear that I did not see a single intoxicated man, nor a single outrage that day.

19,009. You did not go about like Inspector Clarke with a professed pugilist to protect you?—No; but I passed through the crowd he spoke of. I stood there and conversed and argued with the parties, and met with no molestation whatever.

H. Waterson.

HENRY WATERSON sworn and examined.

19,010. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a voter, I believe?—Yes.

19,011. How long have you been a voter?—I voted at the election previous to the last one.

19,012. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

19,013. At what time in the day did you vote?—At about half-past 3.

19,014. What made you vote so late?—Because I was at my work. I had some work to do.

19,015. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

19,016. Had you ever voted before without getting something?—Yes.

19,017. When was that?—I never had anything for no vote.

19,018. For whom did you vote at the previous election?—For Mr. Waters.

19,019. What did you get then?—Nothing at all.

19,020. Who asked you to vote this time?—Nobody. There was nobody came to me. I voted as I took my work home at half-past 3 that afternoon.

19,021. Where were you all the day of the election?—I was at work till half-past 3, and then I took my work home, and voted as I went with my work, and came back again home.

19,022. Did you see Mr. Wiseman on that day?—No, I did not.

19,023. Did you see anybody that day?—Not at all, only the people I saw at the poll when I went and voted, because I was not out.

19,024. Who did you see when you went to the poll?—I do not know their names. I saw the people who sat at the window.

19,025. Just recollect?—I cannot recollect any further, because I do not know. I never saw anybody but those I saw at the poll.

19,026. Did you never speak to anybody about your vote?—No; and nobody spoke to me.

19,027. You never got a glass of beer?—No, not a drop.

19,028. Do you mean to say that nothing was promised to you?—Not anything at all.

19,029. Have you had nothing since?—No.

19,030. Which public houses were you in during the day of the poll?—I did not go into any at all that day.

19,031. Did you go without beer the whole of the

day?—No, I did not go without beer, because I had some at home.

19,032. Did you send out for it?—Yes, at Mr. Burrell's, very nigh opposite to where I lived at that time.

19,033. What did you do after you had voted?—I went to my shop and went to work.

19,034. Did you not speak to anybody that night?—No, not about the election affair.

19,035. Did anybody offer you any money?—No.

19,036. If anybody had offered you a sovereign what would you have done?—I never was offered anything.

19,037. Not either at a parliamentary or a municipal election?—No; I never voted at a municipal election.

THOMAS WILSON sworn and examined.

T. Wilson.

19,038. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carpenter.

19,039. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,040. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

19,041. At what time?—Between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

19,042. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

19,043. How came you to vote so late?—I did not go home to my dinner till past 2.

19,044. What were you about?—I was at work at the Norwich station.

19,045. At what time in the morning did you go to work?—At 6 o'clock.

10,046. And did you stay there till dinner time?—Yes.

19,047. Did you see Hardiment that day?—Yes.

19,048. Where did you see him?—Against St. Mary's Church wall.

19,049. Did you say anything to him?—No.

19,050. Nor he to you?—No.

19,051. Did he offer you anything to vote for Stracey?—No.

19,052. Did he ask you to vote?—No.

19,053. At what time in the day did you see him?—Just before 3 o'clock.

19,054. You say that you got nothing for your vote?—I never got a farthing.

19,055. Or any promise of anything?—No.

19,056. Nor yet after you had voted?—No.

19,057. Who was Hardiment with when you saw him?—He was all alone. He stood right opposite the Church wall, against the house.

19,058. Were you in any beerhouse on the day of the election?—Yes.

19,059. In which?—In three or four.

19,060. Were you in Cartwright's?—Yes.

19,061. At what time were you there?—Just after I had voted, and I saw Mr. Horsman take a man out to vote; he went and fetched the man out, and I had got a quart in a pot, and I asked him to drink.

19,062. Were they with Springfield?—Yes.

19,063. Can you not give me the name of the voter he was taking up?—No. I saw him come out of the house and I had got a pot, and I said, "Come and "drink along with me;" and the man that was behind him drank.

19,064. How long were you at Cartwright's beerhouse?—About five or ten minutes.

19,065. Did you see Hardiment there?—No, I did not; I was in the back room.

JOSHUA WOMERSLEY sworn and examined.

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19,066. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a paper maker?—Yes.

19,067. Are you a voter?—Yes.

19,068. Did you take an active part at the last election?—I did.

19,069. On behalf of Russell and Tillett?—Yes.

19,070. Did you vote for them?—I did.

19,071. During the whole of the day were you about getting up voters for them?—I was.

19,072. In the course of your progress did you hear reports of bribery taking place?—I heard that there was bribery taking place at the "Woolpack."

19,073. Where did you hear that?—Mr. Harper told me of it.

19,074. At what time in the day did he first tell you of it?—I should think it was about 3 o'clock. I cannot say exactly to half an hour.

19,075. Was that the first that you heard about bribery taking place?—Yes; that was the first I heard about it.

19,076. Did you yourself go to the "Woolpack"?—No, I did not.

19,077. Did you go anywhere yourself?—I was backwards and forwards to the "Marquis of Granby."

19,078. Did you find that bribery was taking place there?—I did not see any.

19,079. Did you suspect it?—That was what the men wanted; the men wanted money.

19,080. Were there voters congregated there?—The first time I went there there were not many; there were two or three hanging about.

19,081. What time in the day was it when you first went to the "Marquis of Granby"?—About 2 o'clock, I should think.

19,082. Did the men there ask you for money?—They did not ask me for money; they asked friends that were with me for money.

19,083. Who were they?—Mr. Joseph Smith was there, and Mr. Kitton, who is since dead.

19,084. They applied to them for money?—Yes.

19,085. And what answer did they get?—They said they should not give a farthing, that they had not got any money, and that they did not intend to give any.

19,086. Did you leave the "Marquis of Granby" and go back?—I left and went to other places, and in about an hour I went back again alone.

19,087. What time would that be?—I should think about 3 o'clock, or it might be a few minutes before 3.

19,088. When you returned, did you find a number of voters congregated there?—The house was full.

19,089. Did they say anything to you?—No, not a word; they went then through the bar into the back room along with Mr. Mackley.

19,090. Mr. Mackley is the landlord?—Yes.

19,091. Did anything take place between you and Mackley?—Nothing at all; only I asked him why the men would not go and vote, and he said they would not go without they were paid 10*s.* or 1*l.* apiece.

19,092. Did you say anything about the payment of money to him?—I told him I should not pay them a farthing.

19,093. Did you say anything about requiring time to consult anybody?—No; I tried to keep them in tow as long as I could. I told Mr. Mackley to get them to wait till I came back; it was all an electioneering dodge. I knew that they would not vote without money, and I had no money to give them, and did not intend to give them any.

19,094. Where did you go after you had told them to wait?—I went from place to place. I cannot say exactly where I went. I went with Mr. Smith down Magdalen Street, and then from place to place.

19,095. Did you go and see Mr. Coaks?—I believe I did. I do not know exactly whether it was between the time of my going back or not, but Mr. Smith and I went to the committee room. We went up

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there on purpose to inquire about the state of the poll and to ascertain the reason why the mistake had been made in the morning; that was the sole reason of our going.

19,096. You had asked these men to wait till you came back, and then you went up to the committee room; did you not tell the people at the committee room what you had found at the "Marquis of Granby"?—I do not think I did.

19,097. Will you undertake to say that you did not?—I am sure I cannot say. If I did I am sure it was not with any motive at all, because I knew that there was no money to spend, and that no money was intended to be spent in any shape or form.

19,098. Did you suggest in any way that money should be provided?—No, not the slightest. I never gave the least idea that a farthing should be spent.

19,099. Did you not speak to Mr. Coaks, and ascertain whether he was desirous to do anything?—I am positive that I did not. I would tell you in a minute if I thought there had been any idea of the sort, but there was not an idea of any money at all being spent that day.

19,100. Having told the men to wait until you came back, and having seen Mr. Coaks, did you go back to the "Marquis of Granby" again?—I did not. I was driving up Magdalen Street and saw Mackley, and he stopped me and said, "You did not come back "again." I said, "No." He said, "I did not expect "you would." Those are the words that passed.

19,101. Did anything pass between you as to anything that was taking place?—Not then. I went the next day to inquire.

19,102. Did you not go back to the "Marquis of Granby" at all?—Not after that I did not.

19,103. Mackley, the landlord, had been in your interest up to that time, had he not?—I believe so. I never was in the house before that day.

19,104. But you knew that he was a Liberal?—Yes, I knew that he was a Liberal, and that he had been employed before. I did not know it personally, but I had heard that he had been employed.

19,105. Have you paid any beer score since that?—No, not a farthing either before or since in any shape or form, either directly or indirectly. I have heard something of it, but I never paid anything, and I do not believe that anybody else has. I have heard it stated in court, but I do not believe that there has been a farthing paid for beer or for anything else.

19,106. Was there no score run up at Mackley's on that day?—I believe that if there was he did it himself of his own accord.

19,107. Do you not know that beer was supplied to the men?—They were drinking beer when I was there, and Mackley said to me when I was there, "We must do something for the men, or if I do not "they will break every window in the house." I said, "You must do what you please. I have not "got any money to spend, and I do not mean to spend "any."

19,108. You were keeping the men in tow, you know; just consider, did you not order some beer?—No, I gave no order for any beer; he did it on his own account if he did anything of the sort. I daresay he, being an electioneering man, expected to get something out of somebody.

19,109. Have you heard of his having applied for payment to anybody?—No; and I think I should have heard of it if he had.

19,110. Did you go at all to the "Trumpet"?—No, I did not.

19,111. You confined your visits entirely to the "Marquis of Granby"?—To the "Marquis of Granby" and Magdalen Street and that part.

19,112. Was Mr. Kitton with you?—He was part of the time.

19,113. Did you go when you were in Magdalen Street, and did anybody go with you into a yard that is called Morgan's yard?—Yes, I did.

19,114. Did you ask any persons there for their votes?—Yes, I did, either I, or Mr. Kitton, or Mr. Smith; there was a man there bothering us a good deal.

19,115. Was that man's name Moore?—I believe it was.

19,116. Did he not require to be paid?—He wanted a day's pay for his vote.

19,117. Did you say to him, "Go and vote"?—I told him to go and vote over and over again, and begged him to go and vote, but he would not without he got a day's pay; and we told him we had not got any money, and we could not give him any.

19,118. Did you not promise to give him anything?—No.

19,119. Was there a gentleman there who gave you his card?—No, I never saw a card; if he had presented a card to me I should have known it.

19,120. Do you recollect a Sunday night after the election Moore coming up to your house?—He did. I think it was Moore; it was dark; I would not swear even that it was Moore. I only saw him in the passage.

19,121. Did he tell you that he had come for payment of what you had promised him?—No.

19,122. Did he not ask you for payment?—No, never in his life.

19,123. Then what did he come for?—He said that they had been plaguing him about his vote, and said that he had received money for his vote. He was a very timid sort of man, and seemed very much frightened about it, and I said, "You have nothing "to do but go and speak the truth;" it was just before the petition.

19,124. Are you sure that a gentleman did not come up and say, "That is bribery," and present you with a card, and tell you that he had heard about it?—I am positive he never did; if he did I should have known it. But you must bear in mind that there was a great row at that time, and he might possibly have done so; but I never saw the card, and I think if he had presented the card to me I should not have made a mistake and forgotten about it.

19,125. It is a very difficult thing to conceive that one gentleman should have come up to another, present him his card, and say that he was charging him with bribery, and that that gentleman should not remember it?—I don't think I should forget it.

19,126. It is not a matter which an ordinary person would forget?—Oh, no, I could not forget a thing of that sort, certainly not.

19,127. You are the manager of Mr. Colman's works, are you not?—Part of the works, the pepper and starch.

19,128. He has a very large number of men in his employment, has he not?—Oh, yes; I should think perhaps 800 to 1,000 men.

19,129. Did you canvass those men?—Not one of them.

19,130. Do you mean that you did not ask a single one?—I don't believe I asked one single man for his vote; we make it a point not to do so.

19,131. How many out of the thousand are voters?—That I do not know; I never went through it, and I cannot tell.

19,132. You can surely give me some idea of the proportion?—I should think there are 400 or 500 voters.

19,133. Not more?—I should think it was not more; it may be.

19,134. Do you know of any influence having been used to induce those men to vote?—Never.

19,135. Directly or indirectly?—Neither one way or the other. I don't believe there is another firm in the city where there is so little influence exercised.

19,136. Did some of your men vote for Stracey?—Oh, yes, several.

19,137. How many out of the 500 voters?—I don't know, I am sure; I don't think there was many.

19,138. Did you do anything, directly or indirectly, to influence these men?—No.

19,139. Did not their fellow workmen do something to influence them?—I don't know that they

did; we never ask our men to do anything of the kind.

19,140. Have you not heard that they did?—No.

19,141. Nothing in the nature of refusing to work with the men, or anything of that kind?—Not a bit.

19,142. You are sure of that?—I am positive of it.

19,143. Can you give me no idea how many of your men voted for Stracey?—I am sure I cannot; but it can be ascertained, I daresay. I have never looked into it.

19,144. Have any of the men who voted for Stracey been discharged, to your knowledge, since the election?—Oh, dear no; not one certainly on that account. Of course we have discharged many since; we are always discharging men, and setting new men on too.

19,145. But for no reason connected with the election?—Not at all.

19,146. Have you paid the rates for any people?—We always pay the rates and take it off the wages. I think that is the rule, but I will not speak positively about it because I have nothing to do with it, but it is my impression that some of the rates are always paid.

19,147. Who can give me the information respecting the payment of the rates?—One of the clerks, Mr. Caswell, I think. Mr. Henry Colman perhaps can give you that information.

19,148. If he can give us that information we need not trouble you about it; but you know the fact that the rates are paid?—I believe some of them are paid; that is my impression, but I will not swear to it.

19,149. Why do you pay the men's rates?—I do not believe we pay anybody's rates except in those houses which belong to Mr. Colman.

19,150. Has he a number of houses of his own?—A great many, several hundred, I should think.

19,151. Then is it part of the terms of their occupation that the landlord pays the rates?—I believe he does; I think so.

19,152. And it is deducted from the wages?—They pay so much a week for the rent, and that is deducted by Mr. Colman.

19,153. How is it deducted, weekly or monthly, or upon the occasion of the rates being paid?—I believe it is in consideration of the rent—I think so, but I do not know.

19,154. The rent is increased, and the landlord pays the rates?—I don't know, I am sure; if I knew anything at all about it I should be very happy to give you any information.

19,155. Mr. Colman, I suppose, will be able to give us the information more correctly?—I should think he would, there is no doubt about it.

19,156. Now do you know of any money having been paid to any person to vote for Russell and Tillett, or Tillett?—I don't know that there was a farthing; if there had been any I think I should have known it as soon as anybody.

19,157. Do you know of any promise having been made to any person?—I do not think there was a promise made.

19,158. Do you know of any beer or anything of that kind having been given on the day of the election?—No.

19,159. Have you paid for anything of that sort yourself?—I have not paid a farthing, either directly or indirectly, in any shape or form.

19,160. Has any claim been made for it?—Nothing at all.

19,161. For anything in the nature of that supply?—Not at all, and if there had I should not have paid it.

19,162. Do you know of any employment having been promised to any man to induce him to vote?—Oh, no.

19,163. Or any threat of discharge being used?—Not at all; I hope there was not, and I should be very sorry if I heard there was anything of the sort.

19,164. Now, you say you saw Mr. Coaks in the afternoon; did you communicate to him what you found going on at the "Marquis of Granby"?—I don't think I said a word about it, not to him.

19,165. Will you undertake to say you did not tell him what was going on at the "Marquis of Granby"?—I would not swear I did not, but if it was mentioned it was only in a casual way; it was not mentioned with any intention of asking for any money or anything of the kind, I can assure you; about that I am quite satisfied in my mind; but it might have been mentioned.

19,166. Do you not recollect that it was mentioned?—It might have been mentioned, but I will not swear that it was mentioned.

19,167. You went directly from the "Marquis of Granby," did you not?—No, I did not, because the affair of Morgan's Yard transpired between.

19,168. When you told the man, as a sort of electioneering dodge, that you would come back in a quarter of an hour, you would mention that to Mr. Coaks, would you not?—I do not think I should; I do not know what object I should have in view in mentioning that to him. If there was an object, very likely I should mention it.

19,169. It seems to me very strange that you should have adopted that sort of dodge to prevent the people from voting?—I think that is a very usual thing when there are lots of doubtful voters wanting money; if you do not intend to pay them any money you will try and keep them in tow until the voting has passed over.

19,170. I should have thought the better way would have been to try and persuade them to vote?—We tried everything we could, and when we failed the only thing we could do was to try and keep them in tow.

19,171. Did not you think that Mr. Coaks might possibly provide some funds?—I daresay if we had wanted funds he could have bought the election. I don't think he would with Mr. Tillett, but for Sir William Russell or any other Whig candidate I don't believe Mr. Coaks would have lost the election for the sake of 100*l.*, or even 200*l.*

19,172. You found that Mr. Coaks was not disposed to do anything of the sort?—I knew that he would not; his man was ahead, and he did not care a snap of the finger for Mr. Tillett.

19,173. Did he give you the reason that his man was safe?—No, I don't think that was mentioned.

19,174. Do you mean to say that when you *looked* at him and made mention that the men were there for the purpose of being bribed, he did not in reply say that his man was safe?—I do not remember it. If he had said so, very likely I should have said something to him that he would not have liked; if he had got so little interest in it for Mr. Tillett, I am sure I should have offended him, but that did not take place, I am positive about that.

19,175. When you had promised the men to come back in a quarter of an hour, I should think you were disappointed at not getting a more favourable answer from Mr. Coaks?—Not at all. I was very angry with Mr. Coaks, because there was a mistake in the poll somehow or other, and I was very much inclined at the time to attribute that to Mr. Coaks, and I was very angry with him.

19,176. Do I understand you to say that you are aware of no sort of improper inducement having been offered to any man whatever to vote for your side?—Not the slightest.

19,177. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did not Mr. Coaks suggest anything that could be done with these 40 men that were at Mackley's?—I never went to Mr. Coaks to ask him a question about them.

19,178. You, of course, mentioned the fact that they were there?—I did not mention it to him. I might have mentioned it in the room, but what Mr. Smith and I went to him about was the mistake; both Mr. Smith and myself were very angry that this mistake should have taken place.

19,179. But the mistake about the poll had oc-

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curred much earlier?—I had not been in the committee room before that time, and that is the reason I mentioned it then.

19,180. But at this time of the day the poll was getting in a dangerous state; did you not tell Mr. Coaks that these 40 men might vote for the other side?—I did not enter into conversation with Mr. Coaks at all about it; I did mention the affair in the room, but not to Mr. Coaks. Mr. Coaks was busy after I had done with him about that mistake, and I and Mr. Youngs spoke about the "Marquis of Granby."

19,181. At the time of the poll you were exclusively representing Mr. Tillett?—I represented both. I believed that Mr. Tillett was the best man of the three, yet at the same time I thought it was bad policy either for the Liberal party or the Radical party to cause a division, and I fought against it from the very first, but I believed Mr. Tillett was the best man of the three, and for that reason I assisted all I could for Mr. Tillett.

19,182. Previously you had been entirely for Sir William Russell?—I did what I could for Sir William Russell.

19,183. Was no suggestion made to you in the committee room that you should go and watch what was going on?—Oh, dear no, that is an understood thing.

19,184. That you were to go back and watch?—To go and do all we could; we fancied there was something stirring after a certain time.

19,185. But to watch these 40 men?—We put watch on in all directions.

19,186. Did you go down and watch at all?—I watched all I could, but I could not be there all the time.

19,187. Who was watching for you at the "Marquis of Granby"?—I am sure I cannot say now; there were three or four there, but I cannot tell the names.

19,188. Was Mr. Wilde in the committee room while you were there?—Yes, he was.

19,189. Had you any conversation with him?—Not a word. I did not like Mr. Wilde.

19,190. There was no suggestion made as to any course to be taken with regard to these 40 men?—Not a bit of it; I would not speak to him about the election.

19,191. It was a perfectly harmonious coalition?—Yes.

19,192. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You had promised to come back in a quarter of an hour?—Yes.

19,193. You found there was a large number of men there who were open to bribery?—I should think there was 50 of them there.

19,194. And you had heard the reports that there was bribery going on on the Conservative side?—Yes, I had.

19,195. How was it, that knowing the necessity for watching these men, you did not yourself go back and look after them?—It would not have done to do so.

19,196. You told me just now that the proper course was to watch?—Of course it was, and we had men at hand.

19,197. Who had you down there?—Men from the seventh ward committee room.

19,198. Can you mention them?—I do not know the names, I am sure.

19,199. Had you arranged with anybody?—Not at all, only when I saw what was going on there I went down to the seventh ward committee room and told them that a number of rather suspicious voters were there, and to send someone down to watch, and they sent five or six people down.

19,200. Who were sent down?—I am sure I cannot say.

19,201. Have you heard?—No, and I never inquired; but I daresay you can ascertain that. I should think Mr. Sadd, the solicitor, would know who was sent down there, but of that I cannot be sure. If I knew the names I would tell them in a minute; I have no interest in keeping them back.

19,202. Although you knew this was the turning point in the election, you never took the trouble to ascertain who was sent down there for the purpose of watching?—I did not. I mentioned the affair to persons who I knew would take the men in hand.

19,203. You recollect the nomination?—I do.

19,204. Were you present when the arrangement was made about securing the show of hands?—I was not.

19,205. You heard of it?—Oh, yes.

19,206. And did you make arrangements to send down a certain number of your men?—I went down and told the men to go, and they were very glad to have the opportunity.

19,207. Then you did make arrangements for a large number of Colman's men to attend there?—I did.

19,208. How many did you send?—I am sure I cannot tell you; I should think 400 or 500.

19,209. Were they paid that day their entire day's wages?—No, they did their work; it is the nature of our work that if they do not do their work in the morning they have to stop at night and finish it.

19,210. Then did you employ these men to go down?—I gave them an opportunity to go, and they very were glad to have it; it was quite a jollification for them.

19,211. Did you give them either beer or money, or anything else?—No, not at all.

19,212. Then they got nothing?—Nothing, and were glad to have the opportunity to go.

19,213. They got nothing for going, but simply had to make up their time?—Yes; that is the nature of our work, it is a process.

19,214. That is what you call giving a holiday, is it?—We did not compel anyone to go. There was an opportunity for them to go if they liked, and those who did not like to go could stop; there was no compulsion; we should not think of such a thing.

19,215. You did not suggest to them that you would be pleased if they would go?—Very likely I did, and if I asked that question that is an understood thing.

19,216. Did they make up their time?—They must finish the work; it is a process, and must be finished in the day, it must not go till the next day; if it does the material is damaged, and they know that as well as I do.

19,217. They all made up for the time which they had lost that day?—Oh, yes.

19,218. They got no supper or anything of the sort?—If they had you would have heard of it, sir, and would not want to ask me that question.

19,219. It is a very strange mode of giving a holiday; I should think you would be very sorry to have a holiday upon the same terms?—It was no holiday at all, but it was a jollification for them.

19,220. Do you know a man of the name of Woveridge?—No, I do not.

19,221. He lives in Sussex Street.—I don't know where he lives; I know nothing about him.

19,222. Had you any communication with a man in Sussex Street?—I do not remember that I had.

J. Scarles.

JOSEPH SCARLES sworn and examined.

19,223. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Well, sir, a paper came to me, but I have not paid no rates.

19,224. Are you a voter?—I did vote.

19,225. Are you a voter or are you not?—No, sir, I don't know whether my landlord paid the rates.

19,226. Then you know you were not a voter at the last election?—Well, sir, I did not know that the landlord had not paid them.

19,227. You got hold of a card?—That was brought to my house.

19,228. You got hold of a card with the name of Scarlett upon it?—Yes.

19,229. Who gave you that card?—I don't know; I was not at home when that was brought.

19,230. Then you went and voted with that card?—Yes.

19,231. What did you get for voting?—Not a farthing.

19,232. Don't tell me that. You go and vote in another man's name and make yourself liable to very severe penalties, and yet you say you got nothing for it?—I went to the committee room and took the card, and told them my proper name, and they told me to go and vote with the card which was sent to me.

19,233. Which committee room was that?—At the "Tuns" inn.

19,234. Who was present, and who told you to go and vote?—I don't know; there was a lot of them in the room.

19,235. But who told you to go and vote?—They did in the committee room.

19,236. Which of them?—I cannot say.

19,237. Do you mean to tell me you did not get anything for it?—Not a farthing.

19,238. Were you promised anything?—No, and I never asked for anything.

19,239. Did you not know you were doing wrong in voting in another man's name?—Yes, I know now I was quite wrong, sir.

19,240. Did they not ask you at the poll what your name was?—No, not that I am aware of.

19,241. Do you know Mr. Stanley?—Yes.

19,242. Was he the man that you showed the card to?—I went up and showed Mr. Stanley my card.

19,243. And he told you to go and vote?—No, sir, he did not.

19,244. You told them that the card was wrongly made out for you?—I told them that was not my proper name, and they told me to go and vote with the card if that was directed to me; but I can neither read nor write.

19,245. Was it Stanley who told you that?—No.

19,246. Who was it?—He said that I had done wrong by going to vote in that name; but this was at the "Tuns" inn where I went and showed my card, and they told me there was a mistake made on the register, and told me to go and vote, as that was directed to me; that is how it was.

19,247. Do you not know any of the persons that were there when you were told to go and vote?—Well, I could not say.

19,248. Was Stanley present?—No, I went to Mr. Stanley's office, and that is where I saw Mr. Stanley when I told him about my card.

19,249. What did he say then?—He said I had done very wrong by so doing.

19,250. That was after the election?—Yes.

19,251. But before you voted did anybody tell you you were going to do very wrong in voting that way?—No.

19,252. Did anybody give you any beer?—No, what beer I had I paid for out of my own pocket.

19,253. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You received a card with "John Scarlett" upon it?—Well, I did not know the name, but I asked the name on it.

19,254. And they told you it was "John Scarlett," did they not?—Yes.

19,255. That was not your name?—No.

19,256. You knew that?—Yes.

19,257. Your name is Joseph Scarles?—Yes.

19,258. So that both names were wrong?—Yes.

19,259. Knowing that, did you go to the committee room?—Yes.

19,260. Did you speak to the managing man?—No, Mr. Oury took me up there.

19,261. Who is he?—A relieving officer.

19,262. Where does he live?—I don't know; I saw him nearly against the committee room.

19,263. Did they not read out the card, "John "Scarlett, Wellington Square"?—I never heard them.

19,264. Did you not hear Wellington Square mentioned?—I told them where I did live, and the card came where I live now, I moved back again; I lived out at the gates when the card came.

19,265. You told them where you did actually live?—Yes.

19,266. You did not say that you lived in Wellington Square, did you?—No, I lived out at the gates then in Tinkler's Lane when the card came.

19,267. Then when you told them that you were not John Scarlett, of Wellington Square, but Joseph Scarles, of Tinkler's Lane, did they tell you then that you were to go and vote?—No, they did not tell me that.

19,268. Then how came you to go up and vote?—Because I saw Mr. Oury, and spoke to him about it.

19,269. Mr. Oury was in doubt whether you ought to go and vote?—Mr. Oury asked me how I came by the card, and I told him it was brought to my house.

19,270. You went to the committee room, and they told you there to go and vote, did they not?—Yes.

19,271. Although you told them that your name was Joseph Scarles, of Tinkler's Lane?—Yes.

19,272. Who was the man that told you to go and vote?—Mr. Oury.

19,273. Did you hear them tell him at the committee room that you were to go and vote?—No.

19,274. Then having taken you up there for advice, how came he to tell you to go and vote?—He told me to go and vote; he said, "Are you a voter?" I said, "No, this is my wrong name;" he said, "Come "to the committee room," and I went to the committee room, and he told me to make haste to go and vote, for they would rectify that in the poll book; they said it was only a mistake made.

19,275. Who told you that it was only a mistake?—Mr. Oury.

19,276. Did they tell him at the committee room that it was only a mistake?—I never heard them.

19,277. Did Mr. Oury make inquiries about it?—No.

19,278. What did he go there for but to make inquiry?—To see whether my name was on there.

19,279. Were you not told that your name was not on, but that the only name was John Scarlett, of Wellington Square?—No, they said that my name was on the register, but of course I told them I had not paid no rates, and I told them my proper name, and then they told me to go and vote.

19,280. I want to know who was the man who gave Mr. Oury the advice to tell you to go and vote?—I cannot tell, I assure you.

19,281. Did you not see Mr. Oury speak to Mr. Stanley?—No.

19,282. To whom did he speak?—I don't know who it was he spoke to.

19,283. Was the gentleman sitting at the table?—Yes.

19,284. Managing the books?—I don't know; they all sat round.

19,285. Has Mr. Stanley spoken to you at all about this?—I never saw Mr. Stanley up there.

19,286. Has Mr. Stanley spoken to you since the election about this?—Yes, Mr. Oury told me to go up to Mr. Stanley and tell him about the affair.

19,287. When did Mr. Oury send you to Mr. Stanley to speak about this?—When I got my subpœna.

19,288. Before the judge?—Yes.

19,289. And did you go up and see Mr. Stanley?—Yes, I went and spoke to Mr. Stanley, and told him that Mr. Oury persuaded me to vote in that name.

19,290. What did Mr. Stanley tell you?—He said I had done quite wrong, and Mr. Oury ought not to have directed me wrong, for he knew different to that; he said Mr. Oury did not ought to lead me into it, and

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he ought to have known different; that is the words he told me.

19,291. Now you know you were going up to vote in this way; did not Mr. Oury give you some money?—No, I never received one farthing.

19,292. Nor the promise of any?—No.

19,293. Nor anything to drink?—No, and I never asked him for anything.

19,294. Did he come and ask you to go up for Stracey?—He asked me who I was going to vote for, I told him I did not know, and he said "Make haste "and give Mr. Stracey a plumper;" that is what he said.

19,295. Did he not promise you something for that?—No, sir, that is the truth.

19,296. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did Mr. Chaplin give you anything?—No, I never saw him, I assure you.

19,297. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You did very wrong, and the person who advised you did still worse?—I am very sorry, sir.

19,298. It is a very disgraceful proceeding to everyone who was party to it. Mr. Oury is a relieving officer?—Yes.

19,299. Has he given you any relief since?—Yes, I was on the books about a fortnight or three weeks after. I had no work.

19,300. And then you were relieved by Mr. Oury?—Yes, he is my relieving officer.

19,301. Had you been on the books before?—No not that year.

19,302. But you had been on the books before?—Yes.

19,303. You are not a strong man?—No, I have been ill for the last ten weeks.

19,304. You have been ailing from time to time?—Yes.

19,305. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) When you were on the books before was Mr. Oury your relieving officer?—Yes, he has been a relieving officer for several years.

G. Gibson.

GEORGE GIBSON sworn and examined.

19,306. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

19,307. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,308. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

19,309. At what time?—As nigh as I can guess, about 10 minutes after 1.

19,310. Did you get anything for voting?—No, I returned back to my work.

19,311. Or the promise of anything?—No, nor yet the promise of anything.

19,312. Were you paid anything after you had voted?—I was asked to vote again about half-past 3.

19,313. By whom?—Mr. Murrell.

19,314. Owen Murrell?—Yes; he came in and asked me was I going to vote, and he said "If you will go "and vote I will give you 5*s.*;" he did not know that I had voted, and I went in and got half a pint of beer, and when he asked me if I had voted I said "yes;" a few days after he sent me 5*s.*, and when I saw him a few days after that he said "You old beggar, you "have done me." That is all I can say about it, and that is how I came by the 5*s.*

J. Raggio.

JOHN RAGGIO sworn and examined.

19,315. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

19,316. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,317. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Tillett.

19,318. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

19,319. Were you promised anything?—I have not had the value of a glass of beer.

19,320. Were you promised?—No, and I never asked.

19,321. You had neither money nor beer?—No.

19,322. Nor the promise of money or beer?—No.

19,323. How came you to vote so late in the day?—Because I had my business to attend to.

F. Warmiger.

FRANCIS WARMIGER sworn and examined.

19,324. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A weaver.

19,325. For whom did you vote at this last election?—Russell and Tillett.

19,326. I think during the day of the poll you were at the "Woolpack," were you not?—No.

19,327. What public house were you at?—I was at the "Marquis of Granby," in Pockthorpe.

19,328. Who did you see there?—I saw several people that live in the parish.

19,329. Did you see any bribery going on?—No.

19,330. Did you hear anything about it?—No.

19,331. Did you hear nothing about money going there?—No, I did not hear anything at all about money.

19,332. Were you at any other public house?—No, I was at work until dinner time, and I went in there for a glass of ale, that is all.

19,333. Did you get any money for your vote?—No.

19,334. Were you promised anything?—No.

19,335. Did you know any of the people who were at the "Marquis of Granby"?—Yes, I knew several.

19,336. Who were they?—There was a man by the name of Lord, a man by the name of Moy, and Mr. Barber.

19,337. Did you not hear of anything going on there?—No.

19,338. What other names do you recollect?—Mr. Womersley was there.

19,339. What time of the day was this?—Between 1 and 2.

19,340. Did you go there later in the day?—I stopped there until about 3.

19,341. Was there much beer going on?—I did not see much; there was a lot of people there. I got a glass of ale and paid for it.

19,342. Nobody offered to pay for your beer?—No, no one offered to give me any.

19,343. Did you go anywhere else after leaving the "Marquis of Granby"?—I went to the "Dog," on St. Paul's Plain, before I went to vote.

19,344. What was going on there?—I did not hear anything about the election at all there; that is right against the polling place.

19,345. You have not received anything?—Not a farthing, and never asked for anything nor yet was promised anything, and no one didn't offer me anything.

19,346. Was this the first time you had voted?—Yes.

19,347. Amongst these men at the "Marquis of Granby," do you recollect James Amis being there?—No.

19,348. Do you know him?—No.

19,349. And a man called David Amis?—No, I do not know him.

19,350. Was Robert Bussey there?—I don't know him.

19,351. Do you know a man of the name of Dick?—No.

19,352. Blyth?—No, I don't know him.

19,353. Was William Butcher there?—Yes.

19,354. Was James Dye there?—No, I don't know a James Dye; there was a man of the name of Dye, but his name is not James.

19,355. Did you see Charles Balls there?—No,

but there was a back room full of people, and I did not go into that room.

19,356. What room were you in then?—I stood against the bar.

19,357. Did you see Robert Holmes there?—No.

19,358. Robert Lawes?—Yes, I did see Robert Lawes.

19,359. Was William Boys there?—I don't know him.

19,360. William Newton?—I saw him there.

19,361. Henry Sharpe?—I did not see him.

19,362. Did you see Isaiah Waller?—No.

19,363. Or James Tomlinson?—I saw him.

William Seabrook sworn and examined. *W. Seabrook.*

19,364. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A drover.

19,365. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,366. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

19,367. What time in the day?—3 o'clock, or a few minutes after.

19,368. Did you get anything for voting?—Well, I got a trifle for doing my work and for voting.

19,369. How much was it?—5*s*.

19,370. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Murrell.

19,371. You mean Owen Murrell, the flyman and livery stable keeper?—Yes.

Isaiah Waller sworn and examined. *I. Waller.*

19,372. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

19,373. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

19,374. What time in the day?—A little after 3.

19,375. Were you at the "Marquis of Granby" on that day?—No.

19,376.—Do you keep a public house yourself?—Yes.

19,377. Were there a number of persons at your public house that day?—There was no persons there at all.

19,378. Was it shut up then?—No.

19,379. Then do you mean to say there was nobody in your public house that day drinking?—I was not at home.

19,380. Where were you?—In the city.

19,381. Whereabouts?—In different parts.

19,382. And amongst the rest, at the "Marquis of Granby"?—No.

19,383. What were you doing in different parts of the city?—Looking about, the same as other people.

19,384. To see what you could get?—No.

19,385. Did you get anything?—Nothing at all.

19,386. Did you not pick up anything for your vote?—Nothing at all.

19,387. What public houses did you go to?—Well, I was at a public house certainly, in Magdalen Street, after I voted, and had one glass of ale, and that is all I had all day.

19,388. Were you loitering about then?—No.

19,389. What were you doing?—Just merely walking about and seeing what was going on.

19,390. When you went into that public house in Magdalen Street did Worledge happen to be there?—I don't know that I saw Worledge that day.

19,391. Will you swear you did not see him at that public house?—Yes.

19,392. Did he give you any money that day?—I never spoke to Worledge that day.

19,393. Did he send you any money?—No, I never was offered any money, neither did I take any, nor did I offer.

19,394. Were you promised any money?—No.

19,395. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

19,396. By whom?—Mr. Stracey, Mr. Patteson, and the man who keeps the "Silver Cross," and Mr. Balls, the lime burner.

19,397. Did you promise your vote?—Yes.

19,398. To whom?—To Mr. Stracey. I told him his father was a Tory and I was a Tory to the backbone, and he should have my vote.

19,399. Being a Tory to the backbone, why was it that you delayed voting until so late in the day?—There is no particular time to vote.

19,400. But if you are a Tory to the backbone, one would have expected you would have voted earlier?—There is no particular time; you can go when you like.

19,401. Did you see Mr. Balls or Mr. Fletcher on the election day?—No.

Henry Nursey sworn and examined. *H. Nursey.*

19,402. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

19,403. For whom did you vote at this last election?—Russell and Tillett.

19,404. What time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

19,405. What made you so late?—Because I was on night work, and went to bed in the morning and slept until noon time.

19,406. I believe you were at the "Marquis of Granby" on the day of the election?—I was in the afternoon.

19,407. What did you see going on there?—I saw several people.

19,408. Did you hear of money going there?—No.

19,409. Did you see anyone you knew there?—Yes.

19,410. Who?—I saw a young man by the name of Douglas, Moy, and Newton, and several that I did not know.

19,411. Did they offer you any beer?—I had some beer, but I paid for it.

19,412. Was anything offered to you for your vote?—No.

19,413. Did you get anything afterwards?—No.

19,414. Have you had anything since?—No, certainly not.

19,415. Are those all the names you recollect?—Yes, they are as near as I can recollect.

William Douglas sworn and examined. *W. Douglas.*

19,416. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A gardener.

19,417. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,418. For whom?—Russell and Tillett.

19,419. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

19,420. What time in the day did you vote?—As near as I can guess from 2 to half-past 2.

19,421. Were you at the "Marquis of Granby" on the day of the election?—I was there a few minutes.

19,422. Did you see any money given to the men there for voting?—No, not any.

19,423. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you offered any money?—No.

19,424. Did you hear of any money going there?—Not any.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

S. Ellis.

27 Sept. 1869.

SAMUEL ELLIS sworn and examined.

19,425. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you recollect the day of the election?—Yes, I do.

19,426. Were you in Cartwright's or Clarke's beerhouse that day?—I believe I was the first of the morning.

19,427. In which of them?—Clarke's.

19,428. Were there men there who wanted to be paid for their votes?—That I cannot say.

19,429. Did you hear them talking about it?—Not at that time in the morning that I was in.

19,430. How long did you remain there?—Perhaps half an hour.

19,431. Did you go in again afterwards?—Not that day.

19,432. For whom did you vote?—I voted about a quarter past 3 for Tillett.

19,433. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

19,434. Were you promised anything for you vote?—Not a halfpenny.

19,435. Did you get any beer given you that day?—I had some, I believe, but I had not none given me.

19,436. Did you hear anything in Clarke's or Cartwright's beerhouse about money being paid for votes?—No.

C. Hall.

CHARLES HALL sworn and examined.

19,437. *Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

19,438. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

19,439. What time in the day?—Between 10 and 11.

19,440. Who canvassed you?—Young Mr. Stracey and Mr. Patteson.

19,441. When?—A day or two before the election.

19,442. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

19,443. Was anything promised you?—Nothing whatever.

19,444. Have you had anything since?—Nothing.

19,445. Were you at any public house that day?—No.

19,446. Are you quite certain of that?—I never went into a public house at all until I got into the market, and then I went and got a glass of ale at my own expense.

19,447. Did you get any beer given you?—Not a drop.

19,448. Is this the first time you have voted?—No; I have voted for this 40 years.

19,449. Have you always voted a Tory?—For this last 40 years I have.

R. Lawes.

ROBERT LAWES sworn and examined.

19,450. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A fishmonger.

19,451. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,452. At what time?—About 5 minutes to 4.

19,453. For whom?—Stracey.

19,454. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

19,455. How was that?—I don't know. I tried, and could not get anything.

19,456. Did you get a promise of anything?—No.

19,457. You tried your hardest, and could not get anything?—I could not get anything at all. I tried to get paid for my day's work.

W. Turner.

WILLIAM TURNER sworn and examined.

19,458. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

19,459. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

19,460. For whom?—Stracey.

19,461. What time in the day?—About the middle part of the day, I think it was, but I could not tell exactly the hour.

19,462. Did you go on the morning of that day to the "White Rose"?—Whereabouts is the "White Rose" situated, sir?

19,463. Do you know a public house at the back of the Inns?—Yes, I do.

19,464. Is that called the "White Rose"?—There is one there at the back of the Inns.

19,465. Did you go into that public-house that day?—In the afternoon I did, not in the forenoon.

19,466. Do you know Mr. Rosier, a carpenter?—I do, right well.

19,467. Mr. Frost, I believe, is the landlord of this house?—Of a public house at the back of the Inns, I believe he is.

19,468. Did you see Mr. Frost?—I saw him about 4 in the afternoon.

19,469. Did you ask him if there was anything to be had?—No.

19,470. Will you undertake to swear that you did not ask him that?—No, I never asked him.

19,471. At any time that day did you ask Mr. Frost whether there was anything to be had?—I don't remember that I asked him anything of the kind.

19,472. You don't remember?—No.

19,473. Do you recollect his referring you to Mr. Rosier, the carpenter?—We both belong to one corps, and oftentimes we chat together.

19,474. That is no answer to my question. Do you recollect his referring you to Mr. Rosier, the carpenter, and sending you down to him?—Not on that errand.

19,475. Did he send you down there at all?—No, not to Mr. Rosier, because I and Mr. Rosier went into his house that afternoon together.

19,476. Then you went there with him?—I went there with Rosier.

19,477. Did you go down with him in consequence of your having asked him if there was anything to be had?—No.

19,478. Why did you go down?—I went with Mr. Rosier after I had voted. We went and had a glass of something to drink together. That was in the afternoon, about half-past 2.

19,479. Now did you not go to Mr. Rosier, and did not Mr. Rosier tell you to go home until he sent for you?—Mr. Rosier I saw in the morning. I was home at work, and he said, "I shall see you again at "dinner time," and I did so.

19,480. Did he not tell you to go home until he sent for you?—No, not until he sent for me.

19,481. He told you to go home?—He told me to go home.

19,482. Why did he tell you to go home?—I don't know. I was out in the morning, and I said I had work to do, and he said, "Well, go home and do it."

19,483. But why should Mr. Rosier tell you to go home unless you were making some inquiry whether there was anything to be had?—I did not make any inquiry whether there was anything to be had.

19,484. But why did Mr. Rosier tell you to go home?—For no reason. I was asking him about my corps and about my business, and saying that there was nothing stirring and nothing doing.

19,485. You told me just now that Mr. Rosier had told you to go home. Did you talk to him about voting?—No, because he knew I am a Conservative, and always was, and I had told him who I should vote for.

19,486. Now do you mean to say that Mr. Rosier did not send for you afterwards to go and vote?—No, he never sent for me at all to go and vote.

19,487. Did he not send for you?—No, he did not send for me to go and vote.

19,488. How came it, that having been told to go home, you went and voted without further communicating with Mr. Rosier?—When I ran out again, I met Mr. Rosier accidentally in the market place; we had made no appointment to meet each other, but I met him in the market place, and I went and voted.

19,489. Did not Mr. Rosier promise you something for your vote?—No, he did not.

19,490. Did he give you anything for your vote?—He gave me nothing for my vote. I have stood for 30 years on the register, and have always been a Conservative; you can always rely upon me.

19,491. Why did you not go and vote long before if you were to get nothing for your vote, and were not standing out for money?—I was not standing out at all.

19,492. Then why did you not vote long before, as you are such a staunch Conservative?—I did not choose to go and vote till then, and I did not.

19,493. Tell me how it was that you did not go and vote in the first instance, if you were not standing out for some money?—I was not standing out; but it is usual for me to vote about that time in the day. I am not a very fast man either way.

19,494. It is the usual time for people who want money to vote?—Such is not the case with me. I never wanted money, nor yet was offered any.

19,495. Did you vote at the preceding election of 1865, Waters' election?—I did not vote at Waters' election; it was the only election I never missed.

19,496. Why did you not vote at that election?—I can give you no reason.

19,497. What did you get at previous elections?—Nothing at all.

19,498. Will you swear you got nothing?—Nothing.

19,499. Have you a pony cart?—I have.

19,500. Was that engaged all day in taking up voters?—No.

19,501. Was it engaged at all in taking up voters?—No, not on that day, for I had my business at home to attend to, and that occupied me in the forenoon.

19,502. Was there any voter taken up in your pony cart?—No, not one.

19,503. Were you paid anything for the use of your pony and cart?—No, I never brought it out that day on any occasion.

19,504. Did you make any bets about the election?—Not any.

19,505. Did you hear of any bets being made?—I never saw any bets made.

19,506. Did you not hear Abel make a bet of a sovereign to a shilling that persons dare not vote for Stracey?—I have heard talk about it, but I never saw it.

19,507. Where did you hear it talked about?—I heard it talked about in the "Compasses" that such a thing was about, but I never saw it.

19,508. Did you know with whom the bets were made?—No, I never saw anything of the kind done; it was only talked about.

19,509. Who was talking about it?—Well, it was the old midwife that keeps the "Compasses," Pearce.

James Cotton sworn and examined. *J. Cotton.*

19,510. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for at this last election?—Mr. Stracey.

19,511. When?—After dinner.

19,512. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Taylor, but I was not at home.

19,513. Mr. Taylor took you up to vote, did he?—No.

19,514. Who did you go up with?—I went up with myself, leastways there was another one or two of us.

19,515. What did they give you for your vote this time?—Nothing.

19,516. What did they promise you?—Nothing.

19,517. Have you had anything since?—No.

19,518. Have you ever had anything at elections before?—No, I never had a vote before.

19,519. Did you try and get some money this time?—No, I never asked for any; but there was some there who asked for a day's pay, and Mr. Taylor said he could not get it.

19,520. Well, you asked for a day's pay?—It was asked by one or two of them that were there.

19,521. You would have been glad enough to get it if you could?—Yes, if I could have got a day's pay I would have been glad of it, that's the truth.

19,522. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you not say you would not vote unless you got a day's pay?—Yes, I did say so.

19,523. Did you not get it?—No.

19,524. Nor anything?—No.

James Smee sworn and examined. *J. Smee.*

19,525. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am watchman in the Gas Works. At 11 o'clock I got up, went and gave my vote, and was home again before 12 o'clock.

19,526. Did you get anything for it?—No.

19,527. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

Frederick Ward sworn and examined. *F. Ward.*

19,528. (*Mr Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

19,529. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,530. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

19,531. What time in the day did you vote?—A quarter to 2.

19,532. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

19,533. Were you promised anything?—No.

19,534. Neither beer, money, nor anything else?—No.

19,535. Did you ask for anything?—No.

19,536. Did you not ask for a day's pay?—No.

19,537. Had you been canvassed beforehand?—There was three gentlemen came to my house at the dinner hour about a week before the election day and asked me which way I was going to vote, and I would not tell them.

19,538. On which side did they canvass you?—They were for the Liberal party.

19,539. Did the Conservatives canvass you at all?—No.

19,540. Have you ever had a vote before?—No.

19,541. Why did not you vote earlier?—I voted in the dinner hour; my dinner hour is from 1 to 2.

James Scarles sworn and examined. *J. Scarles.*

19,542. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote this election?—Mr. Stracey.

19,543. At what hour in the day?—About a quarter-past 2, I believe; between 2 and 3.

19,544. What made you so late?—Because I was at work until 2 o'clock.

19,545. Had you promised your vote?—No.

19,546. Had you been asked for your vote?—Yes.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

J. Scarles.

27 Sept. 1869.

19,547. By whom?—Mr. Tillett's son and another gentleman; I do not know his name.

19,548. Were you asked by anyone on the other side?—No.

19,549. Where were you on the day of the polling?—At work at the paper mills.

19,550. Were you at "The Marquis of Granby" during the day?—No.

19,551. Have you received anything since for your vote?—No.

19,552. Did you ask for a day's pay from anyone?—No.

19,553. Was anything promised you by anybody?—No, not anything.

J. Self.

JOSEPH SELF sworn and examined.

19,554. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a coachbuilder by trade.

19,555. Do you keep a public house?—Yes.

19,556. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,557. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

19,558. At what time in the day?—Ten minutes before 4.

19,559. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all.

19,560. But you had promised Tillett, had you not?—No.

19,561. Had you been canvassed for Tillett?—No.

19,562. Had you been canvassed by anybody?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

19,563. Had not you been asked for your vote?—Yes.

19,564. By whom?—I cannot tell you the gentleman's name.

19,565. Were you asked to vote for Tillett?—Well, several of them came to my house and asked for my vote, but I never promised anyone.

19,566. How was it you put it off till 10 minutes to 4?—Because I am working for the Gas Works Company and I could not come away before, because what is called our draws come at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and I could not get away till a quarter to 4 because of that.

19,567. Did you get anything after you had voted?—No; neither before or after.

19,568. Nor a promise of anything?—No.

T. Pastons.

THOMAS PASTONS sworn and examined.

19,569. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,570. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

19,571. At what time in the day?—Half-past 2.

19,572. Do you know a man of the name of Townshend?—Yes.

19,573. What did he give you for your vote?—He gave me 6*s*.

19,574. Did he give it to you just before you voted?—Yes, before I voted.

I. Churchyard.

ISAAC CHURCHYARD sworn and examined.

19,575. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

19,576. For whom did you vote at this last election?—Russell and Tillett.

19,577. At what time in the day?—Just after 11, I think.

19,578. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.

19,579. To whom?—Russell and Tillett.

19,580. Who was the person who canvassed you to whom you gave a promise?—I promised it to Arthur Tillett.

19,581. In whose employment are you?—I am a shopkeeper.

19,582. Have you received anything for your vote?—No.

19,583. Or been promised anything?—No.

19,584. And have had nothing since?—No.

19,585. Do you know anything about bribery?—No.

19,586. Have you ever voted before?—No.

19,587. Have you paid any money to other people for their votes?—No.

19,588. No money passed through your hands for that purpose?—No.

19,589. Do you know a man of the name of Walter Lincoln?—Yes.

19,590. What was he doing at this election?—He promised his vote to Russell and Tillett, and he said if we wanted him we were to go for him, and I went for him about 3 o'clock, I think; and he said, if I would take him back he would vote for us, because he was busy and did not wish to lose his time, and he went and voted and went back directly, I think.

19,591. What did you give him?—Nothing; I had nothing to give.

19,592. Did you make any promise?—No.

19,593. Did you take anything to him from someone else?—No.

19,594. Have you any reason to believe that he did get something?—I believe he did not.

19,595. Were you paid for taking the trouble of canvassing?—I was.

19,596. How many days were you employed?—Several evenings in canvassing.

19,597. How much a night did they give you?—They paid me all at one time.

19,598. How much was it?—They paid me 50*s*.

19,599. How many nights were you engaged?—Friday night, Saturday night, and Monday night, and all the election day.

19,600. Who was it who told you to go and vote?—Mr. Stevens said I could vote, and that was the gentleman that employed me.

19,601. Did he tell you to go and vote?—No; I asked him whether I could vote, and he said "Yes, "you can vote."

19,602. This was early in the day, was it?—I voted just after 11 o'clock.

W. Seabrook.

WILLIAM SEABROOK recalled and further examined.

19,603. (*Mr. Biron.*) You remember about Owen Murrell giving you the 5*s*.?—Yes.

19,604. You saw him afterwards when he said, "Well, you have done me, old man"?—Yes.

19,605. Did not Murrell say to you, "If Stockings, "the chemist, comes and asks you what you got for "your vote, you are to say you got 10*s*."?—Yes, I recollect some of those words, but I cannot recollect all the particulars of them.

19,606. Was that which I now ask you said or not?—I should be very sorry to swear to it. There was some words of that sort said, but what they were I cannot say.

19,607. With that meaning at all events?—Yes, something of that sort, but what the particular words were I cannot say.

19,608. Did Stockings come to you afterwards?—No; I don't know Mr. Stockings.

19,609. Do you know Waterson?—No.

19,610. A tailor.—No, I don't know none of them.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

W. Lincoln.

27 Sept. 1869.

WALTER LINCOLN sworn and examined.

19,611. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote?—Yes.

19,612. When?—At a quarter-past 3 in the afternoon.

19,613. For whom?—Russell and Tillett.

19,614. Did you get anything for voting?—No; not a farthing.

19,615. You were brought up to the poll, I believe, and taken back to your work?—Yes.

19,616. By Churchyard?—Yes.

J. Amis.

JAMES AMIS sworn and examined.

19,617. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

19,618. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

19,619. Who gave you 10*s.* for your vote?—Not anybody. That is what I should have liked to have had.

19,620. Did nobody give you any money for your vote?—No.

19,621. Have not you said over and over again that they gave you 10*s.* for your vote?—Not me.

19,622. Where were you upon the election day?—At work till past 3 o'clock at the Gas Works at Norwich.

19,623. Cannot you get away from the Gas Factory to vote?—Yes, I can, and did so.

19,624. Why did you not get away before that time in the afternoon?—Because the sooner I leave off the sooner my money does not go. I don't get no pay if I leave off.

19,625. Did you finish your day before you went to vote?—No. I had to do the 3 o'clock draw, and then I went and voted.

19,626. You had a draw before that, had you not?—Yes.

19,627. Why did you not go after that draw?—Because the more I work the more pay I get, and when I leave off I get nothing.

19,628. But you might just as well leave off in the earlier part of the day as the latter part?—Yes, but I should not, perhaps, have gone to work again.

19,629. Did you go to work again?—No, not after that draw.

19,630. Then they have been telling stories about your having got 10*s.* for your vote?—I wish I had got it.

19,631. Did you ask anybody?—I got no chance of asking anybody.

19,632. Did the superintendent drive you up to the poll?—No, sir.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.

Tuesday, 28th September 1869.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.

W. Wright.

28 Sept. 1869.

WARNER WRIGHT sworn and examined.

19,633. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter in this city?—No.

19,634. Did you manage one of the wards for the Liberal party at this last election?—I helped to manage one.

19,635. Which?—The first.

19,636. Who were under you conducting the proceedings in that ward?—We had not anyone particular in our ward room till the election day, except, I think, there was one man of the name of Chapman.

19,637. Who was the principal man who was acting for the Liberals in that ward?—Mr. Bryant Allen did all the canvassing.

19,638. Did you canvass at all?—No, I only stopped at the room and checked the register, and marked up the result of the canvass.

19,639. Then I suppose you know nothing about the proceedings of the canvass, except what appears by the return?—Nothing whatever.

19,640. Do you recollect any reports coming to that ward that bribery was going on?—No, I did not hear a single report of that nature.

19,641. Do you recollect Mr. Harper coming?—I don't know. There were a lot of people coming. I don't know the names of them all.

19,642. Do you recollect Mr. Harper coming with a report that bribery was going on?—I don't know who Mr. Harper is. I could not say whether he came or not.

19,643. Do you know of any money being provided during any part of that day in the committee room?—There was none provided there to my knowledge.

19,644. Do you recollect any application being made in the committee room for money that day between 2 and 3?—No, I was not in the committee room then, I was in the market place then.

19,645. What were you doing there?—I went to see the progress of the election.

19,646. Had your labours in the committee room terminated at that time?—I did not go into the committee room any more after that.

19,647. What time did you leave the committee room?—I should think it was between 2 and 3.

19,648. Who took your place in the committee room?—There were a lot of people there. Mr. Bryant Allen is an old hand at this, and I am quite a young one; so I was merely secondary.

19,649. Was he the person who was managing the proceedings in that ward?—Well, I cannot say that on the election day he was directing the proceedings there, because he was out and in the whole time.

19,650. If he was not, who was?—We left that principally to the head agents, I might say.

19,651. Who was the head agent?—There were three: Mr. O. D. Ray, Mr. Samuel Daynes, and Mr. George Stevens, and they kept coming round, driving, I think, a pony gig to the different wards to see how the things were going on, and leaving instructions behind them to those persons they saw there. I went every now and then through the polling places to see that our clerks were attending properly to their business.

19,652. Then I understand you to say that you had no portion of the management of the affairs, you merely acted in the situation almost of clerk in superintending?—I just attended to watching the ward on behalf of Sir William Russell.

19,653. By whom were you paid?—I was paid

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through Mr. Coaks eventually. You see I was not paid at all. I was articled to Mr. Coaks then, and so he made me a charge. I was not anything but a clerk.

19,654. I asked you whether you had heard of bribery going on in any way ?—I thought you meant on our side.

19,655. No, on either side ?—Well, there were certain surmises. Of course all the people who were on the blue side accused all the people who were on the other side of bribery, but then they had no ground that I know of for making that accusation.

19,656. I want to know if anybody came to the room while you were there and reported that bribery was going on on the part of the Conservatives ?—Every other man in the town was accusing every other neighbour of bribery, but I don't believe if he was asked to substantiate his statement that he would have been able to do so.

19,657. Do you recollect anybody specially coming in and making that report, and giving any foundation for his statement, not a mere rumour, but a circumstantial statement ?—There was a man with a sore hand, I don't know what his name was, often in and out of the room. I believe he said (but I should not like to swear to it as a positive fact) that he had been offered money by the Conservatives for his vote, and immediately upon that being done he went and voted, or he had already voted, and so could not take it, but I cannot say whether it is so.

19,658. Do not you know his name ?—No. He was a man often in and out. I think he was a blacksmith or something of that sort.

19,659. You can give me nothing beyond mere rumours ?—I can say nothing beyond mere rumours, idle rumours. That is all I heard.

19,660. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was there no information that came to your committee room which led you to act by sending people to ascertain whether there was bribery on the Conservative side ?—There was not any positive information you could take hold of.

19,661. But any information on which you proceeded to act, and set people to watch particular places ?—No, I did not do that.

19,662. There was nothing done in that committee room with reference to watching bribery on the other side ?—There was nothing done that I know of in that ward to send people out to watch whether the Conservatives were bribing on the day of the election.

C. W. Bacon.

CHARLES WILLIAM BACON sworn and examined.

19,663. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A boot and shoe manufacturer.

19,664. You voted for Sir Henry Stracey at this election, did you not ?—I did.

19,665. You received some money from Furse ?—I did.

19,666. How much ?—2*l.* 10*s.*

19,667. Will you tell me what you did with that 2*l.* 10*s.* ?—I gave Mr. Belson 10*s.* to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

19,668. And did he vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I must tell you this person declined to vote because I did not give him a sovereign.

19,669. Where does he live ?—Rose Lane at that time, but I believe he is since dead.

19,670. What is the next payment ?—Robert Rayner, 10*s.*

19,671. Where does he live ?—King Street.

19,672. Did he vote ?—He did.

19,673. For Sir Henry Stracey ?—Yes.

19,674. Who was the third ?—Thomas Staff, 4*s.*

19,675. Did he vote ?—Yes.

10,676. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where does he live ?—I could not tell you unless I had my rate book; but somewhere in the parish.

19,677. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who is the next ?—Brigham.

19,678. How much did he get ?—10*s.*

19,679. Did he vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I was busy engaged with Barnes and Read. He told me he had, and I paid him.

19,680. Where does he live ?—Orchard Street.

19,681. Any more ?—To Barnes and Read I gave 7*s.* James Barnes and Robert Read.

19,682. Is that all ?—That is all.

19,683. Does that make up the 2*l.* 10*s.* ?—No. I gave Barnes and Read one quart of ale. I had then a balance of 8*s.* 6*d.*, which I offered to Mr. Furse, who gave me the 2*l.* 10*s.*, and he declined to take it.

19,684. What time in the day was it when you received this money ?—Between 20 minutes and a quarter before 4.—I had no time to get rid of more, so I spent the whole of it.

19,685. You managed well to get rid of it so quickly, considering the time that other people took to get rid of their money.—I did not want any of it myself.

19,686. Is this the first election you have been engaged in ?—I have worked very hard at former elections, but never received money, either directly or indirectly, on former occasions.

19,687. Have you never distributed money ?—Never.

19,688. Is this the first time money has passed through your hands to induce people to vote ?—Yes, positively the first time.

19,689. Do you know of anybody else receiving money at this election besides those you have named ?—No, I do not; and I do not know where this 10*l.* came from till I heard Mr. Allen state in the witness box that he gave Mr. Furse a cheque for it. I canvassed my ward very strongly on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey for seven or eight days previously, and on no occasion did I receive anything for my services, nor did I request it.

19,690. How did you canvass this ward ?—We generally take the streets or lanes as they come, work them through, and if the people are not at home we are not in the least daunted, but call again.

19,691. Is this the ward in which you are overseer ?—I was in 1868.

19,692. You are no longer ?—My time expired last Easter.

19,693. Who appointed you overseer ?—The mayor.

19,694. I suppose the mayor was a Conservative at that time ?—No, he was a Liberal mayor last year. They had a different arrangement this time. Each parish had to send in six names, and to save trouble they picked the first name in the list in each parish, and unfortunately I was one of them.

19,695. From your knowledge acquired as overseer, of course you had advantages over others in canvassing ?—I knew where the persons lived, therefore I conducted the others round. It was only a pleasure to me to do so.

19,696. Can you tell me anything else about money that passed at this election ?—No; I did not know the source from which the 200*l.* came till I heard it in this court.

19,697. Do you know of any other persons who were engaged in putting money about ?—Only Mr. Townshend, 3*l.* from the same source as I.

19,698. You know of nobody else in your ward ?—I don't think there is anyone else in my ward. I was going to say I believe I was the only person who bribed in the whole parish.

19,699. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you hear anybody else in your parish say that they had received or wanted money ?—No, I did not. I even asked some of those persons to take it that did not ask for it, for I wanted to get rid of it. I had only 15 or 16 minutes to work.

19,700. Were all these people whom you have mentioned in your own parish ?—Everyone. I really believe it might have been done entirely without. I

don't think it was wanted at all. I think Sir Henry Stracey would have got in without it.

19,701. Not in your parish?—Yes. We always give an overwhelming majority there, in the first ward particularly.

19,702. Have you heard of anybody else in your parish being bribed?—No; I have heard their names spoken of, and I know they have got subpœnas, but I cannot tell what for, unless it is from the other side.

19,703. Have you heard of anybody else receiving bribes?—Not to my recollection.

19,704. Do you know of any fund provided by anybody for such purposes as these?—No, I have never heard of any at all.

19,705. Did you hear of any guarantee which was given for payment to any persons?—No, I have heard nothing; only what I have read.

WILLIAM COULSON sworn and examined. *W. Coulson.*

19,706. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A servant.

19,707. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,708. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

19,709. At what time in the day?—At a quarter before 2, as near as I can tell.

19,710. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing at all.

19,711. Why did you not vote earlier in the day?—Because I knew the time was from 8 to 4, and I had not sufficient time before.

19,712. You were busy in the early part of the day?—Yes.

19,713. Were you canvassed for your vote before?—Yes.

19,714. Did you promise to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, Mr. Selfe put my name down, but I was not at home. I was out along with the master, and I told Mr. Selfe I would either vote for Sir Henry Stracey or would not vote at all.

19,715. Who is Mr. Selfe?—He is a butcher at Tombland.

JOHN DALLAR sworn and examined. *J. Dallar.*

19,716. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

19,717. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,718. Were you a voter before the last election?—No.

19,719. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

19,720. At what time in the day?—When I went to dinner.

19,721. Between 1 and 2, or after 2?—Ten minutes to 2, as near as I can tell.

19,722. Do you know a person of the name of John Ballard Pitt?—Yes, I know Mr. Pitt, the surgeon.

19,723. Did you see him on the day of the election?—Yes.

19,724. Did he come to you?—Yes.

19,725. Did he give you some money?—No.

19,726. Did he promise you some money?—No.

19,727. Was Parker, the grocer, with him?—Yes, I think he was.

19,728. Did Parker give you any money?—No.

19,729. Did Parker promise you some money?—No, not a farthing.

19,730. Where did they come to you?—To my house.

19,731. What did they come to you about?—They came and asked me to vote.

19,732. Why had you not voted before that time?—Because I could not get there.

19,733. The polling place is close to you?—Yes, but I was not at home.

19,734. Where were you?—At work up at the Victoria Station.

19,735. What were you doing there?—I am one of the carmen in the town.

19,736. Did you not receive anything for your vote?—Not a farthing.

19,737. Had you any beer?—No.

19,738. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

19,739. Had you been canvassed before?—Yes.

19,740. By whom?—Parker and Smith.

19,741. Had you promised your vote?—Yes, I promised Mr. Parker and Smith.

JAMES HENRY SIMPSON sworn and examined. *J. H. Simpson.*

19,742. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

19,743. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

19,744. At what hour of the day?—A few minutes before 4.

19,745. What made you vote so late?—I was on business.

19,746. What business was that?—I had some goods to sell.

19,747. What did you get for your vote?—I never got nothing. I lost money by it. I was in good sale, and forced to run away.

19,748. (*Mr. Biron.*) Somebody made that up to you?—Oh, no, they did not.

19,749. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) How much did they offer you?—I never had nothing for my vote.

19,750. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What money did you get?—I told you I never got none at all.

19,751. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) How much did you ask for?—Nothing. I should have took some if I could have got it.

19,752. Who asked you to vote?—Nobody. I voted on my own principle.

19,753. Did you ever vote before?—Yes.

19,754. What were your principles then?—Mr. Waters'.

19,755. What did you get then?—Nothing at all.

19,756. How much did you ask for?—I never got anything.

19,757. Did you vote then at one minute before 4?—I don't know what time I voted then.

19,758. Were you promised anything this time?—No.

19,759. Did you get any beer?—No.

19,760. Were you at the "Horse Shoes," in Palace Street?—I did not go to the "Horse Shoes."

19,761. Where were you the whole of the day?—Walking about with some fish. I wanted to sell it.

19,762. Did you go into any public house?—I went into Mr. Warnes' public house, in St. James'.

19,763. Whom did you see there?—I see Mr. Warnes.

19,764. Did you see William Taylor?—No; there were several people there. I did not take much notice of them. I see Mr. Warnes.

19,765. How much did he give you. He never gave me nothing.

19,766. Did you see Worledge there?—No.

19,767. Did you see Mitchell there?—No.

19,768. Or Cubitt?—No.

19,769. Did you have any beer there?—Yes, I paid for half a pint of beer.

19,770. Whom else did you see besides Warnes?—There were several chaps there besides him.

19,771. Who were there?—I don't know hardly who was there, people what used the house. I saw Mr. Staff was there.

19,772. What made you go to that public house?—I lived close by.

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19,773. You knew there was money and beer going there?—No. I use the man's house, and I generally call there for half a pint.

19,774. What time in the day was it when you were at this house?—About dinner time.

19,775. How long did you stop there?—About half an hour, I suppose.

19,776. Did you talk to anybody?—I talked to people that were inside.

19,777. What were the names of the people there?—There was a man of the name of Staff there.

19,778. Who else?—Two or three more people were in there; I don't know who. People were going backwards and forwards during the day. I could not mention all the men's names.

19,779. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Unless you tell us the truth we shall keep you here all day, perhaps a little longer?—I have told you the truth, what I know.

19,780. You have not told us the truth, you know that as well as possible.—I have told you all I know; I cannot go on no further.

19,781. We want to know what you got, or what you were promised upon that day, so now tell us.—I have told you.

19,782. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was anything said to you in that public house about what you were to get for your vote, or about the vote you were going to give?—No.

19,783. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What did you get, or what was promised you that day?—I got nothing. I voted for free good-will.

19,784. I am not speaking about your vote. What did you get, or what were you promised that day?—Not anything.

19,785. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you hear anyone else being offered money?—No, there was not anyone that I know of. I went and got a glass of beer, and hawked my goods that I had to sell. I walked about with my fish.

19,786. Did you see other people treated with beer?—No, it was just the same as at other times.

19,787. Do not you know that beer was given to voters?—No, I did not stop long enough.

19,788. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you mean to say you paid for the beer you got?—Yes, a glass of ale. I am no sponge nor yet no drunkard. I pay for all the beer I drink, every drop of it. Sometimes I don't get a glass of beer for a week, and sometimes not for a month.

19,789. You tried to get something for your vote?—No, I did not. I had no one offered me anything whatsoever. I never see anybody there.

19,790. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Why, if you were disposed to vote, did you not vote, instead of going to Warnes'?—I were not going to vote in the seventh ward, that was in the seventh ward. I vote in the first ward.

19,791. Why did not you go and vote instead of wasting half-an-hour in the public house?—I thought any time in the day would do for that.

19,792. Were you not waiting to get money?—No.

19,793. Why did you not vote till 5 minutes to 4?—Because I was on business.

19,794. Had you been canvassed before?—Yes.

19,795. Who canvassed you?—I cannot call the man's name to mind.

19,796. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.

19,797. When?—A man come to my house.

19,798. Having promised your vote before the election, why did you put off giving your vote till 5 minutes to 4, when the poll was just closing?—I see lots of people voting. We could not all vote at one time.

19,799. Why put it off till 5 minutes to 4?—That was the time appointed.

19,800. You were hawking your fish about all over the city?—Yes.

19,801. Why could you not then go up and vote?—I did go up several times, but I could not get there.

19,802. Were you not waiting for money?—I had no money offered to me.

19,803. It may not have been offered to you, but were you not waiting for it?—No, I did not get any money, and I did not want any money more than I work for.

19,804. What were you waiting for?—I am an independent man, and have no master to please.

19,805. If money had been offered to you, you would have taken it?—I don't know; perhaps I should. I am a poor man; money is tempting to a poor man.

19,806. Do you know a person of the name of Taylor?—There are several Taylors about.

19,807. Did you see a person of the name of Taylor at Warnes' house; William Taylor, of Cowgate Street?—Not that I know on.

19,808. Did you not see him in Warnes' house?—I don't think I did. He is a man that does not use no public house.

19,809. Do not you recollect money being offered for his vote?—No.

19,810. Have not you said that you saw money offered him for his vote?—No.

19,811. Do you know Mitchell?—No, I don't know that I know a man of the name of Mitchell.

19,812. Do you know a person of the name of Mitchell, or do you know a person who was there with Warnes and Taylor?—No.

19,813. Do not you recollect a man offering Taylor 2*s.* 6*d.* for his vote?—No.

19,814. Did not Taylor refuse it, and did not you advise Taylor to take it?—No.

19,815. You mean to swear that?—Yes.

19,816. Did not he offer you money?—No.

19,817. Did he promise you money?—No.

19,818. Has he ever given you any money?—No.

19,819. Has anybody in Warnes' house offered you money?—No.

19,820. Or given you money?—No.

19,821. Or beer?—No, not but what I paid for.

S. Freeman.

SAMUEL FREEMAN sworn and examined.

19,822. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you a publican?—A carpenter and publican.

19,823. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,824. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

19,825. At what time in the day?—A quarter to 4.

19,826. Did you get anything for voting?—I got 1*l.* of Mr. Allen.

19,827. What to do?—Why to vote, I suppose.

19,828. Were there any men at your place at that time?—Not one. I was not at home myself. I was at work myself. There was not a voter in my house at all.

19,829. Do you know of any other person that got money for voting?—It was not my business to know that.

19,830. Do you know it?—No. I don't know any person that got money.

G. Aldham.

GEORGE ALDHAM sworn and examined.

19,831. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

19,832. Had you ever had a vote before?—Yes.

19,833. At what time in the day did you vote?—Half-past 8.

19,834. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

19,835. By whom?—By Sir William Russell, Tillett, and Sir Henry Stracey.

19,836. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

19,837. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.
19,838. To whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.
19,839. Had he canvassed you personally?—Yes; he canvassed me at my workshop.
19,840. When did he canvass you?—About three or four days before the election.
19,841. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a farthing.
19,842. Or the promise of anything?—No.

G. Aldham.

WILLIAM MADDS sworn and examined. *W. Madds.*

19,843. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.
19,844. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey and Russell.
19,845. At what time in the day?—About 2 o'clock.
19,846. Had you promised your vote?—No.
19,847. Who asked you to vote?—Not anyone.
19,848. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.
19,849. Had you ever voted before?—No.
19,850. Were you promised anything?—No.
19,851. Have you had anything paid to you since?—No.

BENJAMIN QUANTRILL sworn and examined. *B. Quantrill.*

19,852. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.
19,853. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.
19,854. At what time of the day?—Somewhere between 3 and 4.
19,855. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.
19,856. Had you promised your vote?—No; I did not promise it to anyone. I was not at home when some of them came. I was at my business.
19,857. How came you to vote so late?—I had to look after my business. That is my living.
19,858. Did you get anything for your day's time?—Not a farthing.
19,859. Or the promise of anything?—Not anything.

WILLIAM PEARSON sworn and examined. *W. Pearson.*

19,860. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.
19,861. Had you voted before?—Yes.
19,862. At how many elections?—I cannot say.
19,863–4. Well, we will begin with Schneider's election. Do you remember that?—Yes.
19,865. Did you receive any money upon that occasion?—No.
19,866. Do you recollect Bignold and Lushington's election?—Yes.
19,867. Did you receive anything then?—No.
19,868. Do you recollect Lewis and Forlonge's election?—Yes.
19,869. What did you receive then?—Nothing.
19,870. Did you receive anything at Goldsmid and Waters' election.—No.
19,871. At the last election, what time did you vote?—About a quarter to 4 or 20 minutes to 4; I don't know which it was.
19,872. Where were you during the day?—Walking about.
19,873. What public houses were you in?—I went into lots of them, of course, that day.
19,874. Almost every public house in the city?—No, I cannot say that.
19,875. Were you at Mackley's?—I cannot answer that.
19,876. Were you at Sparkes', in Queen Street?—Not that I am aware of.
19,877. Do you mean to say that you cannot recollect whether you were in Sparkes', in Queen Street, on that day?—If I was, it was after 4 o'clock.
19,878. Why do you remember being in Sparkes' after 4 o'clock?—Because after the election was over I went and got a glass of ale.

SIMON BURROWS sworn and examined. *S. Burrows.*

19,879. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.
19,880. What time in the day?—At a quarter to 12.
19,881. Had you promised your vote?—Not to anybody particular. I told Mr. Tillett I should vote for Sir Henry Stracey.
19,882. Did you get anything for you vote?—No.
19,883. Did you ask for anything?—No.
19,884. Was anything promised to you?—No.
19,885. Have you got anything since?—No.
19,886. Is this the first time you have voted?—No.
19,887. For whom did you vote before?—I gave my maiden vote for Samuel Bignold when he put up for Norwich.
19,888. Have you always voted for the Conservatives?—Always.

NATHANIEL ROE sworn and examined. *N. Roe.*

19,889. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carter.
19,890. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.
19,891. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.
19,892. At what time in the day?—12 o'clock.
19,893. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not even a glass of beer.
19,894. Were you at the "Cock and Pie" public house?—No, I was not; for I don't use it.
19,895. At what public house were you?—I do my duty getting up in the morning, and when I have done my day's labour I go to the "White Lion," St. Martin's-at-Palace, and there, if I get a pint of beer, I pay for it at my own expense.
19,896. I am talking about the election day; answer the question, and don't make speeches about your habits. Do you know a man of the name of Traxton, of the Close?—Yes.
19,897. Did you see him on the day of the election?—I did not.
19,898. The day before?—No.
19,899. Or the day after?—No.
19,900. Did you ever speak to him about your vote?—No.
19,901. Who brought you up to the poll?—No one.
19,902. Do you know Jonathan Flowers?—Yes.
19,903. Did not he bring you up to the poll?—No.
19,904. Did not he give you anything for voting?—No.
19,905. I will just ask you once more.—I tell you firmly, properly, and truly I never see neither of them. I come as an independent voter, and if you look at your list I voted as a freeholder, and got in-

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sulted when I was voting. If it had not been for Hall, the butcher, at the top of Rose Lane, I should not have voted at all.

19,906. How came he to persuade you to vote?—When I came up there I got abused by the clerk that keeps the books—I suppose you call them books—I am not a scholar. When I got up there he says, "Are you an occupier? What are you?" I says, "An independent freeholder."

19,907. Never mind that story. What did Hall do to persuade you?—I have not had a glass of beer of no one.

19,908. You told me you would not have voted but for Mr. Hall. What did he do to induce you to vote?—When I was going away he got hold of me, and he said, "Don't go away, but vote." I said "For you "as a neighbour, I will vote;" and I never received a glass of ale from anyone, I will take my oath about it.

19,909. I am not asking you about ale but about money?—I am now 46 years old, and I never received a penny in my life.

19,910. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you voted at former elections?—I voted twice in general elections.

19,911. Did you ever receive anything for your vote?—Never.

19,912. Have you always voted for the Conservatives?—I have. I wish every man would vote the same as I did, for the principle, as an independent freeholder.

G. Cannell.

GEORGE CANNELL sworn and examined.

19,913. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

19,914. Had you ever been a voter before?—Yes.

19,915. At how many elections?—I cannot tell you how many—several.

19,916. Have you been for many years a resident in this city, and a voter?—All my lifetime.

19,917. When did you vote at the last election?—After dinner. I had to go to the doctor's before I could vote, and it was about 3 o'clock, I think.

19,918. Were you canvassed by Mr. Parker?—When he called in at mine a day before the election.

19,919. Did he not call on you on the election day?—I don't think he did.

19,920. Did he not come to your house two or three times that day?—No, he went to Mr. Gurling's.

19,921. Did Dr. Pitt come to your house?—Yes, and Mr. Thompson.

19,922. What time did he first come to your shop?—It might be—because I am hardly able to get there very early—betwixt 11 and 12.

19,923. Did he ask you to come and vote?—Yes.

19,924. Had you promised your vote before?—No.

19,925. You had been canvassed before?—Yes, I had been canvassed.

19,926. Why had you not promised your vote?—I never do promise; I never promise my vote, because I cannot tell how I may vote.

19,927. On former occasions have you received anything for your vote?—No.

19,928. On which side have you voted on former elections?—Sometimes I voted for Peto and Douro, and another time for Warner.

19,929. You are of no particular principles?—No; I vote for the gentlemen who, I believe, are qualified to protect England's glory.

19,930. And to sustain it by proper payments?—I know nothing about payments.

19,931. Have you never received anything for voting?—Not unless it has been for poll books, and that I consider every man has a right to. That is years back.

19,932. Did not Mr. Pitt or anybody else give you some money for voting at this election?—No.

19,933. Or promise you any money?—No.

19,934. Or custom?—No.

19,935. Or give you a promise of any kind?—None at all.

19,936. And bought nothing of you?—No.

F. Smith.

FRANCIS SMITH sworn and examined.

19,937. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

19,938. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

19,939. Who asked you for your vote?—Mr. Taylor.

19,940. When?—About four days before the election.

19,941. Did he offer you anything?—He did not.

19,942. Have you received anything for your vote?—Nothing at all.

19,943. Did you get any beer that day?—No, only at my own expense.

19,944. Had you any at public houses where beer was going?—I had one half pint along with one of my partners before I started.

19,945. Is that all?—That is all. I was at work till 2 o'clock.

19,946. Have you ever voted before?—No.

19,947. Has anything been promised you?—Nothing.

C. Weavers.

CHARLES WEAVERS sworn and examined.

19,948. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A fishmonger.

19,949. Did you vote for Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

19,950. At what time?—A few minutes before 4.

19,951. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

19,952. Why did not you vote earlier than that?—Because we were busy at our shop, and I had not time to leave before.

19,953. Are you a shopkeeper then?—Yes.

19,954. Were you canvassed for your vote by anybody?—No.

19,955. Did your master vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

T. Lefevre.

THOMAS LEFEVRE sworn and examined.

19,956. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

19,957. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

19,958. What time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

19,959. Where were you up to 3 o'clock on that day?—I was at work till 1 o'clock.

19,960. Where were you after 1?—I went home and had a wash and got my dinner, and then went to the poll house.

19,961. You would not be two hours at your dinner?—There is washing and dressing.

19,962. But that would not take you an hour?—No, it would not.

19,963. Between 1 and 3 o'clock did you go to any public house?—Yes, I went and got a glass of ale.

19,964. Where?—Cooper's, "Hop Pole," the house I generally use, being near my work.

19,965. Did anybody ask you to vote?—Not on the election day.

19,966. Did anyone ask you before?—Yes, I was canvassed.

19,967. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Morgan, the brewer.

19,968. Did you promise your vote?—Yes.

19,969. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

19,970. Did you get anything for voting?— No.

19,971. Or the promise of anything?—No.

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THOMAS WILLIAM SABBERTON sworn and examined.

T. W. Sabberton.

19,972. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

19,973. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

19,974. What time of the day?—Just before 4.

19,975. What made you vote so late?—Because I was after my business at Thorpe in the daytime.

19,976. What are you by trade?—An engineer.

19,977. Did anybody offer you anything for your vote?—No.

19,978. Did you give any money to anybody else?—No.

19,979. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.

19,980. Has anything been promised you since?—No.

JOHN ALLEN sworn and examined.

J. Allen.

19,981. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a dyer by trade.

19,982. Did you vote at the last election?—No.

19,983. Have you got a vote?—Yes.

19,984. Why did you not vote?—I kept at home, and did not trouble nothing at all about it.

19,985. I suppose you wanted something to vote?—Yes; I said I would not vote without I was paid for it.

19,986. Did you see Dr. Allen that day?—Yes; he came in the morning between 9 and 10.

19,987. Did not he come after that?—He came and asked me if I would go and vote. I said "No; I had "not made up my mind to vote."

19,988. What did he say?—He said "Why not "come?" I said, "I shall not come yet." He went out and hailed a coachman with a carriage and pair of grey horses, and he asked me if I would come. I said "No." He said "What are you staying back "for?" I said "Nothing particular." "I suppose "you want sugar," he said. My wife said, "That is "what we do want;" and then he drove off, and I never saw no more of him.

19,989. Did nobody come?—Taylor came in the afternoon.

19,990. What did he say about money? Your wife does the talking for you?—No. She was out when they came.

19,991. Did not she say anything?—I believe she was in the shop along with Mr. Taylor, but I don't think he ever spoke.

19,992. What did he offer your wife?—He offered her nothing.

19,993. What was her price for you that day?—I said I should not vote without I had a sovereign.

19,994. When Huggins came did not he offer you anything?—He offered me half a sovereign, and I told him I would not vote without I had a sovereign. He told me to wait for an hour.

19,995. Then it got on to 4 o'clock?—Then it got on to 4 o'clock; and I never went.

CHARLES OURY sworn and examined.

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19,996. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a relieving officer in the city?—Yes.

19,997. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

19,998. Did you take an active part in taking up voters to the poll?—Only a few.

19,999. Do you know a person of the name of Scarles?—Yes.

20,000. Did you see him upon the day of the election?—I met him by accident.

20,001. Had he a card, or did he tell you he had received a card, which he showed you?—He took a card from his pocket and showed it me, and said he was going to vote.

20,002. Where did you meet him?—I met him at a house opposite the "Tuns," called the "Gates," I think.

20,003. Did you ask him whether he was going to vote?—I asked him whether he was going to vote.

20,004. Did you read the card?—I did.

20,005. Did you find that it had the name of John Scarlett, Wellington Square, upon it?—I did not see any address that I remember, but I saw the name of Scarlett.

20,006. You knew Scarles well before that?—I had not seen him for a long time before that.

20,007. You had given him parish relief, had you not?—Yes, some 12 months previous.

20,008. And you knew his name was Joseph Scarles?—No, that I did not.

20,009. Did you ask him what his name was?—I pointed out the name of Scarlett. I inferred that his name was John, because I had John on my books, and I imagined he was the same. I said, "There is the "name of Scarlett, two small t's. There must be "some mistake. Are you sure it was meant for you?" He said, "I am sure it was, because it was left at my "house in Wellington Lane." I said, "Be sure who "you are going to vote for before you vote." He pointed to an orange ribbon in his coat, and he said, "For Stracey." I said, "Then plump for Stracey; "but if there is a mistake go into the committee "room and get it rectified."

20,010. Did you go into the committee room with him?—I did.

20,011. Did you inquire whether the name of Scarles was upon the register at all?—I did not make any inquiry, for I met some friends there, and I handed him over to the clerk.

20,012. Did you not go in with him for the purpose of seeing whether it was right?—No. I simply went there to hand him over to the clerk.

20,013. Did you afterwards go with him to the poll?—I saw him afterwards, and he told me it was all right; and I went with him towards the poll.

20,014. Do you mean to say you yourself did not speak to anybody respecting that card in that committee room?—I may have made the observation, "There is some alteration required in this matter."

20,015. Did you not speak to some person in that room respecting that card?—I don't know, I don't remember speaking to anyone.

20,016. Will you undertake to swear that you did not speak to anyone in the committee room respecting that card?—I think I may.

20,017. You knew the man's name was not Scarlett?—I knew it was not.

20,018. You knew he did not live in Wellington Square?—That I did not know, because he did live in Wellington Square when he was relieved previously. I believe he told me afterwards that he had removed to Heigham.

20,019. Did he not tell you he was living in Tinkler's Lane?—I believe he did.

20,020. To whom did you say that Scarles spoke in that room?—I don't know to whom he spoke.

20,021. Did you see a person at the table there?—There were so many persons in the room. I did not see anybody particular.

20,022. Did you see any person sitting at the table?—I think there was one or two, or two or three.

20,023. Did you not speak to a person at the table and show him the card?—No.

20,024. You told him where the committee room was when you were immediately opposite?—Yes. The man was the worse for liquor, and I conducted him there.

20,025. Then the man being drunk, according to you, and you going in with him for the purpose of

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putting right any mistake, do you mean to say you left the man entirely to himself, and did not afford him any assistance in unravelling the mistake ?—I handed him over to several persons.

20,026. Who was present ?—There were several. I said "This man wants the ticket rectified." There were two or three people there. I was talking to them.

20,027. I want to know who was the person to whom you handed that man over ?—I don't know any man in particular.

20,028. You would not go into a committee room for the purpose of getting a card rectified and hand him to no one in particular. You would go to the person officiating at the table. Who was he ?—I don't know. I saw Mr. Buttifant at the table, but I don't know that I spoke to him at all.

20,029. Was he the head manager ?—I won't be sure ; I will not swear that. There were a great many persons whom I did not know.

20,030. Did you see Mr. Stanley there ?—No.

20,031. Did you get information as to whether it was an error or not ?—No, I got no information.

20,032. Did you leave it entirely to the drunken man ?—He was not entirely drunken.

20,033. He was so drunk that you went there to take care of him ?—He was tipsy—the worse for drink—a little on.

20,034. You left the drunken man entirely in the hands of the person to whom you "handed him over," as you call it ?—No. When he came down I was below in the street; and when he came out again I showed him the way to the poll.

20,035. He was so drunk that it was necessary to see him to the poll ?—I don't know that he was.

20,036. You were in the room when the man spoke to the person at the table ?—I might have been, but I did not take any notice.

20,037. Were you ?—I will not swear positively that I was, because I came down the stairs almost immediately after that.

20,038. Did you come down the stairs before the man came down ?—Yes.

20,039. Will you undertake to swear that ?—Yes.

20,040. You waited for him ?—Not particularly waited for him ; I was below, speaking to some friends, and I took him to the poll.

20,041. Why did you not go away if you were taking no farther interest in the matter ?—Because there were several friends there to whom I was talking.

20,042. Were you not told that Scarlett was the right name upon the register, and did you, notwithstanding that, tell that man to go, and did you not take him to the poll ?—I did not hear anything of the kind.

20,043. You saw that it was Scarlett upon the card ?—I did, when he showed it me at first, and I said it was an error not intended for him.

20,044. And you saw the card after he came down ?—No, I did not notice it afterwards.

20,045. You went with him to the poll ?—I went to the outside of the place.

20,046. You took care not to go in ?—I had a very severe illness, and I could not stand any crowd at all ; and I always kept aloof.

20,047. Did not you go up to the polling booth with him ? — There was no polling booth. It was a window in a street, and there was a crowd round it.

20,048. Did you not go to the window with him ?—No. I stayed on the outside.

20,049. Did you look to the card to see whether it was corrected ?—I did not.

20,050. Although you went into the room for the purpose of getting it corrected, you did not look at it to see whether it was corrected ?—I did not look afterwards.

20,051. You knew there was a person of the name of Scarlett ?—I did not. On my oath, as I am standing before you, I had no more idea that that man was personating another than if I was to die the next moment.

20,052. He had received parish relief ?—Not for a twelve month before. The last relief was in the previous December.

20,053. You knew as well as possible that he would have been disqualified under those circumstances ?—I never gave that a thought. I thought he was on the register by having a card sent to him. I thought he was on the register quite correct, by his showing me the card he had sent to him.

20,054. You gave him relief a few weeks after ?—He had relief about six weeks after as a casual, for want of employment ; for a couple of weeks.

20,055. He had received relief upon several occasions before that ?—Upon two or three occasions previous to that again, but not for 12 months previously.

20,056. Yet that man having been frequently upon your books, as he had been, as a pauper, you took no further trouble to ascertain whether he was the right man ?—I did not. I simply met the man by accident, I should not have gone after him. He spoke to me first. He first accosted me. He had got a piece of ribbon in his coat, and I said "What, are you going "to vote ?" "Yes," he said. "For whom ?" I said. "For Stracey. Look at my colours ;" and he showed me his card. I said "There is a wrong name, are "you sure it is meant for you ?" "Positive," he said, "because it was sent to my house."

20,057. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do not you know that Scarles could neither read nor write ?—I do not.

20,058. You read the card to him ?—I read the card, but I did not know whether he could read or write, and do not know now. I should be sorry to swear that.

20,059. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you not say to him "Make haste and give Mr. Stracey a plumper" ?—That is very likely, because it was so late in the day.

20,060. Did you pay money to any men that day ?—Not a farthing.

20,061. Do you know a person of the name of Lovett ?—I know Lovett, the carpenter, if that is the man.

20,062. Did you take up Lovett to the poll ?—No.

20,063. Did you go to Lovett to get him to vote ?—No.

20,064. Did you see Lovett that day ?—I might have seen Lovett, the carpenter, but I don't know where. I might have passed him ; I cannot say.

20,065. Did not you ask him to go up and vote ?—He is a man who would have acted quite independent of me.

20,066. Do you know Metcalfe ?—I know Metcalfe, the rate collector.

20,067. Do you know a man of the name of Metcalfe ?—I know two or three men of that name.

20,068. Did you take either of them up to the poll that day ?—Not that I am aware of.

20,069. Did you see anybody of the name of Metcalfe about his vote ?—Not anybody.

20,070. Did you give any money to anyone of that name for voting ?—Not the fraction of a farthing. I had nothing to give, if I felt inclined.

20,071. Did you promise them anything ?—I did not. I told this man Scarles and one or two other men standing by that there would not be a farthing spent at the election, and I did not believe that there would.

20,072. Why did you say that to Scarles ? Had he asked you for money ?—No ; there were one or two parties standing by, and seemed to be hanging about as if they wanted money. I said "It's no use, there "won't be any money for anybody."

20,073. Why did you say that to Scarles ?—I did not say it to Scarles personally.

20,074. You said it to the others ?—I said it generally.

20,075. Because they spoke to you about money ?—They did not speak to me about money.

20,076. Did they not speak about money to elicit that observation from you ?—There was one man who

appeared to be following me for about a quarter of an hour, and he appeared to be wanting something. Who he was I don't know. I thought he wanted to be paid something.

20,077. What gave you the idea unless he said something to you ?—I thought by his appearance that he did.

20,078. Can you give no other reason than that ?—No ; by his manner.

20,079. It would be far better for a public officer like yourself not to interfere in these matters.—I took only a slight interest. I registered my vote. That is about all.

20,080. It would have been better if you had not occupied yourself as you did. You ought to have been very cautious when you knew the man was a pauper, and that there was a mistake about his name. When you took him to the committee room you ought to have seen that it was altered.—I assure you I acted most innocently in the matter.

JOHN MACKLEY sworn and examined. *J. Mackley.*

20,081. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You keep the "Marquis of Granby," Pockthorpe ?—Yes.

20,082. Do you recollect on the day of the election there being a number of people in your place ?—Yes.

20,083. At what time of the day was that ?—I think between 10 and 11 o'clock.

20,084. Did they remain there the whole of the day ?—They merely stopped there till drawing on towards 4 o'clock ; the greatest part of them were drinking, no doubt.

20,085. Who paid for the ale ?—I suppose they paid for it themselves.

20,086. You suppose that, but don't you know that money was found to pay for that ale ?—I am sure I cannot give but very little answers as regards what business was transacted in the house on that day, because that business is left to my wife and children ; and my employment is on the land, and as I have a contract in the barracks I have business to attend to there.

20,087. Have not you been told by your wife where the money came from ?—Well, I have heard where the money came from as far as that goes.

20,088. Who paid your wife for the ale ?—Well, I cannot say who paid for it. I believe I heard her say Mr. Allen changed half a sovereign, but whether he gave her any order for beer I am not able to say.

20,089. Do you know how much beer was paid for by Dr. Allen ?—I don't know. I heard her say he changed half a sovereign there. Whether it was for drink himself or whether he felt disposed to treat other people or not I am not able to say. I don't suppose I was in the house an hour the whole of the day.

20,090. Were not you in the house between 3 and 4 ?—I might have been ; I cannot say whether I was or not.

20,091. You saw Womersley there ?—Yes, he was there, I should say, about 12 o'clock, or perhaps a little sooner than later.

20,092. He had some talk with you, had he not ?—Yes ; in the back room.

20,093. What was the talk about ?—I do not know whether I came from the town after voting, or whether I came out of the barracks from my work, but when I came to my house I saw a quantity of people there, and I wanted to know what that meant, and a man named Thompson said Mr. Womersley had authorised them to go and get up all the voters they could in Pockthorpe and St. James'. I said, how could I leave my employment in the barracks to go after such nonsense as that, well he said he thought there was some money afloat. I said, "Nonsense, there is no intention of giving any money by Messrs. Tillett and Russell." I spoke just in that way ; and then he says to me, "Keep these men in tow."

20,094. What did you say to him ?—Mr. Womersley said, "Mackley, keep these men in tow." I said, "What is the use of doing that, there is no intention of giving them any money, and this class of people will not vote without money;" and then, of course, he left. I thought to ascertain whether there was money or not. I knew that there would be a refusal. I knew that there was no intention of any money being given. I said, "I cannot attend to these men ; they will take and break all my windows." I left the house, and said I was going to a certain place to ask whether they were going to be paid for their day's work or not ; but instead of going there I did not go. I went to the "Prince of Wales," in St. James', and got a pint of porter, and came back and told them that they had better disperse, and if they could go and make better terms anywhere else, they had better do so.

20,095. Did you see Mr. Womersley again ?—Yes, in Magdalen Street. I said, "You did not come back." "No," he said, "I did not." "Well," I said, "I did not expect you would." That is all that passed, that is all I said, it was a mere nonsensical electioneering dodge. There was no money given and no beer. They said they could go down the street and get money, and I said, "Never mind, I have got none to give, and if you can get it, you had better go."

20,096. Did Mr. Womersley pay for any beer ?—He did not, neither did he give any order, or, if he did, he gave it to my mistress.

20,097. Did your mistress tell you that he did ?—No, she did not.

20,098. All the beer that was had was paid for by Dr. Allen, was it not ?—I do not know that he paid for any beer ; he changed half a sovereign, but whether he was drinking gin, rum, or brandy, or whether he treated anybody, I am not able to say.

20,099. Was Frederick George Hall, a butcher, in your house that day ?—Yes, he was ; he frequently called in there.

20,100. He ordered a goodish quantity of beer, did he not ?—I do not know that he treated anybody. He is a man who had property in that parish, and if he fell in with any of his tenants he possibly might treat some of them to a glass.

20,101. Do you not know that he ordered a good deal of beer ?—No ; I do not know anything of the sort, if I did, I would say so ; but it is of no use my asserting a thing that I could not carry out.

20,102. Did you see Dr. Allen there yourself ?—Yes.

20,103. He had a carriage with him, had he not ?—Yes ; and I found him very busy trying to get people to go and vote, and I found that they wanted money of him, the same as they did of Mr. Womersley and other gentlemen that were in there, and he helped them in at one side of the carriage, and they jumped out on the other, and that denoted to me that they did not get the money. That is all I can say about it.

20,104. You furnished a list, did you not, of the people who were in your house ?—No, I did not ; possibly it may have been my mistress, it was not me.

20,105. Do you not know of any money having passed for election purposes in your house that day ?—I do not think there was any, and I do not think you will be able to prove that there was, either on the one side or the other. I was looking out for that myself. You do not want me to tell you a lie.

20,106. How much did you get for your vote ?—I never took a farthing in my life. I always voted on one side for 20 years.

20,107. Which side was that ?—For the blue party. I never took a farthing in my life ; and I never took a bill in to any person for drink ; that I will be on my oath of.

20,108. It was some days after the election that you were talking to Engall, was it not ?—I do not know the man, upon my word.

20,109. I mean a man named Engall, who sells

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rabbits?—Oh, yes, I beg your pardon, I do know him very well.

20,110. You had some talk with him, had you not?—If I had it has really slipped my memory. I might have had some chat with him.

20,111. Had you some talk with him about Mr. Womersley?—Not to the best of my knowledge. Publicans are in the habit of drinking and falling in with other people at public houses, and perhaps they chaff one another, and say things there is no truth in. I know there is a lot said in the city about me and two barrels of beer that are said to have been given away, but there is no truth in that.

20,112. Did you not tell Engall that Mr. Womersley had paid for a score of beer?—No, I did not, upon my oath.

20,113. If you did tell him so it has passed from your memory?—I did not tell him so.

20,114. Are you quite certain of that?—I am quite certain I did not, because the man never gave me any order for any beer, neither do I believe that he ordered any.

20,115. Has Mr. Womersley ever paid you for any beer?—No; not a farthing.

20,116. Nor your wife?—No; I do not believe he did. The next day morning he came to my house; he came into the bar and I was not there, and then he came up to the barracks. I was busy loading some straw, and he said, "Mackley, we have "lost this election." He said "You must have known "all about this bribery that was going on yesterday, and "about parties going up drunk." I said I knew nothing about it, I was so engaged in the barracks, and I had great difficulty in getting anyone to work for me, and I took very little interest in the election. The man came to me the next day morning, and we had a glass of porter together, nothing further than that, and I told him I could not give him any information; but I said, "There has been a man in here this morning "chaffing, and saying that he can prove where there "was 50*l.* distributed;" and I gave him the man's name,—a man of the name of Hastings,—and I said, "Go to him." He was digging in the garden; and what statement he made to him I do not know. Very possibly what he said was only for talk's sake in drinking a glass of beer. I think you will find with all the evidence that may come in front of you, there was nothing took place, that is, not in my house.

20,117. All you believe is, that there were these 30 or 40 men waiting in your house to sell their votes to anybody who would buy them?—Yes.

20,118. On either side?—Yes; I believe there were upwards of 100 out and in; but I am fully persuaded that they all got deceived.

20,119. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You know the names of a good number of the men who were there; do you know James Amis?—No, I do not think I do. He might live in the parish and might not.

20,120. Did you see him in your house that afternoon?—I do not know the name.

20,121. Do you know David Amis, of Whitehorse Yard?—A fish dealer?

20,122. I do not know what his business is, but do you know a man who lives in Whitehorse Yard of that name?—No, I do not.

20,123. Robert Bussey, of Granby Yard?—Yes, I know him perfectly well.

20,124. Was he there?—Yes, he was there.

20,125. Do you know a man named Beck, who lives in the same place?—Yes, they were both looking out for money that they did not get.

20,126. James Norman Blyth, do you known him?—Yes.

20,127. Was he in the same predicament?—Yes.

20,128. William Butcher, was he there?—Yes.

20,129. Dye?—Yes; they might be inside the house or loitering about, but I caught sight of them.

20,130. James Dye, did you see him?—I do not know that he was inside the house, but I believe I saw him in the road.

20,131. By your house?—Yes.

20,132. Do you know John Fuller, of Barrack Lane, was he there?—Yes.

20,133. Charles Hall and Charles Hall, the younger?—I recollect seeing the younger one. I do not know that I saw the older gentleman, but he might have been there.

20,134. Robert Holmes, of the New Brewery?—I cannot say whether he was there. I know him very well.

20,135. Robert Lawes?—Yes, I believe he was there, a shopkeeper.

20,136. And a man named Moore, from the "Bird in Hand"?—He might have been there, I have no recollection of seeing him.

20,137. William Moy?—Yes, he was there.

20,138. Henry Nursey?—Yes.

20,139. Thomas Nelson?—That I cannot say, he might have been there.

20,140. William Newton?—Yes, he was there.

20,141. Christopher Pleasance?—Yes.

20,142. And a man named Quinton?—Yes.

20,143. Reynolds?—Yes.

20,144. And another man named Scott, from Barrack Street?—Yes.

20,145. Was Henry Sharpe, of Barrack Street, there?—No, I do not recollect seeing Sharpe there.

20,146. Do you know Thirkettle, of Granville Road?—Yes, he was there.

20,147. James Thompson?—Yes; that was the man that left my employment to go and gather up these 40 or 50 men; he was the man that gathered up the men by order of Mr. Womersley as he said, but it was only a nonsensical electioneering dodge; it was only an electioneering affair.

20,148. Elijah Waller?—Yes.

20,149. Francis Warminger?—Yes.

20,150. Were all those people waiting about to get paid for their votes?—They were.

20,151. Did you see anybody else come down there for the purpose of treating with them in any way?—There was no one treated them.

20,152. But did you see anyone talking to them about their votes?—There were people talking to them there, I know that. Of course they were kicking up a terrible noise about being detained, and about having been gathered up there by Thompson by the order of Mr. Womersley, and I do not know whether I did not give them a gallon of beer myself, they being customers.

20,153. Who paid for that gallon of beer?—I gave it to them myself; some of them were customers. It is a usual thing to do so in a time like that at election times; when people are staggering for a drop of something to drink we sometimes let them have it. I think there was one man that I gave a glass of rum to who said he had a pain in the face.

20,154. Have you seen some of these men since and asked them whether they got anything for their votes after all?—No, I did not ask them.

20,155. Did they tell you that they had?—No.

20,156. Have none of these persons told you that they got something for their votes?—They told me that they could have had money, but whether they got it or not I do not know; when they were under my roof they told me they could get this and that, and I said to them, "Then you had better go and "get it."

20,157. Where did they say they could get it?—I do not know where, but they said down the street.

20,158. Did they not mention any place or any person's name?—If they did, I have no recollection of it.

20,159. Do you not recollect the name of any place that they mentioned as a place where they could get money for their votes?—I believe that a man named Nockles was mentioned, but whether there was any truth in it I do not know. With regard to a time like that it is no use paying regard to what they talk about. Of course they may go and say they can get a sovereign anywhere when there is no truth at all in it.

20,160. A considerable number of these men afterwards voted, and therefore it is important for us to ascertain what they said with reference to what they could get. You say they mentioned a man named Nockles?—I heard the name of Nockles mentioned.

20,161. Where does Nockles live?—I think on Tombland.

20,162. What is he?—A shoemaker.

20,163. Was anybody else mentioned as likely to give them money?—I do not think there was.

20,164. At what time in the day was Dr. Allen there?—I do not know whether he came down a second time or not, but I think it was latish in the afternoon; it might have been half-past 2 or 3 o'clock.

20,165. Did you see him talking to the men?—He was talking to a good many people there.

20,166. Was that in or outside your house?—In the house, standing at the bar.

20,167. Did you hear him say anything about money?—I paid no regard to the gentleman's conversation.

20,168. Was anyone with him?—Yes, I think there was a man of the name of Flowers with him.

20,169. Was he talking to the men there?—Yes, he was talking to them also.

20,170. How long did Dr. Allen stay there?—I should say that he might have been there perhaps half an hour, or perhaps more.

20,171. Did you see him go away with any of the men?—No, I do not think he succeeded; some of the men jumped in, and I suppose they could not get anything from him, and they jumped out on the other side by what I could see of it.

20,172. But did some of them stay in and go away with him?—I think they went a few yards, and then jumped out again.

20,173. Whether they obtained money or not, you do not know?—No, I do not know. I know that some jumped in on one side and went out on the other.

20,174. Did you see Mr. Woodrow there at all?—If he was there I did not see him.

20,175. Did you see Mr. Daynes down there?—I saw him along with Mr. Stevens.

20,176. What time was he there?—I really cannot say; about 2 or half-past 2.

20,177. Was it before or after you saw Mr. Womersley that Mr. Daynes came?—Mr. Womersley was there previous to Daynes and Stevens coming, and we chatted about the men being there, and there was merely a little laughing about it. I asked them how the election was going on, and they said they thought it was all right.

20,178. How long did Daynes and Stevens stay there?—I do not think they stayed above 10 minutes or a quarter of an hour. They asked me what the men wanted, and I said that they looked out to be paid for their votes, and I said they would be disappointed; that was the chat that took place.

20,179. How many times did you see Mr. Daynes down there that afternoon?—I believe he was down there twice, but I did not see him only once to the best of my knowledge; if I did it has slipped from my memory.

20,180. Did you see him talking to the men?—No, I did not; what discourse there was was between him and me.

20,181. Do you know a man of the name of Brownfield?—Yes, he was there, but I never saw him. I was told by my mistress that he had been there, but I had not the pleasure to see him. Mrs. Mackley told me that he had been down into my cow-shed and horse place looking for me, thinking that I was about the premises, but I was not there.

20,182. You saw no money given to these people at all?—No, I did not.

20,183. What did they want for their votes, did they specify any sum?—They were talking, about 40 of them, who would go and vote; some said they wanted a pound and some said 10*s.*, but I did not pay much regard to that. I knew that there was no money to give them.

20,184. That is what they asked at first, but ultimately what were they willing to take?—I think at the latter part of the day they would have been glad to have got hold of 5*s.* perhaps, but how they got on I do not know. I know they left my house, but whether they succeeded in getting anything elsewhere I do not know.

WILLIAM BUTCHER sworn and examined.

W. Butcher.

20,185. (*Mr. Biron.*) Had you a vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,186. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

20,187. At what time in the day did you vote?—At about five minutes to 4.

20,188. You were at the "Marquis of Granby," were you not?—Yes.

20,189. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

20,190. How was that?—I work at the Gas Works, I am a stoker, and when I was coming past they called me in.

20,191. Who called you in?—Mr. Barber.

20,192. And when you went in what passed?—He said I could have 1*l.* for my vote.

20,193. What did you say to that?—I said I would. I said I would go in, but I had not long to wait. I stopped as long as I could, and then I had to go to my work.

20,194. You did not get your 1*l.*?—No.

20,195. How was that?—Because they did not give it to me, or else I should have taken it.

20,196. Who promised it to you?—Mr. Barber told me I should get it; that was all.

20,197. Who is Barber?—A shoemaker.

20,198. What time in the day was this?—I was then going back to my 1 o'clock drawing.

20,199. Where does Barber live?—Just past the barrack gates.

20,200. You were to have the 1*l.* to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

20,201. You voted at last just before 4 o'clock; did you not go back to look after your money?—No.

20,202. Why did you not?—I had not time.

20,203. Did you see Barber afterwards?—No, not till night.

20,204. Did you get paid then?—No.

20,205. Have you not been paid since?—No.

20,206. You never got your 1*l.* after all?—No. I wish I had.

WILLIAM MOY sworn and examined.

W. Moy.

20,207. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You live in Pockthorpe, do you not?—Yes.

20,208. Were you at the "Marquis of Granby" on the day of the election?—Yes.

20,209. At what time did you go there?—About half-past 1, I think.

20,210. How long did you remain there?—About an hour or an hour and a half.

20,211. That would carry you up to 3 o'clock?—About 3 o'clock.

20,212. Were there a number of men there?—A good many.

20,213. Voters?—Yes; there were a goodish many men there.

20,214. How many would you say there were?—There might be 30 or 40 at one time.

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20,215. Did they want to be paid for their votes?—Yes.

20,216. And I suppose you did not differ from them?—No. I wanted to be paid just the same as they did.

20,217. Do you recollect any gentlemen coming there in the course of the day?—Yes.

20,218. Who were they?—I saw Mr. Womersley, Mr. Bradfield, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Camplin, and I think one or two others, but I am not sure as to their names.

20,219. Did they speak to the men who were waiting there?—Yes.

20,220. And did the men tell them what they wanted?—Yes.

20,221. Do you recollect being in the back yard?—Yes.

20,222. Was that where they spoke to the men?—They spoke to us both in the back yard and in the front too.

20,223. How much money were they asking for their day's work?—2*l.*

20,224. Did they continue to ask for 2*l.* the whole time?—Yes.

20,225. What did these gentlemen say when they asked for 2*l.*?—They said "If you will stop 20 "minutes we will see what we can do for you." We stopped 20 minutes or half an hour, and Mr. Mackley came and said "There is not anything to be given away, "you may go away and do the best you can, and look "about."

20,226. Did you go and do the best you could elsewhere?—I went and looked about after it, but did not get anything.

20,227. Where did you go?—On to Tombland.

20,228. Did you go to any person on Tombland?—No; I went into the "Horse Shoes" and saw several more there. I might see 30 or 40.

20,229. Did you hear that anything was going there?—No. I never saw any money at all.

20,230. And you got no money?—I never got a farthing.

20,231. Was anything said about a Mr. Barber?—Yes.

20,232. What was said about Mr. Barber?—He said "If you will stop about 20 minutes you will "have 1*l.*"

20,233. Who is Mr. Barber?—He is a man like ourselves; he has to work hard for his living. He said that was what he was told, and in half an hour he said "You had better go; you see they will not "give anything."

20,234. Did you vote?—Yes, I did.

20,235. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

20,236. At what time?—About 10 minutes before 4.

20,237. How came you to vote?—Because I was with the blue party the whole afternoon; and then I went and voted and never got anything.

20,238. You went and voted then out of revenge?—Yes.

20,239. When you were at the "Horse Shoes" did they give you some beer?—Yes.

20,240. You did not pay for that?—No. I never saw it paid for at all.

20,241. Then there was beer given away at Mackley's?—Yes.

20,242. Who paid for that?—I never saw anyone pay for it.

20,243. Had you some of that beer?—Yes.

20,244–5. Was that Liberal beer?—Yes.

20,246. Are you sure you got no money for your vote?—I never got a farthing.

20,247. Did anybody promise you anything?—No, only Mr. Womersley and them; they promised us if we would stop 20 minutes we should have 1*l.*; that was all.

20,248. Do you know Mr. Jarvis?—Yes.

20,249. Did he promise you anything?—No.

20,250. Did he come to you just before the judge came down here upon the trial of the election petition?—Yes.

20,251. What did he say to you?—He said "What "do you know about this election?" I told him that Mr. Womersley had come down and said that if we would stop 20 minutes we might have 1*l.*, and he took it down. It was not Mr. Womersley alone, but several gentlemen said if you will stop 20 minutes we will see what we can do for you.

20,252. Did you see Mr. Webb about it too?—Yes; I did not like to tell him at the first going off, but I had known Mr. Webb a long time, living against him, and he said it is of no consequence, it will not bring you no harm; you may as well tell what you know.

20,253. Did you tell Mr. Webb what you knew?—Yes.

20,254. Did Mr. Webb give you any money for that?—Not one farthing.

20,255. Did you afterwards go to Yarmouth?—Yes.

20,256. Who paid you?—Him that came along with Mr. Webb. I forget his name now.

20,257. Mr. Jarvis?—Yes.

20,258. Did he send you to Yarmouth?—Yes.

20,259. And he afterwards fetched you back from Yarmouth, and you were examined?—Yes.

20,260. Who kept you at Yarmouth?—We stopped at the "Cambridge" dining rooms.

20,261. Who do you mean by "we"?—There were four of us.

20,262. Who were they?—Mr. Newton, young Dent, and Thomas Addis.

20,263. Why were you staying there?—They told us to go there. They sent us there.

20,264. Did they keep you there and pay for you?—Yes.

20,265. What did you get for that?—5*s.* a day.

20,266. And your railway fare?—Yes; we had not anything to pay at all.

20,267. And were you kept also?—Yes.

R. Bygrave.

ROBERT BYGRAVE sworn and examined.

20,268. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

20,269. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

20,270. And what did you get for it?—10*s.*

20,271. Who paid you?—Henry Townshend.

20,272. Did he speak to you just before the close of the poll?—No, I voted about 3 o'clock.

20,273. Where did you see him?—In Palace Street.

20,274. Was that near a public house?—Very near the "Horse Shoes."

20,275. Do you know of anyone else receiving money?—No.

20,276. Had you been at the "Horse Shoes" that morning?—No.

20,277. Not at any time in the day?—No.

20,278. What public houses had you been in?—I was in one at the corner of Pig Lane.

20,279. What is the name of it?—I do not know the name of it, I am sure; it is a beerhouse, Holmes', I think. That was after the election.

20,280. Had you been anywhere in the morning?—No. I did not leave the shop till half-past 2.

D. Amiss.

DAVID AMISS sworn and examined.

20,281. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

20,282. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,283. For whom did you vote?—For Stracey.

20,284. At what time in the day did you vote?—About 10 minutes to 4.

20,285. Were you one of the "Marquis of Granby" men?—Yes.

20,286. Did you get any money for voting?—No.

20,287. Were you offered anything?—No.

20,288. You were waiting to see what you could get?—Yes, I was waiting for something, but could not get anything.

20,289. Did you go afterwards to the "Horse Shoes" before you voted?—Yes.

20,290. And there you had some beer, had you not?—I had a little beer there.

20,291. There was beer going there?—I dare say there was two half gallons of beer.

20,292. Who were at the "Horse Shoes"?—I never saw anybody at the "Horse Shoes" except Mr. Butcher and Mr. Moy.

20,293. How came you to vote for Stracey at last?—I made up my mind to vote for Stracey when I could not get any money. I would have voted for Tillett if I could have got any.

20,294. You did not get any money at all?—No.

20,295. And so you followed your own inclination?—Yes.

20,296. Did you see anybody pay for the beer that was had at the "Horse Shoes"?—No.

James Armiger sworn and examined.

J. Armiger.

20,297. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes; I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

20,298. At what time in the day did you vote?—About 9 o'clock.

20,299. Did anybody give you any money or the promise of any money for your vote?—Nothing at all.

20,300. Had you been a voter before the last election?—No.

William Nelson sworn and examined.

W. Nelson.

20,301. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

20,302. At what time in the day did you vote?—A little before 3.

20,303. Why did you not vote sooner?—Because I could not get away from my business.

20,304. What is your business?—A hairdresser.

20,305. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

20,306. Had you promised your vote?—Yes; that is, I had promised only this far, that I knew who I was going to vote for.

20,307. Had you promised anybody that you would vote?—No.

20,308. Had you ever voted before?—No.

20,309. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

20,310. How much?—*5s.*

20,311. Who paid you the *5s.*?—Mr. Selfe.

20,312. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where does he live?—On Tombland.

20,313. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What time in the day did he pay you that?—A little before 3, as near as I can guess.

20,314. Was anybody else receiving money at that time?—No.

20,315. Was any beer going there?—No.

20,316. Where did you fall in with Mr. Selfe?—In Bishopgate Street, St. Helen's.

20,317. And I suppose you had a bargaining as to how much it should be?—He gave me *5s.*, that is all.

20,318. Had you known him before?—Yes, I knew him.

20,319. How did you know that he had got any money to give for votes?—I do not know.

20,320. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did he ask you to go and vote?—Yes; he asked me whether I had voted yet.

20,321. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) And what further did he say?—I said, no, I had not.

20,322. And then he offered you *5s.*?—No; when I was going up to the poll I had the *5s.* given to me.

20,323. Did he see you vote?—Yes.

20,324. Do you know of any other voter having received *5s.*?—No, no one.

20,325. Were you at any public house where any bargaining for votes was going on?—No.

John Sharp sworn and examined.

J. Sharp.

20,326. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A traveller; a hawker I call myself.

20,327. Did you vote at the last election?—No, I did not. I was at work for Mr. Bagshawe. I had 2,000 lean geese to take care of in a field, and I could not leave them, and in the afternoon young Mr. Bagshawe came up to me——

20,328. We do not want a long history. You did not vote?—No, I was with my geese all the day.

Jonas Dye sworn and examined.

J. Dye.

20,329. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

20,330. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Stracey.

20,331. At what time in the day did you vote?—It happened I could not vote before half-past 12. I tried twice in the morning to get up to vote with a load of reed, but I could not.

20,332. Were you not down at the "Marquis of Granby" that morning?—I came past there to come home. I live by the "Marquis of Granby."

20,333. Were you not standing about or in the "Marquis of Granby" that morning?—No. If you think fit I will tell you how it took place.

20,334. Very well.—When I went to vote it was about half-past 12, and when I came home it was just before 1; and in coming down I met a man, who says "How now, Dye?" I said I had voted; and when I got up to the "Marquis of Granby" a man says, "Have you voted?" I says, "I think I know "better than that." He says, "If you like to go in "you can have a crown;" and I said, "I do not "know, I do not think I shall bother after it."

20,335. Who was the man that said you might go in and have a crown?—A man of the name of Robert Laws.

20,336. Whereabouts was it?—Close on the pavement in front of the "Marquis of Granby" public house. I neither went in nor took nothing of nobody the whole day, and I did not intend it. I am no electioncerer.

20,337. Who is Robert Laws?—A shopkeeper, and lives nearly opposite the brewery, in Pockthorpe.

20,338. You did not go in and see whether you could get the crown?—No, I did not. I had voted. I did not wish for anything of the kind.

20,339. Did you receive anything for your vote?—Not a fraction; nothing of neither side; not a drop of beer or anything the whole day. I went and tried twice to vote with my load of reed.

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Daniel Lowe sworn and examined.

D. Lowe.

20,340. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

20,341. At what time in the day ?—At 9, or just after.

20,342. Did you promise your vote ?—I did not promise anyone.

20,343. Had you been asked for your vote ?—I was canvassed.

20,344. By whom ? — Mr. Woodrow and Mr. Townshend.

20,345. Did they promise you anything ?—No ; I did not ask for anything, and did not expect anything.

20,346. Did not Townshend give you something ?—No.

20,347. Have you had nothing since ?—No.

20,348. Have you never been promised anything for your vote ?—No.

20,349. Is this the first time you voted ?—Yes.

John George Phillips sworn and examined.

J. G. Phillips.

20,350. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A shoemaker.

20,351. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

20,352. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

20,353. At what time in the day ?—About a quarter past 3.

20,354. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

20,355. Not a day's work ?—Nothing. I promised my vote a week before the election.

20,356. To whom ?—To Mr. Bishop and Mr. Flowers ; they canvassed me.

20,357. Were you canvassed by Tillett's people ?—Yes, the night before the election.

20,358. Did you promise them ?—No, I told them distinctly "No" when they came in. I said I was going to vote for Mr. Stracey, "please God spare "me."

20,359. Do you know Mr. Lane, of Elm Hill ?—Yes.

20,360. Did you see him ?—I saw him walking, because I live close right against him.

20,361. Did you promise him your vote for Tillett ?—No.

20,362. Did he ask you to vote for Tillett ?—No, he never asked me about whom I was going to vote for.

Robert Moore sworn and examined.

R. Moore.

20,363. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

20,364. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Stracey.

20,365. At what time of the day ? — About 10 minutes to 4.

20,366. Where were you during the day ?—I was in different parts of the city, round by the market.

20,367. Do you know Cartwright's beerhouse ?—No.

20,368. You belonged, did you not, to the organisation ?—Well, I did at the first outset.

20,369. What did you receive for your vote ?—Nothing at all.

20,370. Having belonged to the organisation, and voting at that time of day, do you mean to tell me you did not get anything for your vote ?—Not a farthing.

20,371. Why did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey, having belonged to the organisation ?—I thought Sir Henry Stracey was the more civil man.

20,372. What made him appear more so to your mind, when you belonged to the organisation ?—I went to several of Sir Henry Stracey's meetings, and I liked the appearance of their meetings very much.

20,373. Were you near Cartwright's beerhouse on that day ?—No, I do not know such a beerhouse.

20,374. Do you know Hardiment ?—No.

20,375. How came you not to vote till so late in the day ?—I had some work I was obliged to finish, and I could not get away before.

20,376. What was the work ?—I am a hot presser by trade, and I had some work I was obliged to finish.

20,377. For whom were you working ?—For Mr. Gedge.

20,378. Did Mr. Gedge ask you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—No, Mr. Gedge did not know I was a freeman.

20,379. Did Mr. Gedge speak to you about voting ?—No, not a word.

20,380. Did you not tell the people that you had got no vote ?—No, I had no vote, not as a ratepayer.

20,381. You were one of the committee of the organisation ?—Yes.

20,382. You were one of the members of the committee up to the very day of the election, were you not ?—No, certainly not.

20,383. When did you cease to be a member of the organisation ?—I should think a month before the election.

20,384. Why did you cease a month before the election to be a member of the organisation ?—I did not choose to go on with it. I see that I was wrong, and I did not choose to go any further.

20,385. Sir Henry Stracey had made no speeches a month before ?—No, I know he had not.

20,386. (*Mr. Biron.*) When did you go into Mr. Gedge's employ ?—I worked for him several years off and on.

20,387. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) When did you go into his employment last before the election ?—It was in the winter time, but I cannot say what month, I am sure.

20,388. How long before the election did you go the last time ?—I think two or three months.

20,389. Are you certain you did not receive anything for voting ?—I am quite certain.

20,390. Or the promise of anything ?—No, I had no promise or anything of the sort.

20,391. Have you received nothing either before or since ?—No.

George Samuel Artis sworn and examined.

G. S. Artis.

20,392. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you ?—A shoemaker.

20,393. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

20,394. Is this the first time you have voted ?—Yes.

20,395. For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

20,396. At what hour in the day ?— 20 minutes past 9 in the morning.

20,397. Had you promised your vote to anyone ?—No.

20,398. Had you been asked for your vote ?—Two gentlemen, Mr. Joseph Howse Allen, one of the town councillors, and Mr. John Bishop, came to my house ; those are the two that canvassed me for my vote.

20,399. Did you promise them that you would vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Yes.

20,400. Have you received any money for it ?—No.

20,401. Did they offer you any money ?—No.

20,402. Did they promise you any money ?—No.

20,403. Were you employed during this election in any capacity ?—No, not as anything at all.

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GEORGE MOORE sworn and examined. *G. Moore.*

20,404. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.
20,405. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.
20,406. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.
20,407. At what time?—About a quarter before 11.
20,408. Did you get anything for voting?—No.
20,409. Were you at the "Marquis of Granby" that day?—No.
20,410. You say you got nothing?—No.
20,411. Or the promise of anything?—No and never asked for anything.

BENJAMIN DRAKE sworn and examined. *B. Drake.*

20,412. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.
20,413. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.
20,414. At what time?—Half-past 9.
20,415. Had you been canvassed?—By Mr. Stracey's party, not by the other.
20,416. Had you promised your vote?—I promised it to Mr. Stracey.
20,417. Mr. Stracey himself?—He came down to where I was working.
20,418. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.
20,419. Had you no money or anything?—No.
20,420. Or the promise of anything?—No.

THOMAS BETTS sworn and examined. *T. Betts.*

20,421. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.
20,422. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.
20,423. At what hour in the day?—About half-past 2, I think.
20,424. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.
20,425. Has anything been promised you?—No.
20,426. Did you ask for anything?—No, I am too respectable to ask for anything.
20,427. Is this the first time you have voted?—No.
20,428. Have you always voted Conservative?—Yes.
20,429. At how many elections have you voted?—I think it is either two or three.
20,430. You keep a public house?—Yes.
20,431. Were there any voters there during the day-time that you know of?—There were several in, but I did not pay any regard to them.
20,432. Was there anybody giving them beer?—I never see half a pint of beer give to anybody, not for voting.
20,433. Did anybody pay you for beer supplied to voters at your house?—No, not a penny.

HENRY WEEKS sworn and examined. *H. Weeks.*

20,434. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A painter.
20,435. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I did.
20,436. For whom?—Stracey.
20,437. At what time in the day?—Between 11 and 12.
20,438. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not a farthing.
20,439. Or the promise of anything?—Not anything.
20,440. Had you been canvassed before?—Not at that election.
20,441. Had you voted at former elections?—Yes.
20,442. Did you always vote Conservative?—Yes.

JOHN GRAY sworn and examined. *J. Gray.*

20,443. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.
20,444. Had you ever voted before?—Not for a member of Parliament.
20,445. You were only a municipal voter?—Yes.
20,446. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.
20,447. At what time in the day?—About half-past 2, or something like that, I should think.
20,448. Do you recollect before you voted, Mr. Henry Morgan and Mr. Holbeck being in your shop?—Mr. John Morgan, I believe it was.
20,449. Do you know Mr. Buttifant?—Yes, I know him by sight.
20,450. Did you vote twice at the election?—No.
20,451. Did you only vote once?—Only once.
20,452. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.
20,453. Do you recollect Mr. Buttifant saying to you, "Gray, how came you to vote twice at the elec-" tion?"—I do not recollect Mr. Buttifant speaking to me at all.
20,454. Will you swear he did not ask you that question?—I will not particularly swear to it. There were several spoke to me about it, but I do not know who they were.
20,455. Do you not recollect Mr. Buttifant putting that question to you, and did you not say to him that you thought a poor man ought to receive something for his vote?—No.
20,456. Did you not say that?—I do not think I did.
20,457. Will you undertake to say you did not?—I will not swear. I say a good many things in my shop I do not mean.
20,458. Did you think a poor man ought to receive something for his vote?—No.
20,459. If you did not think so, how could you have thought that you said it to Mr. Buttifant?—I say a lot of things in joke and chaff in my shop. I do not give anybody my private opinion there.
20,460. Did you say the same thing to Cyrus Mills?—Not that I know of. I run over a lot of stuff there.
20,461. Did Mr. Morgan give you anything for your vote?—Not anything.
20,462. Did he promise you custom?—No.
20,463. Or employment?—No.
20,464. Have you had no promise of anything?—Not of anything, and never asked it.
20,465. You never received anything?—No, I never received anything.

GEORGE BARKER sworn and examined. *G. Barker.*

20,466. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A cabman.
20,467. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.
20,468. At what time of the day?—About half-past 3, as near as I can recollect.
20,469. Did you get anything for doing it?—No.
20,470. Or the promise of anything?—No.
20,471. Why did you not vote sooner?—I did not give it a thought. I did not think of voting then, but I was going past the polling place and I stopped.
20,472. Did anybody canvass you?—I had a circular left, that is all.
20,473. That is all you know about it?—Yes.

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G. Townshend.

GEORGE TOWNSHEND sworn and examined.

20,474. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,475. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

20,476. At what time of the day?—About 9 o'clock in the morning, as near as I can guess.

20,477. Who canvassed you?—I was met by one of the young Straceys in the street, but no one came to my house.

20,478. You promised him your vote?—Yes.

20,479. Did he offer you any money?—No.

20,480. Did he promise you any money?—No.

20,481. Was that the day before the election?—No, a week before the election.

20,482. Was anybody with him?—I cannot say.

20,483. Were you a voter before?—Yes.

20,484. Did you always vote Tory?—Yes, no other way this 20 years.

20,485. You have never had anything for your vote?—No.

W. Smith.

WILLIAM SMITH sworn and examined.

20,486. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

20,487. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,488. For whom?—For Stracey.

20,489. At what time?—At half-past 3, I suppose.

20,490. Where were you during the whole of the morning?—At work after my business.

20,491. What work?—Soda water making.

20,492. Had you been canvassed?—No.

20,493. Had you promised your vote to anybody?—No.

20,494. How came you to vote so late?—Because it suited me best; it suited me to vote when I had done my work.

20,495. Did anybody give you anything for your vote?—No, and never did.

24,496. Or promise anything?—No, never. I never require it.

20,497. Were you not standing out for something?—No; when I have done my work I go and vote when I think proper.

20,498. Without being asked to do so?—Without being paid.

20,499. And without being asked to do so?—Yes.

C. J. Lawter.

CHARLES JULIUS LAWTER sworn and examined.

20,500. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A schoolmaster.

20,501. For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

20,502. Have you voted before?—Yes.

20,503. On which side?—The same side.

20,504. How many times have you voted?—Four or five times.

20,505. Has anything been offered you?—Never.

20,506. Not at this or any former election?—No.

20,507. Has anything been promised you?—No, not anything.

20,508. Has any money gone through your hands to pay other people?—No, not a farthing.

J. Wilde.

JOSEPH WILDE sworn and examined.

20,509. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.

20,510. Did you vote at the last election?—No.

20,511. Did you take any part in the election?—Not a bit.

20,512. You did not trouble your head about the matter one way or the other?—No, not one bit.

20,513. You did nothing?—No.

20,514. And said nothing?—No.

20,515. You know nothing at all about it?—No.

R. I. Canham.

ROBERT ISAIAH CANHAM sworn and examined.

20,516. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

20,517. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,518. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

20,519. At what time in the day?—Between 8 and a quarter-past 8.

20,520. Had you been canvassed?—No.

20,521. Had you promised your vote?—No.

20,522. Had you a vote before this election?—No.

20,523. Did anybody apply to you for your vote?—No.

20,524. You went up of your own accord?—Yes.

20,525. Were you in any way employed in the election?—No.

20,526. You voted quite independently?—Yes, independently, from principle.

20,527. Nobody promised you anything?—Nobody.

20,528. Have you ever received anything for your vote?—No.

20,529. (*Mr. Biron.*) Or given anybody anything?—No.

T. Culyer.

THOMAS CULYER sworn and examined.

20,530. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

20,531. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

20,532. At what time in the day?—About 12 o'clock.

20,533. Had anybody canvassed you?—No.

20,534. You had not been asked for your vote at all?—Yes; they had been down previous to that to ask me if I was going to vote.

20,535. Who asked you to vote?—I do not know who it was that brought the paper; two or three gentlemen.

20,536. Did you promise to vote?—No. They never promised me anything.

20,537. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

20,538. No beer?—No, not a glass.

20,539. Or anything since?—No.

20,540. Were you employed by anybody at this election?—No, not at all.

C. Blyth.

CHARLES BLYTH sworn and examined.

20,541. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A weaver.

20,542. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,543. For whom?—Stracey.

20,544. At what time of the day?—I think it was about a quarter to 11 or 11, or something like that.

20,545. Did you get anything for voting?—Not anything.

20,546. Or the promise of anything?—No.

20,547. Did you see Furse that day?—I saw Furse, but I did not speak to him.

20,548. He did not offer you anything?—No.

20,549. Or give you anything?—No.

20,550. Or give you anything afterwards?—No.

20,551. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did he ask you to go and vote?—No.

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JOSHUA BANHAM sworn and examined. *J. Banham.*

20,552. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

20,553. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

20,554. At what time of the day?—About 11 o'clock.

20,555. Had you been asked for your vote before?—No.

20,556. Did anybody come to you to go up and vote that day?—Yes.

20,557. Who was it that came to you?—I cannot say, I did not see them.

20,558. Did he give you anything to go up and vote?—No.

20,559. Did he offer you anything?—Nothing.

20,560. Had you ever voted before at an election?—No.

20,561. Did anybody promise you anything for your vote?—No.

20,562. Have you never received anything since?—Not a farthing.

JEREMIAH JAMES COLMAN sworn and examined. *J. J. Colman.*

20,563. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I believe you have very large works in this city?—Yes, we have.

20,564. You employ a very large number of men upon those works?—We employ about 1,100 hands including boys, and just a few women; about 1,100 hands in all.

20,565. A good number of them are, I suppose, voters in this city?—Yes, a good many of them are.

20,566. Were you present at a meeting on the Saturday between the Liberals and the Conservatives?—No, I was not.

20,567. Were you informed that there had been any meeting at which any arrangement was made with reference to the show of hands?—I never heard of any meeting between the Liberals and Conservatives on that subject; I never heard of it at that time, at all events.

20,568. Do you recollect on the Saturday or the Monday before the nomination Mr. Womersley speaking to you with respect to the show of hands?—No, I have no recollection of his speaking to me on the subject.

20,569. Did Mr. Womersley act, in giving the men permission to go to the nomination, without your sanction or knowledge?—With reference to his own department he did entirely; without my knowledge, I mean.

20,570. When you say with reference to his own department, was it with reference to the other departments that you had any knowledge of the matter?—Yes, in reference to some of them I had.

20,571. What knowledge had you in reference to the attendance of some of your men?—I will explain it if you will allow me. On the Saturday evening I understood, so far as my understanding of it was, that no arrangement had been made as to obtaining the show of hands. I told one of our foremen late on the Saturday evening that I believed that that was the arrangement, but if any of the men wished to go to the nomination they had permission to go.

20,572. You merely gave permission?—Yes, certainly, nothing else.

20,573. Were you aware that any arrangement had been made with the Conservatives that there should be no effort made to secure the show of hands?—Not the slightest.

20,574. Do you know that a great number of your men attended the show of hands?—Yes, I do.

20,575. You were a strong supporter of Mr. Tillett, I believe?—Yes.

20,576. And took an active interest in the promotion of his candidature?—Yes.

20,577. Did you in any way canvass your workmen?—Not in the slightest; not our own workmen. I canvassed a few of the parishes and districts where a few of them happened to reside, but so far as regards canvassing them as workmen on the premises I did not speak to any of them on the subject.

20,578. Did you abstain from doing so altogether?—Yes, I abstained from doing so altogether.

20,579. Did a large number of your men vote for Mr. Tillett?—Yes; I have no doubt of it.

20,580. Did any of them vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I have no doubt some of them did.

20,581. Have you never taken the trouble to ascertain who voted one way or who voted the other?—No, I have carefully abstained from looking at the poll book at all to see which way they voted; I have exercised no influence whatever over them, and I stated a few days before the election at a meeting that they were at perfect liberty to vote which way they liked.

20,582. Do I understand from you that you abstained entirely from influencing them directly or indirectly in reference to this election?—Yes, most entirely.

20,583. Mr. Womersley is your manager?—Yes, of two of our departments.

20,584. Did you speak to him on the subject of the election and with reference to your men?—We were often conversing about the election.

20,585. Did you give him any instruction in reference to it?—No, not at all.

20,586. I must ask you this question; have you paid any man whatever any sum of money for voting at this election?—No, not the slightest.

20,587. Or for abstaining from voting?—No, nor abstaining from voting.

20,588. Have you promised anybody anything?—No, not a farthing; nothing of any sort or kind.

20,589. With reference to your men; are some of them occupiers of cottages belonging to you?—Some of them are.

20,590. Do you pay the rates of those men?—Of our own cottages, whether they are occupied by our own men or not; a few of them may not be occupied by our own men, but in most cases they are.

20,591. Are they tenants of the cottages, or do they occupy them as your servants?—They are tenants of the cottages.

20,592. You pay the rates for them?—Allow me to explain it as you ask the question. When the new system came into operation abolishing the compounding, which affected very severely Norwich, I found it was done in some other towns, it being mentioned in the papers that some of the large cottage proprietors (Miss Burdett Coutts' name being mentioned amongst them) had arranged to pay the rates of the men for the time being, and we adopted the same plan, and accepted the rate ticket as a part of the rent.

23,593. Has any rate been paid for any person whatever by you or with your knowledge for the purpose of influencing his vote?—No, certainly not.

20,594. Neither directly nor indirectly?—Neither direclty or indirectly.

20,595. It was paid without reference to the question of voting at all?—Yes, entirely; I considered we could better bear the pressure of it than they could for the time, and therefore we paid the rates for the time being.

20,596. Do you know of any money having been provided for the payment of persons voting at the last election?—No, not at all.

20,597. Have you contributed anything yourself in any way, directly or indirectly?—I have only contributed towards the fund for the payment of Mr. Tillett's election expenses.

20,598. That is the general fund that has been men-

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tioned here?—Yes, that general fund, and nothing else.

20,599. You were also a supporter of Sir William Russell?—Yes.

20,600. But more especially of Mr. Tillett?—I was more identified with that section of the party, but I was a supporter of Sir William Russell also.

20,601. Did you see a letter with reference to money being supplied at this election?—I know there was a letter, and I saw a letter to the best of my belief in Sir William Russell's hand, but I cannot say I read the letter.

20,602. When did you see it?—I think it was about two days before the election.

20,603. By whom did that letter purport to be written?—I did not hear who it was.

20,604. Did you hear the name of the writer?—No, I did not; at least, if I did hear it, it has entirely escaped my memory; but I do not think I did hear the name of the writer.

20,605. Did you see it the same day as Sir William Russell received it?—I think so, if my memory serves me right. I think I called on the Sunday morning.

20,606. That was on the Sunday before the election?—Yes.

20,607. Can you tell me what the contents of the letter were?—So far as my recollection goes it was that some friend had written to him and said that money was to be sent, and had been sent down.

20,608. Where from?—From London, for the purpose of securing the election.

20,609. On which side?—On the Conservative side.

20,610. Do you recollect what the date of the letter was?—No, I do not think I read the letter. Sir William Russell told me he had a letter, and I believe I saw it in his hand.

20,611. You took the contents from his statement?—Yes, from his statement.

20,612. Did he read the letter to you, or did he hand the letter to you and did you read it?—I think he told me the contents of it.

20,613. Did the letter say where the money was coming from in London?—I am not sure whether it alluded to the Carlton Club or any other club. I will not be certain about that, but my impression was that it was from some fund in London that had sent it down.

20,614. I am speaking with reference to the place from which the supply was to come?—My impression would be that it was in some way connected with the Carlton Club.

20,615. Was anybody's name mentioned in connexion with it?—I do not remember anybody's name being mentioned.

20,616. Was it mentioned whether the person who was the writer was a member of the Carlton Club or connected with it in any way?—No, I do not remember its being mentioned.

20,617. Was anybody's name mentioned in connection with the matter as having made the arrangement for its coming down?—No; it was this, that some friend had stated that he had heard that such was the fact.

20,618. Through what medium or at whose instigation it was coming down it was not stated in the letter so far as you recollect?—Not so far as I know at all.

20,619. Was anybody else there at the time this was communicated to you?—No, I should think not. I should think it was just a call on Sir William Russell, and I think there was no one else there, though I would not be certain about it.

20,620. Somebody might have been present when the letter was read or the contents stated to you?—Somebody might have been there, but I have no recollection that anybody was there at the time I called upon Sir William Russell.

20,621. Have you ever seen the letter since?—No, never.

20,622. Do you know of any funds having been provided in any way to influence the election?—No, not at all.

20,623. As far as you were concerned were you determined it should be a perfectly pure election?—Yes, just entirely so.

20,624. Was anything given to your men to your knowledge who attended the nomination?—No.

D. Cubitt.

DAVID CUBITT sworn and examined.

20,625. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoe manufacturer.

20,626. I believe you took a very active part in this last election?—Well, rather.

20,627. For the Stracey party?—Yes.

20,628. Were you on any of the committees?—No, I would not be on any committee whatever.

20,629. You were acquainted with Worledge, were you not?—Yes, to a certain extent.

20,630. Were you ever in partnership with him?—No; I sold my business to Mr. Worledge.

20,631. How long ago was that?—That was about the 15th or 16th of last March, after the election.

20,632. But before the election you were intimate with Worledge?—Oh, yes.

20,633. You were taking people up to the poll, I believe, on the day of the election?—As many as I could get.

20,634. Can you tell me who they were?—I cannot tell you every one. I took several certainly.

20,635. Do you know a man of the name of Jeary?—Yes.

20,636. Did you see him on the day of the poll?—Yes.

20,637. When you met Jeary you had some conversation with him about the election?—Yes.

20,638. What took place between you?—He asked how we were getting on, to begin with.

20,639. What did he say?—He asked me how we were getting on, and I said "All right, we want "a little more money," that is all.

20,640. What did he say upon that?—He told me that I could use him for two sovereigns.

20,641. Did he find the two sovereigns?—I used him for two sovereigns, but I never found them.

20,642. You did not get the money?—No.

20,643. You spent your own?—Yes, I spent my own two sovereigns for him; he authorised me to use him for two sovereigns, but he never gave them to me.

20,644. Was that the first occasion that you mentioned money during that day?—I had certainly spent a bit out of my own pocket during the morning, but that is the first time that I came to any monetary matters.

20,645. What time in the day was it when you saw Jeary?—I should think as near as possible it would be half-past 1 or 2.

20,646. Before that had you spent some money out of your own pocket?—Yes.

20,647. To whom were you looking for repayment?—I did it for the good of the cause entirely on my own account.

20,648. What was the amount of money you advanced out of your own pocket?—As near as I can tell I suppose I spent 2*l.* or 3*l.* out of my own money.

20,649. Before you saw Mr. Jeary?—Yes, of course.

20,650. How did you spend it?—I spent all mine in beer or porter or liquor. I did not bribe anybody with money straight down.

20,651. At what houses did you spend it?—I went to several different houses.

20,652. Let us have them in order.—I did not go

into any particular houses. I went anywhere where I could find a voter.

20,653. Did you go to the "King's Head"?—Yes.

20,654. How much did you spend there?—7*s.* or 8*s.*, I suppose.

20,655. That was for the use of voters?—Yes.

20,656. Do you know how many people there were at the "King's Head"?—I went in at different times. I did not spend that all at one time. I went in at different times during the day, and whatever they had against me I paid the next morning.

20,657. Can you tell us how much you spent either that day or the next day at the "King's Head"?—8*s.* or 10*s.*; they gave me a receipted bill for what I paid, but I did not think it necessary to file it at all, and therefore I destroyed it.

20,658. Having spent 8*s.* or 10*s.* at the "King's Head," can you tell me how many voters you took up from that house?—If I tell you how many voters I took up from that house I think that is none. I do not think I took up one from there.

20,659. If you did not take up any voters from the house why did you spend the money?—I thought there was a possibility of doing it.

20,660. Do you mean to say that the 8*s.* or 10*s.* produced no result?—I think that was spent for nothing.

20,661. (*Mr. Biron.*) A bad investment?—Yes. I do not remember taking a voter away at all from the "King's Head."

20,662. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You also went to a house called the "Red Lion"?—Yes, I went there several times.

20,663. And spent money there in the same manner?—Yes, I did spend a shilling or two, or a few shillings.

20,664. Both that day and the next?—No, I spent it on the election day. I did not go to the "Red Lion" the day after that I remember.

20,665. Do you recollect the amount you spent there?—I should think 5*s.* or 6*s.*

20,666. How many voters did you take up from there?—I should think four or five.

20,667. In a cab?—Yes, a cab and conveyances together. I cannot say I took them all in a cab.

20,668. Those were the persons who had been drinking the beer?—Yes. I gave it indiscriminately, anyone could drink it. I did not care who drank, anyone could have what I stood.

20,669. You gave it for the purpose of conciliating these voters?—I did not think any of them would be fools enough to sell themselves for a glass of beer.

20,670. (*Mr. Biron.*) Was this pure generosity?—It was out of my own pocket till 2 o'clock.

20,671. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a strong Conservative?—I am to a certain extent.

20,672. You went to the "Two Brewers"?—Yes, I went in there.

20,673. And you spent money there?—Yes.

20,674. Can you recollect how many men you took from that house?—I think I took three.

20,675. What was the amount you spent there?—4*s.* or 5*s.*

20,676. And you got by that only three or four voters?—It was like that. I did not think they wanted any money.

20,677. They accepted your beer?—Yes, of course they did, and very glad to take it.

20,678. That outlay of 4*s.* or 5*s.* worth of beer enabled you to get up three voters from the "Two Brewers"?—Yes.

20,679. Do you know the names of any of these men?—George Fairman was one, so they tell me; but I cannot tell you the names. I did not care about their names so long as they went to the poll.

20,680. Who else did you take up?—I really cannot say; I should know them I dare say if I saw them. I took all I could get.

20,681. Did you go to a house called the "Swan"?—Yes.

20,682. Did you spend money in the same way there?—I did not spend more than a shilling.

20,683. Are you certain of that?—No, I would not be bound to say for a sixpence.

20,684. That was for treating voters?—I gave half a gallon of beer for the good of those that were in the house.

20,685. You would not have done that unless they had been voters?—No, certainly not.

20,686. Did you get voters?—I took the landlord to begin with.

20,687. Anyone else?—There was one other man in the room, and he promised me he would go and vote for Stracey.

20,688. Who was he?—Quantrill.

20,689. Anyone else?—No, I do not remember any other voters. I believe the others were non-voters.

20,690. What was the landlord's name?—Graver. I took Graver in the conveyance I had, and he polled for Stracey; and Quantrill came up a few minutes afterwards and polled the same way.

20,691. What is the Christian name of Quantrill?—I cannot say.

20,692. Afterwards you went to the "Golden Dog"?—I do not think I went to the "Golden Dog" until after the election was over.

20,693. Had you not been spending money there?—If I spent anything there it was after the election was over. I cannot say what I did spend. I might spend something at the "Golden Dog."

20,694. Did you go to the "Spotted Dog"?—No, I did not go to any dogs at all that I remember.

20,695. At what other public houses did you spend money?—Several.

20,696. Just name which they were?—I think they are too numerous to mention.

20,697. Can you tell me the whole amount of money you spent at these different houses?—I suppose during the day I spent 10*l.* or 12*l.*

20,698. Entirely on beer?—Yes, entirely on beer. I did not drink it all myself though.

20,699. Did you go to the "Ship"?—Yes, I went there three times.

20,700. Did you get up men each time?—On the first occasion I went to the "Ship" I do not think I took anyone, the second time we took nine, and the third time I think we took about three.

20,701. Did you take them up in carriages?—The nine I took up on the second time I put on the potato merchant's cart.

20,702. Do you know a man of the name of Brooks?—I was in his house once during the day, and I changed a sovereign there; that is the corner of Bethel Street I suppose you mean.

20,703. Did he give you a sovereign?—No, he did not give me a sovereign, he is too good a judge. At the time a friend of mine went into the "Swan," I went into Brooks', and there were a few people there shouting as they always are, and I stood a drop of liquor for them just to wet their throats for them.

20,704. You took voters up from Brooks'?—No, I did not, not one.

20,705. Do you know who did take them up from there?—That I do not know; I only belonged to the seventh ward; I know nothing about the fourth ward.

20,706. Do you know a man of the name of Reuben Cann, in St. James'?—It is like this: I polled all I could get, and I really do not know all the names; I was not impertinent enough to ask all their names.

20,707. Did you go to Reuben Cann's?—If you had told me he was a publican I should have remembered it.

20,708. Did you spend money there?—3*s.* or 4*s.*

20,709. Did you take up voters from there?—I think about two.

20,710. Have you any notion of the number of voters you took up in the course of the day?—I

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should not wish to say too many. I should think I took about 30.

20,711. Would you swear you did not take as many as 40?—No, I would not swear I did not take 40; but I think it was about 30.

20,712. Will you swear you did not take more than 40?—That I would not say.

20,713. Might there have been as many as 50?—There might have been.

20,714. Are you certain there were not more than 50?—I am sure there were not more than 50, and I am almost certain there were not 50.

20,715. These were all men you took up from different houses where you had been spending money on beer, is that so?—Yes, of course.

20,716. Were there any other public houses you went to besides those?—Several.

20,717. Where you spent money?—Wherever I went if there were any voters I gave them what they liked to drink.

20,718. Did you go to William Warnes' public house?—Yes.

20,719. Did you spend money there?—I did not spend my own money there.

20,720. Who gave you the money?—I cannot tell you his name; I do not know him. I should know him if I were to see him.

20,721. After you had seen Jeary what became of you?—It was before I saw Jeary.

20,722. After you got the promise of 2*l.* from Jeary where did you go?—The first place I went into after I got the promise of 2*l.* from Jeary was the "Two Brewers," in Magdalen Street.

20,723. You ordered beer there?—Yes, of course I did, and paid for it.

20,724. Do you know Warnes that keeps the "Elm" tavern?—Yes.

20,725. Were you there in the course of the day?—I saw Warnes about half-past 1.

20,726. Were you at his house?—No; he stopped me in Magdalen Street, and he said there was money afloat, and we might as well have some as the rest.

20,727. Did you go with Warnes to the central committee room?—Yes; I did not go in. Warnes went inside, and while he was inside I went into Brooks' and stood the beer that I have told you of.

20,728. You went to the central committee room, having heard there was money about?—Yes.

20,729. What did you get when you got there?—I got nothing if you come to that. Warnes went in, and I jumped out of the trap we were in and went into Brooks', where there were a few of these fellows, and they asked me and I treated them. During this time Warnes came out with a gentleman, and he told me it was all right, and we returned to the seventh ward together, me, Warnes, and another gent.

20,730. When you met Warnes who did he tell you he was going to see?—He said he was going to see Chittock.

20,731. Did he go to see him?—Yes.

20,732. That was at the central committee room?—Yes, at the "Swan."

20,733. Warnes came back?—Yes; he said it was all right, and we jumped into a cab and went off together.

20,734. Who came out with Warnes?—It was a gentleman with sandy whiskers.

20,735. What was his name?—I could not swear to his name.

20,736. Was it not Mr. Woodrow?—I have seen Warnes since, and he has told me it was Mr. Woodrow.

20,737. Do not you know that it was Mr. Woodrow?—I do not know Mr. Woodrow by name. I should know him by sight again if I saw him in a moment. Warnes told me it was Mr. Woodrow.

20,738. When did he tell you?—I went and spoke to Mr. Warnes about this affair, and he told me it was Mr. Woodrow that came from the "Swan" with us. If it was Mr. Woodrow, and if I were to see him, I could pick him out of a thousand.

20,739. When Warnes came back with this gentleman you all went away together?—There was me, Warnes, and Woodrow, if it was Woodrow, went away together.

20,740. Where did you go to?—We went first to the "Elm" tavern, Warnes' own house.

20,741. What did you do there?—In the first place Warnes wanted to know how much we were going to stand for the people he had got there.

20,742. For beer?—Yes.

20,743. How much did you stand?—Warnes asked for half a sovereign, and I said to Woodrow, "Do not "be too fast, give half-a-crown to begin with, and "see what he can do with that." Woodrow gave me half-a-crown, and I gave this half-a-crown to Warnes to get some beer, and me and Woodrow, if it was Woodrow, sat in the cab together and waited there a few minutes, but we could not see any likelihood of a voter coming out, so I went in to see if there was anyone, and found the house quite desolate and empty, and I think Warnes stuck to the half-a-crown himself.

20,744. You did not get a voter out of the house?—Not a soul; there was not anyone there.

20,745. Where did you go to next?—I think we drove down Magdalen Street next.

20,746. Did Warnes go with you?—No, we gave him the double; we did not want him any more.

20,747. You were alone with Woodrow then?—Yes. I cannot tell where we went to then, but a short time after that we went to Warnes' mother, at the "Ship," in St. James', and when we got there Warnes made his appearance again; he was there.

20,748. You spent some money there?—I think I spent about 3*s.* 6*d.* there.

20,749. Who gave you the money?—We went to the "Ship" twice. Once I spent out of my own pocket, and once Woodrow gave the money to me.

20,750. How much altogether do you say it was?—During the election afternoon I should think I spent 12*s.* at the "Ship."

20,751. How much did you get from Woodrow altogether?—I think Woodrow gave me 3*s.* 6*d.* altogether.

20,752. Are you certain he did not give you more?—I am certain he did not give me more, he was too close a gentleman.

20,753. Were there any voters at Warnes' place?—I think I took up about nine for my 3*s.* 6*d.* to begin with.

20,754. Did you give nothing else besides beer?—I gave 3*s.* 6*d.* to a man named Walter Worledge, and he paid the money to Mrs. Warnes. I told Walter Worledge to give these men beer to drink, and whatever money he wanted to come to me for it, and he told me he had expended a sum of 3*s.* 6*d.*, and I gave it to him.

20,755. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where did you give that?—At the "Ship."

20,756. Worledge was in there?—This is Walter Worledge; not Thomas Worledge, that, I think, you are thinking of.

20,757. This money was paid to Mrs. Warnes?—Worledge will tell you who he paid it to. I paid it to Worledge.

20,758. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3, I suppose.

20,759. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know the names of any of the men you took up from that house?—I cannot tell you; we took nine from the "Ship," and I put them on Maris' potato cart. We packed them on there, and of course I rode as I chose myself. I spent 3*s.* 6*d.* for those nine.

20,760. Did you go anywhere else after that?—Yes, to plenty of places.

20,761. Was Woodrow with you?—Yes, of course.

20,762. Where did you go to in company with Woodrow?—I think we went to St. Edmund's after that.

20,763. What place did you go to there ?—I think we picked up a couple there.

20,764. In the street or in a beerhouse ?—I really cannot refresh my memory to everything.

20,765. If you picked them up in the street, how did you do it ?—By shouting to them, "Come on, my "boys, come on the winning side, that is the game."

20,766. Mr. Woodrow was all this time with you ?—Yes, he sat pretty well back in the cab.

20,767. Did not Mr. Woodrow hand you over some money to give to these two men ?—Of course he did.

20,768. To these two men ?—I cannot say anything about these two men. When I wanted my pocket replenished I applied to Mr. Woodrow.

20,769. In fact, he was your banker ?—Yes, of course he was my banker, and I was his lap dog to a certain extent, and I had another lap dog on to me.

20,770. Can you tell me how many voters you paid money to ?—I did not pay any voters money.

20,771. I mean Woodrow's money ?—No; all I done was too cautious. I parted with no coin, I gave all mine in drink.

20,772. Do you mean to say you did not part with any coin to a voter that day ?—No, not a farthing; no ready coin, but they could swim in beer if they liked. I did not give them anything.

20,773. You did not part with any coin ?—Not one penny.

20,774. Not the whole day ?—No.

20,775. Did not Woodrow part with some ?—What Woodrow did you had better ask him.

20,776. Did you not see him give coin ?—No, most decidedly not; he was too cautious.

20,777. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did not some of the men say that Woodrow had given them some money ?—That I do not know.

20,778. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you recollect some of these voters getting into your cab and suddenly leaving it ?—No, most decidedly not. If they once got in they did not leave it till they polled.

20,779. If Mr. Woodrow says the voters got into the cab and suddenly got out, what is the meaning of that ?—I do not know what Mr. Woodrow has said. All I tell you is, if once we got a voter in we did not lose him, not till he had polled.

20,780. Whilst you were with Woodrow were there any occasions when he left the cab for a minute or two and came back again ?—The last time I thought of Woodrow was that I did not think he was hardly good enough to keep along with us, and I left him at the committee room and drove off without him.

20,781. What do you mean by not good enough ?—He was rather too mean, I reckoned myself; he did not like to spend more than a shilling or two.

20,782. Why do you think he was mean ?—Because he ought to have expended, and if he had we could have got more.

20,783. Do you mean to say that if Woodrow had expended more money you could have got more voters ?—Yes. You do not want to give money in Norwich on election days; if you are a good general you can get them for beer.

20,784. If Woodrow had expended more money in beer you could have got more voters ?—Yes, I daresay we could. He was rather too close.

20,785. How long altogether was Woodrow in your company ?—I suppose about an hour and a half.

20,786. Can you say at all how much money he handed to you in that time ?—I should think about 12*s.* or 14*s.*

20,787. Not more than that ?—Not more.

20,788. Do you know of his spending any money except through you ?—I do not know what he spent when he was away from me. I know what he spent when he was with me.

20,789. Did he spend any money in beer whilst he was with you, or did it all go through your hands ?—I do not know what he spent when he was away.

20,790. I mean while he was with you ?—I think I have given you rather too much; he did not spend more than 12*s.*

20,791. He did not spend any on his own account ?—No, he would not spend any on his own account; he made us secondary agents.

20,792. After you parted with Woodrow at the committee room what became of you ?—The last thing I see of Woodrow I left him at the committee room.

20,793. What became of you then ?—I went to work again as hard as I could.

20,794. Had you any money left ?—I did not have a sight left.

20,795. Did you get any given to you ?—Yes, I had two sovereigns given to me after that.

20,796. You met a person, who was that ?—Yes, I met a person who asked if I was Mr. Cubitt, and of course I said "Yes," and he said "How are you "getting on," and I said "We could get on all right "enough if we had got money enough;" and he says "Here is a couple of sovereigns, do the best you "can with it."

20,797. Who was that person ?—I do not know.

20,798. Have you ever seen him since ?—I have only seen him once since, and that was on Orford Hill.

20,799. Do you know where he lives ?—No, he is a gentleman I know of. I know him to see to, but not by name, it is just the same as with Woodrow; I should not have known his name if Warnes had not told me.

20,800. Was he a young or an old man ?—A man of about 40 or 45 years of age.

20,801. You have never seen him but once since ?—No, never; that was on Orford Hill, and then I never spoke to him.

20,802. Having got the two sovereigns, you proceeded to spend it in the same way ?—Yes.

20,803. In getting up more men ?—Yes.

20,804. Was that all the money you got that day ?—Yes, that was all the money I had given to me.

20,805. Had you any scores to settle the day after ?—Yes.

20,806. What do you say is the whole amount you have disbursed ?—12*l.* or 14*l.*

20,807. Altogether ?—Yes.

20,808. Has any person repaid you since ?—No, that is what I should like to see.

20,809. Have you ever asked for it from anybody ?—Yes.

20,810. Who have you asked ?—Jeary.

20,811. Anybody else ?—No. He was the only one who guaranteed money to me, and he was not man enough to pay it.

20,812. (*Mr. Biron.*) He guaranteed only 2*l.* ?—No, but I never got that 2*l.*, and that would be a little mite towards the lot.

20,813. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You spent a bit of your own money ?—Yes, I spent a bit of my own money; I do not disown it.

20,814. You have never recovered any of it since ?—No. I have been several times for it to Jeary, and I do not reckon him a man at all.

20,815. All the money you got was 2*l.* ?—There was 2*l.* given to me, and 2*l.* promised by Jeary, and the rest I spent out of my own pocket.

20,816. And the money you received from Woodrow ?—I was only a secondary agent to spend his money.

20,817. Did you see Freestone, the baker, on the day of the election ?—Yes, once.

20,818. Where ?—At the corner of Sussex Street.

20,819. Did you talk to him ?—He called me out of the bar where I was standing, and he spoke to me.

20,820. What was he doing, taking up a voter ?—No, he was with Hardiment.

20,821. Did you speak to Hardiment ?—No, I spoke to Freestone.

20,822. What did he say to you ?—He asked me what I was working on, and I said the seventh ward, and he said "How are you getting on ?" and I said "We are getting on all right enough;" and he said

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"Did you see Tillett passing just now with 600 "majority?" and I said "I saw Tillett with a lie," and he says "Do you think so?" and I said "Yes, I "believe we are ahead now." He said "If you want "to see me come to Sillis' at 12 o'clock."

20,823. What do you think he meant?—He meant like this, that we should all put our shoulder to the wheel, and see if we could not shunt Tillett.

20,824. Did you not think money was going?—I did not think Freestone would give any money on his own account; I think he is too good a general.

20,825. Did you not think that he meant if you went to him at 12 o'clock there would be money going forward?—If I did that I did not go.

20,826. Did you not understand it?—No; what I supposed you see is different to what is really the fact.

20,827. In electioneering matters people do not say it in so many words?—You mean they talk transfiguratively.

20,828. You understood that Freestone meant you were to come to him if you thought a little money was of use?—No doubt if I wanted a little money I should have made a friend of him, but I did not want it, thank God. I reckon myself as good a man as Freestone.

20,829. For the purpose of the election, did you not understand Freestone to intimate that you could get money from him?—I did not take it in that way. I should take it in this way, if I went to Sillis' at 12 o'clock he might put me on a cab, but as to getting money, that is a different thing. He told me if I had a mind to work the eighth ward, I was to come to Sillis'.

20,830. You understood there would be money forthcoming for the election; I do not mean from his pocket, but you understood he would tell you where money was to be had?—He never told me anything approaching to it, he told me to see him at Sillis' at 12 o'clock.

20,831. That is what Freestone meant?—He might mean so.

20,832. You know he meant it?—I did not go.

20,833. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Can you give us the names of any of the voters who you took up from these places?—I do not know them. I polled several. I cannot remember all of them; of course I did not ask them their names.

20,834. Have you got any memoranda which will enable you to give me their names?—I do not think I have in my pocket.

20,835. Have you got a list at home?—No, I think not. I did take certain memoranda of different people. As to anyone, you ask me if I took him up to the poll, I will own to it in a moment; the first man I polled in the morning was a man named Head.

20,836. Did you poll him from some of the houses at which you had supplied beer?—He was a bed at the time.

20,837. Did you tell him he should have some beer?—I told him he could have a pint at my brother's in my name.

20,838. Then Henry Riches, do you know him?—Yes, he worked for me at the time.

20,839. Did you give him beer?—No, I gave him sixpence worth of brandy and water.

20,840. Did you give Worledge any beer?—No, he did not want it,

20,841. The other Worledge?—No, I did not give him a drop. I polled Worledge's brother.

20,842. John Frost, was he one?—Yes.

20,843. Did you give him some beer?—I daresay he had his share along with the rest. I went to his house and the man was at work, and he would not leave off till he had done his work, and I polled him after that.

20,844. Did you tell him to get some beer?—I told him to go to my brother's, where I daresay he could have a drop.

20,845. Your brother keeps a public house?—Yes.

20,846. What is the sign of your brother's house?—The "Jolly Brewers."

20,847. Graver you have mentioned?—Yes.

20,848. And Scott?—Yes; I polled Graver and Scott.

20,849. Taylor?—Yes.

20,850. Burrell?—Yes.

20,851. Can you give me the names of any other men?—No, I do not think I can.

20,852. If you were to sit down quietly do you think you could give us a list?—I have already considered all I can. I really did not ask people their names. If you were to set me down for six months I could not give you another name; if you were to show me the names I might recognise them as polling them, but I did not ask the men their names.

20,853. Were any men with you that day?—Yes, I worked with several. I worked with anyone who was good for the cause.

20,854. Who worked with you?—Warnes, he worked with me an hour or so.

20,855. Who else?—Maris, he worked with me.

20,856. He was with you a great portion of the day?—Yes, he tried his best the same as I did.

20,857. You were working together?—Yes.

20,858. Who instigated you to do this?—I should think my own reason instigated me to do it.

20,859. Did any person speak to you about doing this?—Oh, no; what I did was entirely on my own account.

20,860. Without any consultation?—Yes, without any intimation. I was solicited to become a member of the seventh ward association, but I would not have anything to do with it.

20,861. You did it on your own account?—Yes. I got rather warm, and went in the best I could.

20,862. Nobody suggested it to you?—No, no one.

20,863. You did it of your own head entirely?—Yes, I did entirely. On the Saturday evening me and Worledge agreed to do what we could together, and Worledge took the eighth ward and I took the seventh.

20,864. Did he spend some money?—I know nothing about what he has done.

20,865. I want to know whether you saw him?—No, I never saw him spend no money.

20,866. You spent the 2*l.* you got from the gentleman?—Yes, and a great deal more.

20,867. Where did you spend the two sovereigns you got?—First of all I should think I spent 10*s.* or 12*s.* altogether in the "Ship," and then at Marshall's 7*s.* 9*d.*, and the "Golden Dog," 5*s.* or 6*s.*, at every house where I went to; there was no stint, I gave them what they liked. At the "Black Boy" I paid 4*s.* 6*d.* the next morning, besides the reckoning of the day.

20,868. You told them to give the men what they wanted?—Yes.

20,869. You told the men they might have what they wanted if they would vote?—Yes, of course.

20,870. They knew you well enough and gave you credit?—Yes, of course; I think everybody would give me credit. I always pay when I can.

20,871. You say that Woodrow came from the committee room; had you a cab at that time?—No, I rode up in Maris' trap, and after that Woodrow took a cab which George Webster drove, and Warnes and Woodrow had an interview. Warnes called me out of Brooks' bar to say that he was ready to go. I did not go into the "Swan" at all.

20,872. When you came out you found Warnes with Woodrow?—Yes.

20,873. What was spent at the "Swan"?—I should think nothing.

20,874. You went to the "Swan" committee room?—Yes, it was the central committee room of the Conservative party.

20,875. Woodrow went with Warnes to the com-

mittee room?—No, I went with Warnes to the committee room, and he saw Woodrow there.

20,876. Warnes came and fetched you, and you found Woodrow with him?—Warnes saw him in Magdalen Street, to give you the whole idea of the question, about which you seem to have got into a fog. Warnes came to me, and he says "I think there is "some money going." I says "I have spent enough "out of my own pocket, if there is any going I "should like to have a bit of it;" and he says "You "need to have a purse as long as a stocking to stand "against it. Will you go to the 'Swan'?" and I said "Yes." Warnes went in and I stepped out, and after that Warnes introduced me to Woodrow.

20,877. You did not go into the committee room at all?—I went to Brooks'.

20,878. Woodrow took a cab?—We went in Maris' cart, and Woodrow took a cab and kindly invited us in with him.

20,879. What was the first house you went to?—The "Elm" tavern.

20,880. What was spent there?—Woodrow gave me half-a-crown and I paid it to Warnes; there was no one there and I think he kept it on his own account; after that we went to St. James'.

20,881. Do you recollect half-a-crown being given to Warnes at the "Ship"?—There was never half-a-crown given to Warnes at all; the lowest sum paid to Warnes was 3*s.* 6*d.* and that I paid myself through Worledge.

20,882. Do you recollect half-a-crown being given to Mrs. Warnes?—No, never, the lowest sum I spent on Worledge was 3*s.* 6*d.*

20,883. There was no half-crown given to Mrs. Warnes?—No.

20,884. The money that was spent at the "Ship" was your money?—Yes, and Woodrow's together.

20,885. Did you see any half-crown given to Mrs. Warnes on the doorstep of the house?—There was never half-a-crown given to Mrs. Warnes at all on the doorstep not that I saw; if anybody else liked to give her one I did not.

20,886. Did you see Mrs. Warnes standing on the doorstep of the "Ship"?—No; I saw her behind the bar once or twice. I went there three times in the afternoon.

20,887. I am speaking of when you were with Woodrow?—When I was with Woodrow I did not get out of the cab at all; we made Walter Worledge secondary agent.

20,888. Did Woodrow get out of the cab at all?—No, he never got out of the cab, not the whole time.

20,889. Did you see him give any half-crown to Warnes?—No, whatever he gave, he gave to me, and I had to give it to other people.

20,890. Did you see Woodrow give half-a-crown to the landlady of the "Elm" tavern, because she said she had a lot of people at her house who had gone to vote for Stracey?—Woodrow first of all gave me two shillings or half-a-crown for the "Elm" tavern, and after that he gave me 3*s.* 6*d.* for the "Ship," but Woodrow paid nothing himself, only through me.

20,891. It is untrue that he gave half-a-crown to Warnes to give to the landlady, because she said she had had a lot of people at her house who had gone to vote for Stracey?—I do not know what Mr. Woodrow has said, but he never saw Mrs. Warnes at all.

20,892. That is untrue?—I cannot be answerable for what he has said.

20,893. I want to know whether it is true?—It is not; he never saw Mrs. Warnes at all.

20,894. Is the "Elm" tavern in St James'?—No, in the parish of St. Clement's.

20,895. Did you go to any public house in St. James'?—I went to nearly everyone in St James'. Warnes lives at the "Elm" tavern, St. Clement's without.

20,896. This is what Mr. Woodrow said, and I want to know whether it is true: "Did you give more "than this 2*s.* 6*d.*?—Well, I spent 2*s.* 6*d.* in a public "house in St. James', I do not know the name of the "public house, but I have said it is near the Church, "I do not know the name of the landlady. Did "you see the landlord?—No, I saw the landlady. "Was she a stout person?—Yes, I believe she was. "What did you give to her?—I gave Warnes "2*s.* 6*d.* to give to her, because she said she had "had a lot of people at her house who had gone to "vote for Stracey."—As to Mr. Woodrow saying that he saw the landlady or anything of the sort it is a palpable lie, because the landlord went with him from the "Swan" to his own house

20,897. Did you see him give money to any of the men that got into the cab?—He gave no money except to me; what money he says he gave to me I gave to other people afterwards.

20,898. I suppose he may have given other money?—I do not know what he may have done before that, but the hour and a half he was with me what money he had got to give he gave to me.

20,899. What time did you leave Woodrow?—I should think about 3 o'clock; I cannot say to five minutes.

20,900. How long were you with him?—I should think about an hour and a half or an hour; it might be an hour and a half.

20,901. You found he was not quite liberal enough, and you thought you had better do it on your own account?—Yes, and so we cut him.

20,902. Do you know of any other money being spent by anybody?—No.

20,903. Or found by anybody?—No, I did all I could myself.

20,904. Have you applied to anybody for repayment?—Yes, I applied to Jeary seven or eight times, but I have never got the 2*l.* he promised me; he promised me two sovereigns and my brother also, and I do not think either of us have got a penny.

20,905. What did he promise your brother two sovereigns for?—He told him to give two sovereigns' of drink, and he gave the drink away, but never got the money.

20,906. Did you hear that yourself?—Yes.

20,907. Have you applied to anybody else besides Jeary?—No, no one; it is no use, you cannot get anything now.

20,908. Have you heard of any fund being applied to the payment of that sort of thing?—No.

20,909. You have not spoken to Mr. Stockings about this?—It is not likely I should speak to him.

20,910. (*Mr. Biron.*) What is the whole sum of money you expended out of your own pocket?—As near as I can tell I daresay it may be 5*l.* or 6*l.*

20,911. Besides what you got from Woodrow?—Yes, and the two sovereigns I got in the back lane. I suppose I spent 10*l.* or 11*l.* or 12*l.* altogether, but I did not keep any creditor or debtor account.

Charles Miller sworn and examined.

C. Miller.

20,912. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.

20,913. Did you vote at the last election?—I had no vote.

20,914. Did you take an active part in the election?—I was employed in the fourth ward committee room.

20,915. In what capacity?—I suppose they would call it clerk.

20,916. Checking the poll books and so on?—No, I did that for the first day, and the day after I was sent out.

20,917. Canvassing?—Yes.

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20,918. Did any money pass through your hands?—No, none at all.

20,919. You were employed in the Liberal committee room?—Yes.

20,920. Did you go about the city during the days previous to the election?—Yes.

20,921. And during the election day at all?—Yes.

20,922. Did any bribery come before your notice?—I never noticed any.

20,923. You did not see any?—No.

20,924. Or any treating?—No.

20,925. Did you see any men got up for beer?—No.

20,926. Nothing of the sort?—No.

20,927. Did you give any money?—No.

20,928. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of any money being provided or handed over to anybody in connexion with the election?—No, I do not.

J. W. Taylor, jun.

JAMES WILLIAM TAYLOR, junior, sworn and examined.

20,929. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

20,930. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

20,931. Did you have any money from Mr. Furse?—I had.

20,932. What money had you?—Half-a-crown.

20,933. For what was that?—To give to a voter.

20,934. Who was that?—His name was Barnacle.

20,935. Did you give it to him?—Yes.

20,936. Was that for his vote?—Yes.

20,937. Did he go up and vote?—Yes, he did.

20,938. Did you receive any other money for the purpose of paying voters?—Yes, I had 5*s.* from Mr. Hall, a butcher in King Street.

20,939. For what purpose did you have that 5*s.*?—To give to a voter.

20,940. Who was that?—A man of the name of Simpson, living in Calvert Street, St. James'.

20,941. Was that to vote?—Yes.

20,942. For Stracey?—Yes.

20,943. Where did the other man live?—In World's End Lane, St. Martin's-at-Palace.

20,944. Did you receive any other money?—No.

20,945. Not a farthing?—No.

20,946. Did you pay any yourself?—No, not a farthing.

20,947. Do you know of any other money being paid?—No, I do not know of any other money being paid.

20,948. Or provided?—No.

20,949. Were there a good number of men who wanted to be paid their day's wages?—Yes, there were some.

20,950. A good many?—Two or three asked for a day's pay, and I said I could not do that.

20,951. How came you to make application for these two sums?—I did not make application for them. When I saw Mr. Furse I told him the man would vote if he had half-a-crown, and he gave me half-a-crown.

20,952. I need hardly ask whether you received any money for your vote?—No, not a farthing.

20,953. Or whether you were promised anything?—No, I was never promised anything, and I should be very sorry to take it.

J. Tomlinson.

JAMES TOMLINSON sworn and examined.

20,954. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—I had a vote.

20,955. Did you vote?—I never voted at all.

20,956. Where were you during the day of the poll?—At the "Marquis of Granby," in Pockthorpe.

20,957. Did you get any beer there?—Yes, I did.

20,958. Without paying for it?—Yes.

20,959. Who did you see there?—I saw Mr. Womersley there; I saw Mr. Smith, the chemist; Dr. Bloomfield, and I saw Mr. Allen there besides, during the time.

20,960. Is there anybody else that you recollect?—Yes, there was lots of people there, but I cannot tell you exactly who they were, I did not take such observation of them.

20,961. Was Dr. Allen drinking beer?—Well, I did not see him drink anything.

20,962. Are those all the people you recollect?—Well, I saw lots of voters there that I meant to get up. Mr. Smith and Mr. Womersley asked me to go and get them together until they wanted to see them, and I went and got as many as 50.

20,963. You are in the employment of Mackley, are you not?—Mr. Mackley employed me to carry some straw for him on that day out of the barracks, and when I came with the load of straw out of the barracks into his yard, these three gentlemen popped on to me and asked me where the men was that Mr. Mackley had got here. I said he had got none. They said, "Where are the voters?" I said, "There is "no voters there, but if you want voters you can "soon have them, there is plenty about the street." They said, "I wish you would go and get them," and I went and got as many as 40 or 50 in about five or ten minutes.

20,964. They all wanted to have money for their votes?—The money was promised.

20,965. Who promised it?—Mr. Womersley did.

20,966. Did you hear him promise it?—Yes, I did.

20,967. What did he say?—He said they should have a pound apiece.

20,968. And you remained to take care of these 40 men, did you?—No, I never took care of them. I went and told them there was some gentlemen wanting to see them.

20,969. That is all you know about it?—That is all I know about it.

20,970. Did they offer you any money for your trouble?—No, sir; I was to have been paid for my day's work, but I never got paid.

20,971. Did not Mr. Womersley offer you a sovereign for taking care of these men?—No, sir. I am come here to speak the truth.

20,972. Did you get a sovereign from Mr. Womersley?—No, I never got a farthing.

20,973. You only got some beer?—I only got some beer, but who paid for it I do not know; there was two or three gallons of beer, but who paid for it I really do not know.

20,974. Can you tell me what words Mr. Womersley used?—Yes. Mr. Womersley said he should like to see these men, for he particularly wanted to speak to them.

20,975. Who did he say that to?—He said so to me.

20,976. When he did see them what did he say?—I cannot tell exactly what he said to them, for when I came back of course lots of men were there before I came, because I went further up the street, and as soon as I went into one public house and told some of them that there was some gentlemen wanting to see them and of course I came out; but when I came back they said to me, "We are to have "2*l.* apiece if we stop here 20 minutes; we have "given them half an hour."

20,977. They never got that 2*l.*, did they?—I don't know whether they got it; I never got none.

20,978. Was it promised to you?—I stood along with the rest. I reckoned that if they got it I should too, but whether they got any I am not able to say; I did not get none.

20,979. What were you to get it for?—If I had got it I should have got it to go and vote.

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20,980. How much would you have voted for?—I was going to vote freely if these had not come and made a fool of me. If they had not made a fool of me I should have voted for the very party that made a fool of me.

20,981. The reason you did not vote was because you were disappointed in not getting this money?—No; I did not vote because of that, but because they came and tempted me to do it. If gentlemen come and offer a poor man money it is very tempting, and if gentlemen like that was to go and let poor men alone they would not be tempted to do these things.

20,982. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You understood that the men wanted money, and you told Mr. Womersley that?—I did not know whether the voters wanted money or no not until I sent after them. They asked me to go and get these men together, and tell them they were wanted at Mr. Mackley's, and I done so.

20,983. Had Mr. Womersley been talking to Mr. Mackley before that?—No. Mr Mackley was not at home when Mr. Womersley and the gentlemen came down, he was out, but he came home during the time they were there.

20,984. Did he say to you, "Are there not a "quantity of voters here"?—Mr. Smith, the chemist, and Mr. Womersley asked me where the voters were that Mr. Mackley had got shut up there, and I said there was none.

20,985. You said there were none shut up, but you could get them in?—I said there was a lot in the parish, and if they wanted to see them they could see them. They said, "I wish you could go and get "them," and I went and told them they were wanted.

20,986. I suppose you told them there was something for them?—They never told me that there was anything for them. I am come here to speak the truth, and I shall speak the truth.

20,987. But you told the men?—I said I did not know. I said, "There is some gentlemen want to see "you at Mr. Mackley's."

DOWNING THIRKETTLE sworn and examined.

D. Thirkettle.

20,988. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A blacksmith by trade.

20,989. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,990. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

20,921. At what time in the day?—Between 1 and 2.

20,992. Were you at the "Marquis of Granby" that day?—In the afternoon I was. I habit myself to go in there about 4 o'clock.

20,993. After you had voted you went there?—Yes.

20,994. Did you hear anything said about money?—No; there was only two or three people in the house when I went in.

20,995. What was said about money?—I never heard money mentioned.

20,996. Did you get any money for your vote?—No.

20,997. Or the promise of any?—Nor yet the promise of any.

20,998. Have you voted before?—Never.

20,999. Had you been canvassed?—No, not until this last election.

21,000. But you had been asked for your vote before you voted?—Yes, Mr. Stracey asked me.

21,001. Did you say you would vote for him?—Yes.

ROBERT BUSSEY sworn and examined.

R. Bussey.

21,002. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

21,003. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,004. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

21,005. At what time in the day?—About 20 minutes after 3, as nigh as I can tell.

21,006. You were down at the "Marquis of Granby" on the day of the election, were you not?—Yes.

21,007. You were with the other men, and wanted something for your day's wages?—Yes.

21,008. And did you come up to the persons who wanted to see you there?—I was in and out of the house, I live right close again the house. I was promised money. I was promised that I should get a pound if I stopped there.

21,909. Who promised you that?—It was a man by the name of Barber; he said, "Do not leave here, we shall get a pound."

21,010. How long were you to stay?—Well, I was out and in there, as nigh as I can tell, till about 2 o'clock.

21,011. You did not get your pound?—No, I did not get one farthing. We stopped there until that time the party did, and then they said, "Well, we "might as well be a-going, we shall get nothing here "nor yet anywhere else."

21,012. Then where did you go to?—We then went right away to the "Horse Shoes," on Tombland.

21,013. At the "Horse Shoes" did you get some beer?—I got a pint and paid for it.

21,014. Did not you get any without paying for it?—No.

21,015. Did you get any money?—No, not one farthing.

21,016. Were you inquiring where money was going?—No; I was in the parlour, but I did not see any money stirring.

21,017. Did you vote afterwards?—Yes. After that we saw Mr. Stracey in a carriage, and he showed us where to put the votes in, in Magdalen Street, I think.

21,018. You say you saw Mr. Stracey in a carriage?—Yes.

21,019. Where?—Going up Magdalen Street way.

21,020. What did he say to you?—He said, "Come "along with me, my boys," and he showed us where to put them in, and then he drove away.

21,021. Was it the young or the old gentleman?—Mr. Gilbert Stracey. I don't know them, but they tell me his name is Gilbert.

21,022. Did he point out to you where you were to vote?—Yes, he pointed out to us where we were to vote.

21,023. Did he promise you anything for your vote?—No, he said that should be all right, that is all I heard.

21,024. Did you say that you wanted something for your vote?—I don't know that I did; some of them did say they should like to have something, and all I heard him say was "You shall be all "right."

21,025. Who were with you when that was said?—Well, Thompson, I think, was one.

21,026. Where does he live?—He lives in Pockthorpe, where I do.

21,027. Who else?—Well, I don't think there was anyone else that I know, and he lives close against me; that is how I came to know him.

21,028. How far was the polling booth from the "Horse Shoes"?—Well, I might say a quarter of a mile, or perhaps a little more.

21,029. You heard a man say to Mr. Gilbert Stracey that you wanted money for your votes, and he said, "Go on there, and it will be all right"?—Yes.

21,030. The men that were at the "Marquis of Granby" were all originally Tillettites and Russellites, were they not?—Well, I did not know only two or three of them that were there.

21,031. Were you then going to vote for Russell and Tillett?—No, I voted for Mr. Stracey.

21,032. But when you were at the "Marquis of Granby" for whom were you going to vote?—Well,

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I should have voted where I got the money, if I could have got any.

21,033. You wanted a day's pay?—Well, sir, I should have liked to have had something more than that.

21,034. Did you apply to Mr. Stracey afterwards?—No.

21,035. You have never asked him for anything since?—No.

21,036. How came you not to do that?—I do not know sir, I could not hear that anybody did ask him. I heard there was nothing.

21,037. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you inquire whether there was anything?—No. I only heard the others say that there was nothing, and that we should not have anything.

21,038. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Would you have voted then unless you had been told it would be all right?—No, I don't know that I should.

J. Betts.

JAMES BETTS sworn and examined.

21,039. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A coach-builder.

21,040. Did you vote at the last election?—No.

21,041. Have you not a vote?—No.

21,042. You have a couple of uncles, have you not?—Yes.

21,043. Is one Robert, and the other William?—Yes, they are both uncles of mine.

21,044. Did you go to the "Woolpack" on the day of the election?—Yes.

21,045. Was your uncle Robert with you?—I went to the "Woolpack" twice on the day of the election.

21,046. Did you see either of your uncles there?—Yes, at 6 o'clock in the evening, but not until then; it was somewhere about 6, as nigh as I can tell.

21,047. Which of them did you see?—William; I don't remember seeing Robert.

21,048. Did William say anything to you about receiving money for his vote?—No, I never heard him.

21,049. Did he not say anything about receiving a sovereign for his vote?—No, never.

21,050. Did you ever tell anybody that he had told you he had received a sovereign for his vote?—No, never, because I do not know it.

21,051. Now, did Robert ever tell you that he had received money for his vote?—No.

21,052. Are you sure of that?—I am quite sure.

21,053. Do you know a man of the name of William Clarke?—Yes, he works with me.

21,054. Did he tell you that he had received money for his vote?—No.

21,055. Did he tell you that he had received 15*s.*?—No, he never said a word to me about any such a thing as that.

C. Turner.

CHARLES TURNER sworn and examined.

21,056. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

21,057. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,058. At what time in the day?—Between 11 and 12.

21,059. Did you not vote after 2?—Not likely.

21,060. Did not you vote between 3 and 4?—No. If you have got anything wrong you have not got it against me.

21,061. Are you sober?—Yes.

21,062. Did you not vote between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon?—No, sir, that's straight.

21,063. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Only by the soliciting cards.

21,064. That is to say, they left a card at your house?—From both sides; of course you know how they do on elections.

21,065. Then you had not promised your vote?—To neither party.

21,066. Did any person come to fetch you up to the poll?—No.

21,067. Did you go up to the poll of your own accord?—Yes.

21,068. Did anybody promise you anything for your vote?—No, not likely.

21,069. Did anybody give you anything for your vote?—No.

21,070. Did you have any beer?—Only what I paid for.

21,071. Were you at any public houses that day?—Several, but at my own expense.

21,072. Do you know Cubitt?—No, I do not know the name.

21,073. What was the first public house you went to in the morning?—I don't know exactly where I first went to; I went and had a glass of ale when I got up in the morning.

21,074. What was the first public house you went in?—Well, on Scole's Green.

21,075. What is the name of it?—The "Anchor" is the sign of the house.

21,076. Where did you go after that?—I went into the market, I believe.

21,077. Where after that?—I don't exactly know where I went to.

21,078. How many public houses were you in that day?—I cannot tell you that; that is a curious question.

21,079. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are not in a fit state to be examined now, it is quite clear. You will come up to-morrow morning.

C Townshend.

CHARLES TOWNSHEND sworn and examined.

21,080. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,081. At what time in the day?—A quarter past 8.

21,082. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—No.

21,083. You took some part in the election, I believe?—I don't know what part I took, I am sure; I did not start far from my place.

21,084. Did you not take up a voter called William Royal to the poll?—No.

21,085. How many voters did you take up?—I took one up to the Ber Street ward, I think that is the fifth ward; that was an old gentleman named Albert, I think.

21,086. What did you give him?—Nothing.

21,087. Was he the only one you took up?—That was the only one I took up. He was a very old gentleman, I believe he is a brother of Mr. Albert, in the Cathedral Close; he never asked me for anything, but wished me to go up with him.

21,088. What are you by trade?—A broker.

21,089. How came you to take up this old gentleman?—Because he asked me. I went into Mr. Elmes' to have a glass of ale during the forenoon, and he said, says he, "If you will go up with me I "will vote," and that is all the words I had with the old gentleman.

21,090. Did you get anything for your vote yourself?—No.

21,091. Have you voted before?—Yes.

21,092. Which side have you voted before?—The Tory.

21,093. Always?—Yes.

21,094. Has nothing been promised you this time?—No.

21,095. Have you promised anyone else?—No.

CHARLES DAWS sworn and examined.

C. Daws.

21,096. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An engine-driver.

21,097. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,098. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,099. At what time in the day did you vote?—I voted in my dinner hour, between 1 and 2.

21,100. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

21,101. By whom?—Mr. Flowers and Mr. Bishop.

21,102. For whom did they ask you to vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,103. Did you promise your vote to them?—No; I did not promise anyone, to tell you the truth.

21,104. Did you not promise Tillett?—No, I was not canvassed by Tillett's party.

21,105. Do you know Smithson?—Yes.

21,106. Had he canvassed you for Tillett?—No.

21,107. Did you tell him you were going to vote for Tillett?—Well, I told him as this: this was weeks before the election, and I could not pass that man's house but what he was always debating with me about Mr. Tillett, and I believe I did tell him that I might vote for Mr. Tillett.

21,108. How came you to change your mind after all?—Well, I don't know.

21,109. If they canvassed you for Stracey and you were going to vote for him, why did you not promise?—I did not promise anyone, but I went in my dinner hour and voted.

21,110. You told Smithson that you would vote for Tillett?—Well, I believe I did; I would not say for certain I told him I should vote for Tillett, but I told him simply to get rid of him, for it was a regular nuisance to me to go home either to breakfast or dinner, because I had to pass his door every time.

21,111. You tell me you got nothing for voting?—Not a farthing, and I was not offered anything.

21,112. Nor promised anything?—No, nor yet a glass of anything to drink.

21,113. Do you know anybody who got money?—No, sir, I was not mixed up with the election business at all, I merely walked from my employment and voted in my dinner hour, and went back to my employment again.

WILLIAM WOODCRAFT sworn and examined.

W. Woodcraft.

21,114. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

21,115. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,116. I believe you took a very active part on his behalf in the election?—None whatever.

21,117. No active part?—None whatever.

21,118. Did you take up any voters to the poll?—None whatever.

21,119. Do you mean to say that you took no part whatever in the election of Sir Henry Stracey beyond voting for him?—I took no active part in it whatever.

21,120. Did you take no active part in the election beyond voting for Sir Henry Stracey?—I don't recollect taking any part but going along with three or four others to Sir Samuel Bignold's on behalf of the licensed victuallers; that is all I did.

21,121. Did you go to Sir Samuel's, in order to induce him to stand?—No, sir, I went there with the licensed victuallers on behalf of them to support Sir Henry Stracey, that is all.

21,122. Is that all the part you took?—That is all I took.

21,123. Did you not try to get voters?—Certainly not.

21,124. Having been one of the deputation, surely you would take an active part in promoting the election of the man whom you had induced to stand?—I did not.

21,125. Why not?—I did not want.

21,126. But you were one of the deputation?—I acknowledge that.

21,127. Then do you mean to say that, being one of a deputation who went to induce a gentleman to stand for the city,—?—No, sir, I was one of those that went after the meeting at the "Hop Pole" to Sir Samuel Bignold's, to induce the licensed victuallers to support Sir Henry Stracey.

21,128. Then you went to induce the licensed victuallers to support him?—No. I went to Sir Samuel Bignold's to ask the licensed victuallers to support him.

21,129. Having done that, did you take no further active part whatever?—No further part whatever.

21,130. Did you canvass anybody?—Not at all.

21,131. Did you speak to anybody before the election in order to induce him to vote?—I did not.

21,132. Or give anything to anybody to induce him to vote?—No.

21,133. Nor promise anybody?—No.

21,134. Did you receive anything for your own vote?—No.

21,135. Or any promise?—I did not.

HENRY JARVIS sworn and examined.

H. Jarvis.

21,136. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A coal merchant.

21,137. I think you took a considerable part in the late election?—Yes.

21,138. In which ward was that?—The seventh ward.

21,139. Were you a canvasser?—I did canvass part of one day.

21,140. Were you a paid canvasser?—No.

21,141. I think afterwards you took a very active part at the time of the trial of the petition before Mr. Baron Martin?—I was asked by Mr. Skipper to make all the inquiries I could respecting it.

21,142. And I think you also undertook to remove certain gentlemen to Yarmouth?—I did not undertake to do it, but I will tell you the particulars about it; it was just this, there were certain persons that had given evidence respecting what had been practised in the seventh ward as regards bribery; some two or three days after they had told me that, they also said that several persons in the neighbourhood had annoyed them very much, and threatened them for giving evidence to me. I then mentioned that—

21,143. Do you not know that these men were sent away to Yarmouth?—I was going to tell you that. I then mentioned it to Mr. Skipper's chief clerk, and he suggested that they should be sent to Yarmouth or some other place out of the way of the annoyance of these men.

21,144. It was not with reference to the annoyance, but with reference to being summoned as witnesses, was it not?—Certainly not.

21,145. It was not to keep them out of the way?—Certainly not; it had nothing to do with it.

21,146. Did you bring them back?—Oh, yes, they appeared at the proper time before Baron Martin.

21,147. Do you know a person of the name of Henry Downes Taylor?—I do.

21,148. You were associated with him in the seventh ward during the time of the election, were you not?

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—Very little indeed; I saw him during the election day.

21,149. How many voters did you get up yourself on the day of the poll?—Not one.

21,150. Did you look after other people who were getting them up?—I was the manager of the seventh ward.

21,151. But you were about all the day, were you not?—No, certainly not, my business was in the committee room.

21,152. In the course of the day did some people come to you and say they wanted money?—Oh, yes, I had several persons come and ask for money during the day.

21,153. Can you tell us who they were?—They were strangers to me; I do not know who they were.

21,154. Were they persons who asked for money in order to get the election in your favour?—No. I never had anyone ask me for money for that purpose.

21,155. Was anything said about that in your committee room?—I never heard a word about anything of the sort.

21,156. Not during the whole day?—Not during the whole day.

21,157. Did you hear anything about that 200*l.*?—Not a word.

21,158. How soon did you hear of that?—Not until some days after the election.

21,159. Did you spend any money yourself?—No, not one halfpenny.

21,160. Did you lend any money for anyone else to spend?—Not a halfpenny.

21,161. Did you advance nothing?—Certainly not.

21,162. Did you contribute anything to the expenses of this election?—Nothing of the kind.

21,163. Did you, directly or indirectly, take any part in the bribing of any voter?—Nothing of the sort.

21,164. Or in the making of any promise to any voter?—Nothing of the kind.

21,165. Were you at the "Anchor" on the election day?—No, certainly not. I went very few steps out of the committee room the whole of the day.

21,166. Do you know Mr. Hunter?—I saw Mr. Hunter during the inquiry before Baron Martin.

21,167. Was that the first time you saw him?—The first time I ever saw him; he was a perfect stranger to me.

21,168. Had you heard of his being in the town before?—I never heard of it.

21,169. You have heard since that he was in the town and acting the part of a detective here?—Oh, yes, just prior to the inquiry.

21,170. When did you first learn that?—Not until just before the inquiry before Baron Martin.

21,171. When did you hear that he was first in the town?—I think it was perhaps a week or so before Baron Martin came down here.

21,172. But when did you hear of his having been in the town before that?—I never heard of it before.

21,173. But what was the date of his being here that was mentioned to you?—I cannot exactly tell you the day that he was here, I only know it was a short time before Baron Martin came here.

21,174. Have you heard of his being here before the election?—I never heard of his being here before.

21,175. Have you heard of his being here very soon after the election?—No, not until the inquiry.

21,176. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was young Mr. Stracey in and out of your committee room on the day of the election?—I don't think he was, I cannot say positively, but I do not think so. Sir Henry Stracey was, but I don't think young Mr. Stracey was. I did not see him during the election.

21,177. Do you know him?—Oh, yes, I know them all.

21,178. Do you recollect seeing him at all upon the day of the election?—Which Stracey do you mean?

21,179. Mr. Edward Stracey.—No. I saw Sir Henry, but not any of the sons.

21,180. Were you at all about the ward that day?—No, I just called upon one person; that is all I called upon during the day.

21,181. Your duties were almost entirely confined to the committee room?—They were.

J. Hewing.

JOSEPH HEWING sworn and examined.

21,182. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.

21,183. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,184. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,185. At what time in the day?—I should say a little after 3.

21,186. Why did not you vote earlier than that?—I was busy at home at work.

21,187. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

21,188. Or the promise of anything?—Not at all, not a halfpenny, in no way.

21,189. Were you paid anything after you had voted?—No.

21,190. What were you doing all day?—I was cleaning out my pumps all day; it took me one day to do that.

21,191. Why did you pick out the day of the polling for that job?—I cannot say exactly; one of them was out of sorts, so I could not work it.

21,192. Did you not get 7*s.* 6*d.*?—No, not a farthing. I never had a farthing in my life for my vote.

21,193. Do you know a man of the name of Clarke, of Beccles?—No, I do not.

21,194. He did not give you anything then?—No, I never had a farthing given me in my life for my vote.

21,195. Who were you with on the polling day?—I was at home all day, and never went out until I went to vote.

21,196. Were you at work at the pump all day long?—I was at home at work all day. I never went out of doors until I went to vote, and then I went in my shirt sleeves.

G. Thompson.

GAMALIEL THOMPSON sworn and examined.

21,197. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

21,198. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

21,199. At what time in the day?—Just before 1 o'clock.

21,200. Was it not after 2?—I think not.

21,201. Consider. Was it not nearer 4 than 1?—Well, I hardly know what was the time. I don't think it would be so late as that.

21,202. Where had you been that morning?—About the city.

21,203. Whereabouts?—Different places.

21,204. Why did you not vote before?—I am sure I don't know.

21,204. Had you been to any public houses?—Yes, one or two.

21,206. What public houses?—I went into the "Tuns" for one place.

21,207. What other public house?—I went into the "Grapes."

21,208. What were the others?—I don't recollect that I went into any more then.

21,209. Did you see anyone that morning who asked you to go up and poll?—No.

21,210. Did anybody give you anything that morning?—No, I had not half a pint of beer given me.

21,211. Did nobody offer you any money to vote?—No.

21,212. Did you not want some money to vote?—No.

21,213. Were you not promised some money to vote?—No, not by anybody.

21,214. Did you go up of your own accord?—I did.

21,215. Had anybody asked you for your vote before?—No, I never saw anyone. I had a card sent me, but no one came to my house to ask me.

GEORGE GARDINER sworn and examined. *G. Gardiner.*

21,216. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for at this last election?—Stracey.

21,217. At what time of the day?—About three minutes past 8 in the morning.

21,218. You were employed as a clerk on that side, were you not?—No, nothing of the kind.

21,219. Were you not employed at all with reference to the election?—Nothing at all whatever.

21,220. Who asked you for your vote?—Mr. John Brandon Morgan canvassed me, and when he came he saw the bills up in my window prior to the election, upon which he was quite satisfied, and he said, "Though I am come to solicit you, I am convinced "that you are on my behalf;" and I said, "Yes, sir, "I am; there is no occasion for anyone to come to "solicit me."

21,221. Have you paid anyone anything for voting?—No, not a farthing.

21,222. Or promised anyone anything?—No, not a farthing.

21,223. Has any gift been made to you?—No, not a farthing, or any promise whatever.

21,224. Have you voted before this time?—Yes, I have voted at two elections.

21,225. On which side did you vote?—I voted on the Liberal side at two elections.

21,226. Now you have changed?—That is, of course, an opinion of my own. I have thought fit to change. We do not always have one opinion.

JAMES ELWIN, junior, sworn and examined. *J. Elwin, jun.*

21,227. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker.

21,228. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,229. At what time in the day?—About a quarter to 3.

21,230. Why did not you vote earlier?—I could not leave my business in the forenoon.

21,231. Did you get anything for voting?—Not I.

21,232. Or the promise of anything?—Not a farthing.

21,233. Did you give anyone else anything?—Not anything.

21,234. Did you take any part in the election beyond voting?—No, I had no time.

HORATIO BENJAMIN MITCHELL sworn and examined. *H. B. Mitchell.*

21,235. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

21,236. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,237. Do you know a person of the name of Furse?—Yes.

21,238. What money did you get from him?—Nothing.

21,239. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you live in Palace Street?—Yes.

21,240. Now, did not Furse give you a pound?—No; you have made a mistake in the name; it is another Mitchell, I think, you mean.

21,241. He said it was Mitchell, of Palace Street?—Yes, but there are two Mitchells of Palace Street.

21,242. What is the name of the other Mitchell?—Frederick Gavin Mitchell.

21,243. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know a person of the name of Warner?—Yes.

21,244. Who keeps the "Horse Shoes," in Palace Street?—Yes.

21,245. Were you in his house on the day of the election?—I think not, but I should not like to swear it.

21,246. Don't you recollect a person of the name of William Taylor being there?—No.

21,247. Do you remember any voter being there with whom Warner was talking?—No, I think not. I might almost swear I was not in the house during the day at all.

21,248. Were you not present when Warner was talking to a person of the name of Taylor on the day of the election?—I don't know; I do not know what Taylor is at all.

21,249. Were you not?—No, certainly not.

21,250. Did you not hear Warner offer a man, on the day of the election, 2*s.*?—No.

21,251. Do you frequent Warner's house?—Very rarely; he is a customer of ours, that is all.

21,252. At that time were you not in the habit of going in occasionally?—No, it is a house I very rarely use, unless on business.

21,253. Did not the man refuse the offer of 2*s.*, and did you not then yourself offer him 2*s.* 6*d.* to go and vote for Stracey?—No, certainly not.

21,254. Did you offer any money to anybody that day?—No.

21,255. Or promise any money?—No.

21,256. Did you yourself receive any money for voting?—No.

21,257. Were you offered any?—No.

21,258. Or promised any?—No.

21,259. You are quite sure about Taylor?—Quite sure. I should not like to swear I was not at Mr. Warner's house, but I never heard any conversation of that sort.

21,260. You are quite sure you did not offer a man at Warner's 2*s.* 6*d.*?—Quite sure of that.

21,261. That you did not offer a man of the name of Taylor on that day 2*s.* 6*d.*?—No, certainly not.

21,262. You offered no one any money?—No one whatever.

GEORGE BLOOM sworn and examined. *G. Bloom.*

21,263. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

21,264. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,265. What time in the day?—11 o'clock.

21,266. Had you promised your vote?—No.

21,267. Had you been asked for your vote?—No.

21,268. Had you told anyone you were going to vote?—No, I volunteered to go myself.

21,269. Did no one come and fetch you?—Henry Townsend came down, or else I should not have gone.

21,270. Did he give you anything?—No.

21,271. Or promise you anything?—No.

21,272. Have you had anything since?—No, not anything.

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FREDERICK WILLIAM BLOMFIELD sworn and examined.

F. W. Blomfield.

21,273. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A butcher.

21,274. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,275. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

21,276. At what time?—About 8.

21,277. Did you take any active part in the election?—I asked one or two to go and vote, and they went.

21,278. What time of the day did you get them?—About 10 or 11 o'clock.

21,279. Did you give them anything for voting?—No.

21,280. Or promise them anything?—No, they merely went up by asking.

21,281. Did they not ask you for anything?—No.

21,282. That is all you did?—That is all.

21,283. You were not employed in any of the committee rooms?—No.

21,284. Did you get anything for voting?—Oh, no, I never had anything.

J. Barker.

JAMES BARKER sworn and examined.

21,285. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

21,286. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

21,287. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3 o'clock, as soon as I had got my dinner.

21,288. Do you know a person of the name of Townshend?—Yes.

21,289. Did he give you some money to vote?—No.

21,290. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did he not give you any money?—I did receive some, but he did not give it me.

21,291. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who gave it to you?—A man by the name of Parsons that works along with me; he gave him 6*s.*, according as he told me, and he gave me 3*s.* out of it.

21,292. That was for your day's work, for your vote?—He asked me only to walk across the way; from the "Horse Shoes" to the polling place is the furthest I went.

J. Blyth.

JOSHUA BLYTH sworn and examined.

21,293. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,294. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

21,295. What made you vote so late?—I was busy.

21,296. What are you by trade?—A master baker.

21,297. Have you voted at other elections?—Yes.

21,298. Which side have you voted?—Well, I voted for Peto and Warner.

21,299. And for anyone else?—I voted once since then, but I am sure I forget now how it was. I take not much interest in the matter.

21,300. Did you give anybody any money to vote this time?—No, neither did I take any.

21,301. Have you ever received any?—No.

21,302. Were you at the "Red Lion" on the day of the election?—No, that I was not.

21,303. Do you know of any money passing on this day?—I never saw any; it is a matter that I do not have any interest in, so I do not run into it.

21,304. You have not promised anybody money for voting?—No, not any, I assure you.

J. Barnes.

JAMES BARNES sworn and examined.

21,305. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,306. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

21,307. What time in the day?—About 12 minutes to 4.

21,308. What did you get for voting?—Not anything for voting.

21,309. After you had voted?—3*s.* 6*d.*

21,310. Who gave it to you?—Bacon.

21,311. Is that Bacon, the shoemaker, of King Street?—Yes.

21,312. Do you work for Bacon?—No.

21,313. Was anybody with him when he gave you the 3*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

21,314. Who?—Reeves.

21,315. Who is Reeves?—Robert Reeves.

21,316. What is he?—A fitter.

21,317. Where does he live?—Orchard Street.

21,318. Did he get any money too?—3*s.* 6*d.*

21,319. Did he vote with you?—He voted just before I did.

21,320. Did you see anybody else get any money?—No.

21,321. Where had you been all day?—I was at work.

21,322. You did not see any more money going?—No.

21,323. Or know of any?—No, I do not know of any more.

J. Firman.

JOHN FIRMAN sworn and examined.

21,324. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,325. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Stracey.

21,326. What time in the day?—I should think about 20 minutes to 2, as near as I can guess.

21,327. It was later than that, was it not?—No.

21,328. Are you sure of that?—Well, it was in my dinner hour, before I went to work.

21,329. Where had you been all the morning?—Away at work.

21,330. What work?—I am a smith up at Mr. Holmes'.

21,331. Are you a smith as well as a publican?—Yes.

21,332. Had you not plenty of time to vote before that?—No. I thought that would be quite sufficient time to vote in the dinner hour. I did not want to lose any time to go after it.

21,333. Who came to you to ask you to vote?—No one.

21,334. Did anybody give you any money that day?—No, I had not any, because I had not anybody ask me.

21,335. Of the promise of any money?—No.

21,336. Were a good number of voters at your house that day?—No, not one.

21,337. Do you know of anything of any bribery going on?—No, not the least.

J. Elwin.

JAMES ELWIN sworn and examined.

21,338. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

21,339. At what time in the day?—Between 11 and 12.

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21,340. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—I had promised my vote the day before.

21,341. To whom had you made that promise?—I made that to Mr. Stracey.

21,342. Did he canvass you?—He was along with a gentleman, and that was Mr. Morgan.

21,343. Did he come to you and ask you to vote?—He did so; I was at home, and I promised him faithfully that I would vote for him.

21,344. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

21,345. Did you get any beer?—Not a drop.

21,346. Was anything promised to you?—No.

21,347. Is this the first time you ever voted?—No, not the first.

21,348. Have you always voted Tory before?—I have voted two or three times before.

21,349. Have you always voted for the same party before?—Always, never any other.

21,350. Have you ever had any money for voting?—Never a farthing.

JONATHAN BUTTIFANT sworn and examined.

J. Buttifant.

21,351. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A chairmaker by trade.

21,352. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,353. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

21,354. At what time in the day?—Well, I cannot say, it was after dinner.

21,355. Did you get anything for doing it?—Certainly not.

21,356. No money?—No.

21,357. Or beer?—No, I never saw anything.

21,358. Had you promised to vote?—I promised to vote for Mr. Stracey on the canvass, and I never saw the other party at all.

WILLIAM PEARSON recalled and further examined.

W. Pearson.

21,359. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where do you live?—St. Martin's-at-Palace.

21,360. Do you know a person of the name of Taylor?—Yes.

21,361. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,362. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

21,363. What time in the day did you vote?—About a quarter or 20 minutes to 4.

21,364. What money did you receive for your vote?—None at all.

21,365. Did you receive any money that day?—No.

21,366. Were you promised any money?—Yes, I was promised 10*s.* for my vote.

21,367. Who promised you 10*s.*?—Mr. Furse.

21,368. Was that to vote for Stracey?—Well, he said he would get me 10*s.* if I voted for Mr. Stracey, and after I voted he did not give it me.

21,369. Did you go to him for it?—No, I did not go to him for it; he said he would give it to me after I voted, but I saw him after I had voted and he did not give it me.

21,370. But did you ask him for it?—I asked him whether he was going to give me the 10*s.*, and he said "Go on, you have voted." That is all he said to me.

21,371. And you have never got it yet?—No.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Wednesday, 29th September 1869.

JOHN FULLER sworn and examined.

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21,372. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

21,373. On the election day were you at the "Marquis of Granby"?—Yes.

21,374. At what time in the day were you there?—About half-past 1.

21,375. Were you one of a large number of men who had been called there by a person sent from the "Marquis of Granby"?—Yes.

21,376. Whom did you see at the "Marquis of Granby"?—Mr. Barber, Mr. Lawes, Mr. Nursey, Mr. Womersley, and several more of them.

21,377. Was anything said in your hearing by any of them as to the men having money?—Mr. Barber told me that if I went in there he would give me a pound, but I was to stop a little while. Mr. Mackley was gone down to the committee room, in Magdalen Street, to see what he could get.

21,678. Then did you wait?—I went and got my dinner, and when I had got my dinner I went in again.

21,379. At what time did you go back there?—I went back there about 20 minutes to 2, as nigh as I could tell.

21,380. Did you find the men there whom you had seen before?—Yes.

21,381. How many were there altogether?—There might be between 30 and 40 inside and out of the house.

21,382. Did you wait there?—Yes.

21,383. How long did you wait?—I waited there till 2 o'clock, or it might be three or four minutes past 2; I could not say for a minute or two.

21,384. Then did you find there was no money forthcoming?—Yes, there was no money.

21,385. Did you have any beer there?—No, I did not drink any beer. I had a bottle of ginger beer, and I paid for that myself.

21,386. Did you see the other men drinking beer?—Yes.

21,387. Did you see them pay for it?—No, I did not.

21,388. Were they drinking beer in the bar and in the tap-room?—Some in the bar and some in the tap-room.

21,389. You saw none paid for?—I did not see any paid for.

21,390. Were did you go to after you left?—I went on Bishop Bridge. I did not go in the "Marquis of Granby" nor any other house that day.

21,391. Not that afternoon?—No, I did not.

21,392. Can you give us the names of the 30 or 40 men that were there when you were there?—I can give you the names of several of them.

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21,393. Just mention them?—Mr. Lawes is one, Mr. Nursey, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Barber, Mr. Womersley.

21,394. I am speaking of the 30 or 40 men that you spoke of?—Mr. Newton, Mr. Moy, Mr. Edwards; well, I cannot recollect more, not just now, sir.

21,395. Did you afterwards vote?—No, I did not.

21,396. Did you go in search of something?—No, not after then.

21,397. I suppose that you and the other men were willing to take something for your votes?—Well, I was as well as the others, by Mr. Barber saying so.

21,398. What was being asked?—I don't know what was asked. Mr. Barber see me on the path, and he asked me whether I had voted, and I told him, "No, I had not;" and he asked whether I had promised anyone, and I said, "No, I had not, and I "did not know that I should vote." He said, "If "you go to the 'Marquis of Granby,' I will get you "a pound."

21,399. Did you hear him say that to anybody else?—Mr. Butcher was with me when he said so.

21,400. Was it the talk amongst the people there that they were to get a pound?—Yes; and some wanted two pounds.

E. Culyer.

ERASMUS CULYER sworn and examined.

21,401. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,402. At what time in the day?—About a quarter past 9.

21,403. Had you promised your vote?—I never promised to anyone. I was not solicited by anyone.

21,404. What public houses were you at during the day?—Not any. I went from my house and voted, and went back to my house again, and never went out again.

21,405. What are you by trade?—A slater.

21,406. Did you receive any money for your vote?—I should think not, sir.

21,407. When you voted the second time?—I did not vote a second time.

21,408. Had you two qualifications?—I have two qualifications.

21,409. Are you quite certain that you did not vote twice?—Quite certain. If you will allow me, I can explain, perhaps. I have a nephew of the same name residing in the sixth ward, who is a freeman.

21,410. Did he vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

21,411. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) In which ward are you registered?—I am registered in the first ward now. I was formerly in the sixth ward, and I believe my name remains in the register there, for some reason or other.

21,412. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Your nephew is called Erasmus Culyer?—Yes.

21,413. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is he a householder?—Yes.

21,414. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You have received no promise for your vote?—I was never solicited for my vote. Everybody knows my political opinions, therefore they never asked me, neither side.

21,415. You always voted Tory?—I always voted for the Conservatives all my life.

21,416. You have voted at other elections?—Every election for the last 20 years, with the exception of the one when Mr. Waters was here, and then I was in Wales.

T. Self.

THOMAS SELF sworn and examined.

21,417. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A butcher.

21,418. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

21,419. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,420. At what time in the day?—As near as I can guess it was somewhere about 9.

21,421. After you had voted, what did you do?—Part of the day I attended to my business, and part of the time I was looking after anybody I could get up to vote.

21,422. Looking out for voters?—Yes.

21,423. You succeeded in getting some?—I did.

21,424. Did you take three men in a cab a little after 2?—No.

21,425. Did you get any men?—Yes.

21,426. How did you take them to the poll?—One rode in Mr. Taylor, the builder's, pony cart. That was down Bridge Street.

21,427. What did you give him for voting?—*5s.*

21,428. Do you remember the man's name?—Nelson.

21,429. Do you know where he lives?—In Bishopgate Street.

21,430. What is he?—A barber.

21,431. Do you happen to know his Christian name?—I think it is William, I won't be sure.

21,432. To whom else did you give anything for voting that day?—Not anybody.

21,433. Do you know a man named Leander Brown?—I know a man named Brown.

21,434. Did not you take him up to the poll?—I did not.

21,435. Did you give any beer to any man to get him up?—I did not.

21,436. Did you bring up Richard Thirkettle?—No.

21,437. Or Charles Sidney?—No.

21,438. Or Edward Stone?—No. I took a man in the afternoon in the second ward; what his name is I cannot tell you. I can only tell you he worked for Mr. Garrod, the baker.

21,439. Did not you give him something, or treat him afterwards?—No.

21,440. Did you treat any of the other men afterwards?—No.

21,441. Did you see Brown about that day?—I did see him that day.

21,442. Did you see him give anybody anything?—I did not.

21,443. Or a man of the name of Juler?—I know him, but I don't recollect seeing him on the election day.

21,444. Have you seen him since to speak to about electioneering?—No, not about electioneering.

21,445. Has he never told you what he did on that day?—No.

21,446. Has Brown told you whether he got up voters?—No, I know he got up voters, because I see him that day; but I have not had any conversation with him about it.

21,447. Except this that you have told me, getting one man up by paying *5s.*, do you know anything about bribery that day?—Only by report, what I have seen in the papers.

21,448. How came you to give that man *5s.*?—Excitement, I suppose, being anxious that Stracey should win.

21,449. What time in the day was it?—In the afternoon.

21,450. Might you have got a lot more for *5s.* apiece?—I might have got them, but he said if he voted for Stracey there would be three, or four, or five others who would vote for Stracey; therefore, I gave him *5s.* to vote for Stracey.

21,451. Did he get some more to vote?—He got some more, I believe.

21,452. Was not the understanding with him that

he was to divide the 5*s.* with others?—No, there was no such understanding at all.

21,453. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see him get up any more?—I did not see him. I went into the second ward with a party. Whether he did or did not, I cannot say.

21,454. You gave it him on the faith that he would do that?—Yes.

21,455. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Has anybody repaid you that 5*s.*?—No.

21,456. Have you ever asked for it?—I have never asked for it.

21,457. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you ever heard that there have been sums guaranteed for the purpose of paying men who were zealous like yourself?—No. I never heard anything of it, and I have never asked for it.

WILLIAM FREDERICK HOWARD sworn and examined. *W. F. Howard.*

21,458. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

21,459. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,460. At what time of the day?—About 2 o'clock.

21,461. How came you to vote so late?—I did not get my work done before.

21,462. Did anybody give or promise you anything for your vote?—Yes.

21,463. Who was it?—Mr. Howse Allen.

21,464. What did he promise you?—20*s.*

21,465. Did he give it you?—Yes.

21,466. When?—About five days after the election.

21,467. Did he promise it you on the day of the election?—Yes.

21,468. (*Mr. Biron.*) You lived in Princes Street at the time of the election?—Yes.

21,469. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know of anyone else receiving money?—No.

21,470. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of anyone else paying money?—No.

21,471. Did you apply to Mr. Allen for this money?—I saw him on Tombland and he asked me how the election was going. He said, "Give us a lift." I said I did not care about voting.

21,472. Had you known him before?—No; I had seen him at times.

21,473. He was personally a stranger to you?—Nearly so.

THOMAS GARROD sworn and examined. *T. Garrod.*

21,474. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a baker?—No. I am a labourer, and work at Mr. Wilson's, of Queen Street.

21,475. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

21,476. At what time in the day?—In the dinner hour; between 1 and 2.

21,477. Had you promised your vote?—No.

21,478. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

21,479. Did you get any beer?—No.

21,480. Have you had anything since?—No. I have had some beer since at my own expense.

21,481. But none at the expense of the member?—No, neither before nor after.

21,482. Is this the first time that you have voted?—Yes.

21,483. Did anybody come to solicit your vote?—I never had anybody come to solicit me, so I did not promise anyone.

21,484. Was anything promised you?—No.

21,485. Did you ask for anything?—I had no opportunity. They did not come after me, nor I after them.

21,486. You would have taken it, I suppose, if they had offered you anything?—I don't know.

21,487. Would you have taken a pound?—I don't know that I should have taken anything. I exercised my own judgment which way I voted, and I had not either a promise nor yet an opportunity of having anything.

JOHN FOX sworn and examined. *J. Fox.*

21,488. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A boot and shoe maker.

21,489. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,490. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,491. What time in the day?—About a quarter before 2.

21,492. Did you get anything for voting?—Not anything.

21,493. Or the promise of anything?—Not the promise of anything. I should not think of such a thing.

21,494. Had you voted before?—No.

WILLIAM BLOOM sworn and examined. *W. Bloom.*

21,495. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

21,496. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Stracey.

21,497. At what time in the day?—Betwixt 12 and 1, as near as I can guess. That is about the time.

21,498. What money did you receive for your vote?—I received 10*s.*

21,499. Who paid you that?—Mr. Boulton. 5*s.* to me, and 5*s.* to Mr. George Freeman.

21,500. Where does he live?—He is dead now.

21,501. Where did you receive it?—I received it at Mr. Townshend's, on Tombland.

21,502. Where does Boulton live?—In Magdalen Street, opposite the "Black Horse."

21,503. Did Freeman vote?—He voted the same time that I did.

21,504. Do you know Taylor, the carpenter?—Quite well.

21,505. Did he take you to Boulton?—No, I did not see him.

21,506. Did he go with you to Boulton, or was he with you at the time that Boulton gave you the money?—No; certainly not.

21,507. Did he speak to you before you had the money?—I did not see Mr. Taylor till 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and that was after I voted.

21,508. And after you received the money?—After I received the money.

21,509. Do you know of anybody else having received money?—I do not.

ROBERT ADAMS sworn and examined. *R. Adams.*

(*The Witness.*) I am very deaf. I never had nothing, and never asked for nothing. I had only my day's work paid for. That is all I had.

21,510. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who paid you for your day's work?—I went down to Mr. Tillett's office.

21,511. Who paid you there?—I don't know the

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gentleman. He was an oldish gentleman. I had nothing, and I never axed for nothing.

21,512. Did Mr. Abel Tillett pay you?—I don't know what the gentleman's name was.

21,513. Did you have some beer on the day of the election?—Yes.

21,514. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

21,515. Did anybody pay you any money on the day of the election?—Yes, I took 5*s*.

21,516. From whom?—Down at Mr. Tillett's office. It was an oldish gentleman.

21,517. How soon after the election was it when you got the money?—I think it was the third day.

21,518. Are you sure that was the election day?—Yes, I was paid for three days.

21,519. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you get any money for your vote?—Not a halfpenny, nor I never asked for it.

(*Mr. Biron.*) It is quite clear that you got paid for your attendance on the election inquiry.

T. Park.

THOMAS PARK sworn and examined.

21,520. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A boot closer.

21,521. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

21,522. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,523. At what time of the day?—About 9 o'clock in the morning, as near as I can guess.

21,524. Did you get anything for voting?—Not anything.

21,525. Were you promised anything?—Not anything.

21,526. But were not you a member of the Liberal organisation?—My name was down. I was one of the committee.

21,527. You were a great supporter of Tillett's, were you not?—I was a supporter of Mr. Tillett or anyone if they acted according to my views.

21,528. But you were going about canvassing for Tillett, were you not?—No.

21,529. Did you promise to vote for him?—No.

21,530. You knew Mr. Tillett was the candidate of the organisation?—I knew he was the man coming forward.

21,531. How came you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Because I liked Mr. Stracey's way in which he explained his views. I said I would vote for Mr. Tillett or Mr. anyone else if their views were like mine. He pledged himself to do away with the cause of the poor people's taxes; that is what I wanted. I always was a Tory in my heart, and I voted for Stracey on account of the way he explained himself at the meetings. That is why I voted for Stracey.

21,532. What did you get for belonging to the organisation?—I got nothing at all. I got part of a tea.

21,533. You got a pound of tea?—No, I had a chance of that. I had to wait upon those who had the tea.

21,534. Who gave the tea?—I don't know. Mr. Tillett was the cause of it.

21,535. Do you mean the public tea that we have heard of?—The public tea of the organisation at St. Andrew's Hall. That is all I got.

21,536. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You got beer on committee days at the organisation?—No, there was no beer given on committee days or other days.

21,537. (*Mr. Biron.*) Had not you promised your vote for Tillett?—No.

21,538. Or said you would vote for him?—No. I said I would vote for Mr. Tillett or anyone else that came forward if their views met mine, and I think my name was put on the committee, but I did not know it till after it was put on; it was put on and was crossed off again afterwards.

W. Boreham.

WILLIAM BOREHAM sworn and examined.

21,539. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

21,540. What time did you vote?—1 o'clock.

21,541. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

21,542. Neither money nor beer?—No.

21,543. Were you promised anything?—No.

21,544. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

J. Palmer.

JAMES PALMER sworn and examined.

21,545. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,546. What time in the day?—Half-past 3.

21,547. What made you so late?—I went up just at 8 o'clock in the morning, and I could not stop then; I had not time, and so I went away then, and had not a chance till half-past 3 in the afternoon.

21,548. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

21,549. Any beer?—Not a drop, only what I paid for.

21,550. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—No.

21,551. Had you been asked for your vote?—No.

21,552. Did you get any promise?—No.

21,553. Where were you the whole of the day?—I was carting about the city.

21,554. Where did you get any beer?—Several places, because I run a cart to several public houses.

21,555. Tell me what public houses they were?—I had a glass of ale at my own expense at the "Waggon and Horses;" then I had a glass of beer at the "Coachmakers Arms" in St. Stephen's, I had to go there for some things. That is all I had except at the place where I am working.

21,556. Did you see David Cubitt?—No.

21,557. Or Warnes?—I don't know him.

21,558. Have you ever voted before?—No.

M. Durrant.

MICHAEL DURRANT sworn and examined.

21,559. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I keep a shop in King Street.

21,560. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,561. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,562. At what time in the day?—As nigh as I can tell near 1 o'clock. I cannot tell to half an hour.

21,563. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

21,564. Or the promise of anything?—Nothing.

21,565. Or any beer?—Nothing; not a glass of ale.

21,566. Do you know Larkman?—Yes.

21,567. Were you at his public house during the day?—He don't keep a public house.

21,568. Where does the Larkman you know live?—He is a corn merchant, and he lives opposite me.

GEORGE JOHNSON sworn and examined.

21,569. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election ?—Yes.

21,570. For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,571. At what time in the day did you vote ?—Between 1 and 2.

21,572. Did you receive anything for your vote ?—No.

21,573. Were you promised anything ?—No.

21,574. Was any beer given to you for your vote ?—No.

21,575. Were you promised any beer ?—No.

21,576. Have you been a voter before ?—No.

JOHN WHITE sworn and examined.

21,577. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know Wiseman ?—Yes, I know Toddy Wiseman.

21,578. Young Wiseman ?—Yes.

21,579. You got some money from him on the day of the election ?—Yes.

21,580. How much ?—*5l.*

21,581. What did you do with it ?—I gave a sovereign to a man of the name of Benfather, and that was all I used.

21,582. Which Benfather was it ? — Tom Benfather ; he kept the "Royal Oak ;" and I think he got some voters with it. There were about seven or eight, I think. He took them down to the polling booth, and the people that was working for Tillett got round the polling booth and would not let them vote ; so none of them voted.

21,583. What were their names ?—I don't know their names. I should know the people if I saw them.

21,584. What did you do with the rest of the money ? — I gave him eight half-sovereigns back again ; and a man of the name of Sallows, and Benfather ; Wiseman gave me a sovereign to give them half a sovereign each. This Sallows is not a voter, but a man who knew where voters was, and got them.

21,585. What voters were those ?—What I tell you we took down in the cab.

21,586. How many do you say there were ? — Seven or eight of them, as many as the cab would hold, sitting on each other's knees inside.

21,587. Cannot you give me names of any of them ?—I could not.

21,588. What did you do after that ?—Wiseman give me a sovereign for my trouble.

21,589. Did you vote ?—I voted first thing in the morning, and did not know I was going to assist at all. I did not want to be paid, being a Conservative myself. I voted during the first hour.

21,590. For the trouble of getting up these men you got a sovereign ?—He did not say what it was for. He said, "There's a sovereign for you."

21,591. Did you get up any more voters that day ?—No.

21,592. (*Mr. Biron.*) I understood you to say you gave back the rest of the money to young Wiseman ?—I gave it back, and did not deduct nothing. I returned him eight half-sovereigns ; and after the election was all over, and that he gave me those two half-sovereigns to give to those two other people, Sallows and Benfather, and then he gave me one sovereign for myself, that is two half-sovereigns he gave me.

21,593. Who is Sallows ?—He is not a voter. He lives in St. Martin's.

21,594. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is that all you had to do with the election ?—That is all.

21,595. What time in the day was it that you went to Wiseman ?—I had been taking up voters for the greater part of the day, but the transaction about the money would be about half-past 3.

21,596. Where from ?—From different parts in St. Martin's.

21,597. From public houses ?—Yes.

21,598. Which ?—From the "Cow ;" some from Benfather's own house before that ; but I never saw any money passing at all. The people went of their own free will.

21,599. Was beer going at Benfather's ? — Only what they paid for themselves. I had some ale, but I had to pay for it.

21,600. Were not men drinking there ? — Yes ; but at whose expense I don't know, their own, I suppose.

21,601. Were there not a great many men at Benfather's ?—Not more than there would be on an occasion like that.

21,602. How many voters did you take up the whole day ?—30 or 40.

21,603. All of them from public houses ?—No ; some from private houses ; some we met in the steeet and took.

21,604. Did you get anything else for your day's work besides what you have told us ?—Oh no, nothing more.

21,605. Who engaged you to carry up voters ?—Nobody at all. It was just to assist on the part of Sir Henry.

21,606. You have only mentioned two public houses from which you took voters. Can you mention any more ? — There was only Benfather's and the "Cow." I cannot mention more.

21,607. Did you take any from the "Buck" ?—Yes, I did take some from there.

21,608. Any from the "Elm" ?—No ; I was only in the eighth ward in St. Martin's parish.

21,609. At any time during the day did you go to the committee room ?—Yes, I was there once.

21,610. Whom did you see there ?—I see'd young Wiseman and his father.

21,611. What time in the day was that ?—I think between 3 and 4.

21,612. Was that when you got the money ?—No, I did not get the money there at all.

21,613. Where did you get the money ?—I got the money when I was in St. Martin's.

21,614. At what hour did you get that money ?—Something like 20 minutes to 4 ; after half-past 3.

21,615. What induced you to go to St. Martin's ?—I went to get more votes.

21,616. Why did you go to the committee room ?—Just to see the state of the poll, how they were getting on.

21,617. Did you ask for money there ?—No, I never asked for none.

21,618. Was any talked about ?—No, nothing was mentioned.

21,619. Who else was there besides young Wiseman ?—There was his father and a few more of the committee people.

21,620. Who were they ?—I could not tell you exactly who. We were rather hot in the cause, and we kept passing and repassing people, but never noticed who they were.

21,621. What other people were there, committee men and managers ?—I think Mr. Gedge was there.

21,622. Have you ever been engaged in elections before ?—No.

21,623. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you promise nobody else any money or pay any more money ?—I never paid a voter anything.

21,624. Or promised him anything ? — I never promised him ; I had nothing to promise.

21,625. Do you know Keddington ? — I know

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Keddington, who keeps a public house in the market. He is a butcher.

21,626. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is that the only Keddington you know?—Is he a shoemaker? I know one used to come to my house. He rode on the cab with us that day; he is a man that takes snuff a great deal; he rode along in the cab with us that day on several occasions; not all the day.

21,627. Did he get up voters?—I don't know whether he was engaged or took it on his own part; I never axed him.

21,628. He had some money too?—That I could not tell.

21,629. Do you recollect seeing Keddington when a 5*l.* note was being changed?—No, I never see'd nothing of that.

21,630. Did you see Keddington with any money?—I never see'd him with money. In fact, he had no money; he had to go home to get some money once for his refreshments; he had no money in his pocket; he axed the cabman to go home to his house. I remember that now you speak of the man.

21,631. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see Keddington after you had got the money?—No, I think not. I don't think I did.

21,632. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Till that time you had been together?—No. Sometimes when we came with a cab load he would ride down with us. Then he would leave us, and we would see him an hour or a couple of hours after.

21,633. Have you received any money since beyond what you have mentioned?—No, nothing.

H. Dye.

HENRY DYE sworn and examined.

21,634. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A smith by trade, and a boilermaker.

21,635. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,636. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,637. At what hour of the day?—Some time before dinner time. I cannot say exactly the time.

21,637*a*. Did you get anything for voting?—Not anything.

21,638. Or the promise of anything?—Nor yet the promise of anything.

21,639. Did you give anybody anything for voting?—No, nor yet see anyone.

21,640. You know nothing about bribery on the day of the election, or other corrupt practices?—No, not anything whatever.

J. George.

JAMES GEORGE sworn and examined.

21,641. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

21,642. What time did you vote?—About half-past 3, as near as I can guess.

21,643. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

21,644. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

21,645. Where were you that day?—I was at Taverham; I went there in the fore part of the day. I went away first thing in the morning.

21,646. What time did you return to Norwich?—Half-past 3. I gave my vote as I came along at Townshend's on Tombland. I left my horses on the road, and went and gave my vote.

21,647. What time did you go to Taverham that morning?—About half-past 9.

21,648. How far is that place from here?—13 miles.

21,649. In whose employment were you?—Mr. Girling's.

21,650. What is he?—Coalmaster.

21,651. Do you know for whom he voted?—No.

21,652. Had you been canvassed for your vote before?—No, not at all.

21,653. Were you promised anything for your vote?—Not the slightest, in no shape whatever.

C. Turner.

CHARLES TURNER sworn and examined.

21,654. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Stracey.

21,655. At what time?—Between 11 and 12.

21,656. Who canvassed you?—I was not canvassed by nobody.

21,657. Had you promised your vote?—No.

21,658. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

21,659. Did you get any beer that day?—No, only what I paid for.

21,660. What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

21,661. Was anything promised you?—No.

21,662. Have you received anything since?—No.

21,663. Have you ever voted before?—No.

21,664. Did you see any money passing that day for the purchase of votes?—No, I did not.

21,665. What public houses were you at during the day?—I first went to the "Anchor" and had a glass of ale there, and a glass of ale afterwards.

21,666. Which other public houses?—I don't know; several round the market.

21,667. Did you see David Cubitt that day?—I don't know him.

21,668. Did you see young Warnes?—I don't know the gentleman.

21,669. Did you go to the "Elm" public house?—I don't know where it is.

21,670. Or the "Ship"?—No. I was not near there.

21,671. Were you at the "Horse Shoes"?—No.

W. Munday.

WILLIAM MUNDAY sworn and examined.

21,672. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A gardener.

21,673. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,674. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,675. What time in the day?—About 10 as near as I can recollect.

21,676. Had you promised your vote?—No.

21,677. Do you always vote that way?—Yes.

21,678. Did you get anything for voting?—Not the slightest.

21,679. Or the promise of anything?—Not the promise of anything.

21,680. Did you give anybody anything to vote?—No.

21,681. Did you take any part in the election beyond voting?—Not the slightest.

21,682. Do you know anything about bribery or other corruption?—Not more than the biggest stranger in the world.

R. Stafford.

ROBERT STAFFORD sworn and examined.

21,683. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,684. What time in the day?—About half-past 3.

21,685. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Stracey.

21,686. Where were you all that day ?—At work. At Mr. Butcher's, the coal merchant, at Thorpe station.

21,687. Why did you not vote before that time ?—I could not leave off. I worked up to 2. Then I come home and cleaned myself, and then I went up and voted directly. It was about half-past 3 when I got there.

21,688. Did anybody come and ask you for your vote ?—No.

21,689. Had you been canvassed before ?—No That is the first time I ever voted.

21,690. Did anybody give you any money or beer ?—No, never. Nobody offered me anything, and I never saw anything, neither money nor beer.

21,691. Did anybody promise you anything ?—Nobody promised me anything.

21,692. Were you in any public houses that afternoon ?—No.

JOHN SCARLES sworn and examined. *J. Scarles.*

21,693. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) At what time did you vote ?—About 10.

21,694. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Stracey.

21,695. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—No, I had a kind of letter left at my house.

21,696. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

21,697. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

21,698. Did you get any beer ?—No.

21,699. What did you do after you had voted ?—Went home.

21,700. Were you at any public houses in the course of the day ?—Yes, several.

21,701. Which ?—I was at the "Swan," in King Street, and I was at the "Foundry Arms," I think they call it, King Street.

21,702. Did you get any beer given you ?—No.

21,703. None at all ?—No.

21,704. Have you received any money since for your vote ?—No.

ROBERT RAYNOR sworn and examined. *R. Raynor.*

21,705. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A shoemaker.

21,706. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,707. What time in the day ?—Just before 4.

21,708. What did you get for voting ?—10*s*.

21,709. Who paid you that ?—Mr. Bacon.

21,710. Is he a shoe manufacturer ?—Yes.

21,711. Did anybody go up to vote with you ?—No.

21,712. Whereabouts was Mr. Bacon when he paid you ?—In Bank Street.

21,713. Did you see him give any other people money ?—No.

21,714. How came he to give it to you ?—I told him I should not vote without.

21,715. He asked you to vote, and you told him you would not vote without receiving money ?—Yes, I told him I would not lose my time.

21,716. Were any men with you ?—No.

21,717. Do you know of any of your mates who have had money too ?—No.

21,718. Where were you on the day of the election ?—About the town.

21,719. Were you in any public houses ?—Yes, several.

21,720. Did you not see any money going in any of the public houses ?—No.

21,721. Beer enough, I suppose ?—Only what we paid for.

21,722. You don't know of any other men getting money ?—Not a farthing.

FREDERICK SWASH sworn and examined. *F. Swash.*

21,723. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

21,724. What time in the day ?—11 o'clock.

21,724*a*. For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,725. Had you been canvassed ?—No.

21,726. Did not anybody ask you to vote ?—Not on that day, nor yet no other day.

21,727. Where were you before you went and voted ?—I was at work that day, at Hill's and Underwood's.

21,728. Did you receive any money for your vote ?—No, and I did not expect any.

21,729. Were you promised any ?—No.

21,730. Did anybody give you anything to drink ?—No, I am a teetotaller.

WILLIAM WATTS sworn and examined. *W. Watts.*

21,731. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,732. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

21,733. Were you canvassed for Sir Henry ?—I was not canvassed, though the gentlemen came through my establishment.

21,734. Had you canvassed voters yourself ?—I had.

21,735. Many of them ?—Several of them I canvassed.

21,736. Did you take any of them up to the poll ?—I took three up on the day of the election.

21,737. What time of the day ?—Two in the morning and one in the afternoon.

21,738. At what time in the afternoon ?—Between 3 and 4.

21,739. What did you give him ?—Nothing.

21,740. How did you induce him to go ?—I merely asked him, that is all.

21,741. What is his name ?—I cannot tell you his name. He was pointed out to me in the street as not having recorded his vote, and I went and asked him to vote.

21,742. You asked a man whom you never saw before to go and vote, and he went ?—Yes.

21,743. Did you say nothing about beer ?—No.

21,744. How long did it take you to convince him ?—Not two minutes, hardly one.

21,745. What did you say ?—I said "I understand "you have not voted." He said "No, I am a poor "man, and want to be paid for my day's work." I said "There is nothing to be had on either side, and "if you don't go and vote now you will not have an "opportunity at all." He said "I'll go," and he went.

21,746. Somebody must have told you who he was ?—Yes.

21,747. Who told you who he was ?—Mr. Bacon, the overseer of the parish, told me his name, but I cannot remember it. He lives in a yard in King Street.

21,748. This is the man that Mr. Bacon gave to you to take up to the poll ?—I was with Mr. Bacon.

21,749. Mr. Bacon was the man who was bribing ?—He did not bribe him.

21,750. You did not see him perhaps ?—I did not see him certainly, I met the man in the street.

21,751. You meet a man in the street accidentally. You are with Mr. Bacon, who is giving money, and Mr. Bacon asks you to take this man to the poll ?—By

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the bye, it was not Mr. Bacon. It was Mr. J. B. Morgan.

21,752. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you believe that you could convince a voter and get him to vote by merely walking up to him and saying "Come and "vote" ?—That is all I said to him. He did not get anything from me or from Mr. Morgan.

21,753. You cannot tell that. We shall see Mr. Morgan ?—I am quite aware he got nothing.

21,754. (*Mr Mansfield.*) Have you given any money with reference to this election ?—No.

21,755. Or promised any ?—No.

21,756. Nor any beer ?—Nor yet beer, nor seen any given.

21,757. Were you in any committee rooms on the day of the poll ?—I went up to the one in Queen Street once or twice.

21,758. What persons did you see there ?—I cannot tell you the names. I was not acquainted with the names. I was quite young in electioneering exploits.

21,759. (*Mr. Biron.*) You were most successful for a first attempt ?—I wish they was all as successful as I was. That is all I can say.

21,760. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You did not know any of the gentlemen who were in the committee room ?—I might know some. I cannot call to mind who now. I was not aware of anything of this sort coming, or I should have taken a note of it.

21,761. You must recollect who were there ?—I believe I saw Mr. Warner, who keeps the "Horse Shoes." He was there up in the room. I saw Mr. Morgan up in the room. I cannot call all the names to my mind now.

21,762. Did Mr. Morgan go away from the committee room with you ?—No.

21,763. How was it you fell in with him ?—I saw him several times during the day. I live in the same parish.

21,764. You were in constant communication with him during the day ?—No, I was not.

21,765. Who else was there besides those persons whom you have named ?—I saw Mr. Breeze there in the committee room.

21,766. Who else ?—There were different clerks there that had to do the work. I cannot tell you the names from Adam.

21,767. Was anything said about money there ?—Not a word.

21,768. Was anything said about giving away beer ?—Not a word.

21,769. Mr. Warner keeps the "Horse Shoes," in Tombland, does he not ?—Yes, he do.

21,770. You do not know who instructed him to give away beer ?—I cannot say anything about that.

21,771. You know that he did ?—I don't know that he did. I did not go into his house. I only go from what I heard yesterday.

21,772. You are very young in electioneering ?—I am.

21,773. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I should advise you to keep your present state of innocence as long as you can in Norwich ?—I shall keep it honestly as long as I can, I promise you.

21,774. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you paid anything yourself for your canvass ?—Not a farthing. I did not wish it.

21,775. All you did was that you, without receiving any money got men, who also received no money to vote for Sir Henry Stracey. That was your day's work ?—I never received a farthing, never asked for a farthing, nor promised a farthing in money or beer. If I were to say I had I should tell you an untruth, and I certainly shall not tell an untruth.

W. Berwick.

WALTER BERWICK sworn and examined.

21,776. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A porter.

21,777. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

21,778. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Stracey.

21,779. At what time of the day ?—From 3 to 4.

21,780. What did you get ?—10*s.*

21,781. From whom ?—Mr. Henry Townshend.

21,782. Where did he give it you ?—In the "Horse Shoes."

21,783. Did you see him give any other men money there ?—No.

21,784. Who were there besides yourself ?—Well, the house was full.

21,785. When he was giving this money ?—It was in a little room by himself.

21,786. How came you to go into the little room to him ?—He asked me in.

21,787. Did you see him ask any other men into that room ?—No.

21,788. Are you sure ?—Yes; me and Bygrave went in together.

21,789. Was that Daniel Bygrave ?—No, Robert.

21,790. Did he give you each 10*s.* ?—I don't know what he got. It was put into my hands.

21,791. Did not you see any other men go in there to him ?—No.

21,792. Cannot you recollect the name of any other man except Bygrave who was there ?—No, not any.

21,793. Did you see any other man get money ?—No.

21,794. Or have you heard of any other man ?—No.

21,795. Did any of your mates tell you about their getting money ?—No.

21,796. You know nothing about it, except that you got 10*s.* for yourself ?—No.

E. Holmes.

EDMUND HOLMES sworn and examined.

21,797. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter ?—A publican.

21,798. I suppose a publican votes like other people, does he not ?—Yes.

21,799. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election ?—Yes.

21,800. What is the sign of the house which you keep ?—I kept the "Castle" tavern when I voted.

21,801. Whereabouts in the city is that ?—Right against the barracks.

21,802. On the day of the election, were there a number of voters at your house ?—No.

21,803. None at all ?—Not one.

21,804. Now do be careful when you say not one ?—Not one.

21,805. Was there nobody in your house that day ?—No.

21,806. Was it closed ?—No.

21,807. Do you mean to say that not a single voter came into your house that day ?—I don't recollect one.

21,808. Had you any customers that day ?—They were in and out for beer.

21,809. Did you draw any beer that day ?—Well, sir, we should draw some.

21,810. Did not you draw beer for voters who were your customers that day ?—No, I don't recollect that I did.

21,811. Did your wife ?—That I cannot say.

21,812. Do you attend to your business at all ?—Well, my missus do in general.

21,813. Was not the business of your house going on in the ordinary course on the day of the election, or did you stop business ?—No, not when I come away.

21,814. Then, I suppose, voters do frequent your house upon ordinary days ?—I don't recollect any that day coming.

21,815. Did you run up any score of beer that day for voters?—No.

21,816. Have you applied to anybody to pay you for beer supplied to voters on that day?—No.

21,817. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

21,818. Does anybody owe you anything for beer supplied to voters that day?—No, not anyone.

21,819. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

21,820. Were you promised anything?—No, not anything.

WILLIAM LEEDER sworn and examined. *W. Leeder.*

21,821. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,822. What time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

21,823. Who asked you to vote?—Mr. Townshend and Mr. Flowers.

21,824. How much did he give you?—Not anything.

21,825. How much did he promise you?—Not anything.

21,826. Did he give you some beer?—Not any.

21,827. Did you get nothing for voting?—Not anything.

21,828. Not a day's work?—No.

21,829. Where were you when you promised Mr. Townshend?—I was in my own house.

21,830. What were you doing on the day of the poll?—I was at work till dinner.

21,831. Then after that you went to the "Cock and Pie"?—After I voted I went and got a pint of beer.

21,832. At the "Cock and Pie"?—Yes.

21,833. Who gave you the beer?—No one; I paid for my own beer.

21,834. Did not you get treated a day or two after the election?—No.

21,835. Are you quite certain of that?—Quite certain of that. I took only half an hour.

21,836. Why did you go to the "Cock and Pie" afterwards?—I did not stop there more than half an hour. I see four people there. That is all was there when I was there, I assure you. There were not above one there when I come away.

21,837. It is after the election I am speaking of. Did not you go to the "Cock and Pie," and have some beer given to you?—No.

21,838. A day or two afterwards; you can recollect that?—Yes, I can recollect that.

21,839. Are you quite certain that you did not get beer there?—Yes, I got a pint of beer; that is all I had.

21,840. Have you been treated at all at the "Cock and Pie" since the election?—No, not at all. I did not go only that once in there.

FREDERICK GEORGE HALL sworn and examined. *F. G. Hall.*

21,841. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A butcher.

21,842. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

21,843. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,844. At what time in the day?—Somewhere about 9 o'clock in the morning.

21,845. Did you get anything for your vote?—Certainly not.

21,846. Or the promise of anything?—Of course not.

21,847. After you voted you went about to get up voters for Sir Henry Stracey?—My inclination led me to do so.

21,848. Did you go into any public houses to try and get up the men?—I went in and had a glass of ale down in Mr. Mackley's, in Pockthorpe.

21,849. There were a lot of voters there?—There were some people in the place. I frequently go in there.

21,850. Besides paying for your own beer, you paid for beer for them?—I had a glass of ale, and one of them asked me to stand two pennyworth of rum. I only spent $3\frac{1}{2}d.$, that is all.

21,851. Did you not give any beer besides?—No. I am on my oath. I did not.

21,852. It was a very homœopathic dose of bribery, only 2*d.*?—I believe this man had voted for Mr. Tillett. I don't know his name.

21,853. It was only 2*d.* thrown away after all?—I don't mind that.

JAMES ROSE sworn and examined. *J. Rose.*

21,854. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,855. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,856. At what time in the day?—As near as I can tell, somewhere about 2 o'clock.

21,857. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

21,858. Did anybody come and ask you to vote?—No, I was ill in bed at the time. I dressed myself and came and voted. I came in a cab.

21,859. Did anybody give or promise you anything for voting?—Nothing at all.

JOSEPH SMITH sworn and examined. *J. Smith.*

21,860. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

21,861. What time of the day?—Between 12 and 1.

21,862. Had you promised to vote?—I promised the candidates when they come round.

21,863. Are you certain you did not vote later?—Yes.

21,864. Where were you at 1 o'clock?—I was at home at my dinner.

21,865. Did you go and vote after dinner?—I voted before dinner.

21,866. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

21,867. Was anything promised you?—No.

21,868. Did you get any beer?—Only what I paid for, after dinner.

21,869. Did you go to any public houses?—No.

21,870. Have you had anything since?—No.

21,871. No money?—No.

21,872. Is this the first time you ever voted?—Yes.

21,873. With whom did you go to the poll?—I went with myself.

21,874. Were you not asked by anybody to go up to the poll on that day?—No.

GEORGE ELWIN sworn and examined. *G. Elwin.*

21,875. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A servant.

21,876. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,877. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,878. What time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

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21,879. Did you get anything for voting ?—No, nothing.

21,880. Why did you not vote earlier ?—Because my occupation did not give me an opportunity.

21,881. What were you doing all day ?—I was in my employment.

21,882. You could not get away ?—No.

21,883. Were you at home all day at work ?—Yes.

21,884. Did you get the promise of anything ?—No.

F. G. Mitchell.

FREDERIC GAVELL MITCHELL sworn and examined.

21,885. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election ?—Yes.

21,886. For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,887. Were you active on his behalf on the day of the election ?—Not particularly so. I merely walked about my own parish where I live.

21,888. Do you know a person of the name of Furse ?—Quite well.

21,889. Did he on the day of the election give you a pound ?—He did.

21,890. Was that for your vote ?—No.

21,891. For what was it then ?—To give away as I thought proper.

21,892. Did you think proper to give it away ?—I gave three half-crowns of it to a man of the name of Townshend, and a shilling I also gave him for himself.

21,893. Where does he live ?—In a place called Pig Lane, close by mine.

21,894. Is he a voter ?—I believe so.

21,895. And you gave it him for the purpose of voting ?—No, I did not give it to him to vote. He asked me to give it to him to give to a man that would vote for Sir Henry Stracey. That man I did not see.

21,896. Did he mention the name of the man to whom he was to give it ?—He did, but I am sure I cannot tell you the name.

21,897. That is 7*s.* 6*d.* you have accounted for ?—I gave him a shilling at the same time to drink my health with.

21,898. That is 8*s.* 6*d.* What did you do with the rest ?—The rest I spent when the election was over amongst my friends, asking certain persons to have a glass or two, and I had a glass or two myself.

21,899. What time in the day did you vote ?—I think about 9, within a few minutes. I should have voted earlier if I could, but I could not get up.

21,900. Having received this money for the purpose of getting voters, how came you to spend it on yourself ?—It was 20 minutes past 3 when that sovereign was given to me. I had not time.

21,901. Did you go and ask Mr. Furse before you went and spent it upon yourself and your friends whether you should do that ?—No, I did not.

21,902. Having received it for this purpose from Mr. Furse, did you spend it for your own pleasure without consulting him at all ?—Oh, yes, certainly.

21,903. Is that the custom in Norwich ?—I don't think I saw him after he gave me the money, not till 7 or 8 in the evening.

21,904. When you had got the balance in hand one would have thought you would have gone and said to Furse, "I could not spend the whole of it. Here is "the balance" ?—I beg pardon. I thought I might find somebody else to give it to before the books closed.

21,905. But one would suppose that you would have taken the balance back ?—I did not give it a thought.

21,906. You did not think it worth a thought ?—I was delighted that my candidate had got in, and I treated A, B, and C with a glass that night.

21,907. Who were A, B, and C I should like to know ?—I don't know. There were several. I can hardly tell you particularly who they were.

21,908. Did you treat the whole alphabet or only A, B, and C ?—I treated several persons.

E. Terrington.

EDWARD TERRINGTON sworn and examined.

21,909. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

21,910. At what time in the day ?—About half-past 3, as near as I can say.

21,911. What made you vote so late ?—I was at Attleborough all the fore part of the day.

21,912. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing.

21,913. Did you get any beer ?—No.

21,914. Were you promised anything ?—No.

21,915. Have you been paid anything since ?—Nothing.

21,916. Who asked you for your vote ?—No one. I voted quite independent.

21,917. Is this the first time you have voted ?—Yes.

21,918. Have you received anything since ?—Not anything.

21,919. Or been treated since ?—No.

21,920. Were you not treated on the day of the poll ?—No.

J. Giles.

JOHN GILES sworn and examined.

21,921. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A guard.

21,922. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

21,923. For whom did you vote ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

21,924. At what time in the day did you vote ?—Between 2 and 3 o'clock.

21,925. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

21,926. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

21,927. Did you give anybody else money for voting ?—No.

21,928. Or any beer ?—No.

W. Newton.

WILLIAM NEWTON sworn and examined.

21,929. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

21,930. For whom did you vote ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

21,931. At what time did you vote ?—I voted, as nigh as I could guess, about a quarter before 4 or 10 minutes before 4.

21,932. You were sent away during the election inquiry, were you not ?—Yes, I went to Yarmouth.

21,933. You were paid for going there ?—Yes.

21,934. What money had you received that induced them to send you away to Yarmouth ?—I asked 2*l.* a week, and got 50*s.*

21,935. My question is what money had you received at the election that induced them to send you away to Yarmouth ?—I was not promised anything. I tried to get some, but I could not get any.

21,936. To whom did you apply ?—I was at my house, the "Dun Cow," in Pockthorpe, and I saw two or three gentlemen come down that way, and I saw several gentlemen go into the "Marquis of Granby," Mr. Mackley's, and I went in along with two or three more, and when I went in there were several people there, and I saw Mr. Womersley and Mr. Smith.

21,937. What were you willing to take ?—I wanted

2*l.*, and they said if you will wait perhaps you will get 1*l.*

21,938. Who promised to give you the 2*l.*?—They did not promise it to me; they asked me what I wanted.

21,939. Who asked you what you wanted?—Mr. Womersley and Mr. Smith, and I said I wanted 2*l.*, and they said they could not think about giving of it.

21,940. Did they say what they would give?—They did not say anything about what they would give us; they said if we waited a little while they would see what they could do, and we waited, and I might have waited in the house perhaps half an hour.

21,941, After that how came you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I was about the whole day, and I found I could not get anything, and therefore I went and voted for Stracey, which, if I could have got it, I should have voted the other way; but as I was about all day and nothing was given by the Whig party, I went and voted which way I thought proper.

21,942. Are you sure that you got nothing for your vote?—I can assure you that I never got a farthing. I am on my oath, and I say I never got a farthing.

21,943. But you were promised 1*l.*?—No, they said that perhaps if I waited I might get 1*l.*

21,944. But were you promised anything on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey?—No, I never saw Sir Henry Stracey after that.

21,945. You were sent to Yarmouth to get you out of the way and to prevent your being interfered with?—Yes, I went to Yarmouth. I was there about three weeks.

21,946. Who were with you?—There was Moy, Dent, and Addis; there were four of us.

21,947. Who managed your going away?—Mr. Dawson, and a gentleman who lives just in King Street here; Mr. Jarvis.

21,948. Why did they send you away?—I do not know, they came down to my house and asked me whether I would like to go away.

21,949. Did Dawson ask you whether you had got any money at the election?—No, he never asked me anything about that; he never asked me whether I got any money.

21,950. But it seems to be a most extraordinary thing that Dawson should come to you and ask you to go away to Yarmouth, and that you should say nothing to him?—Mr. Jarvis came to my house and spoke to me about it.

21,951. Did you tell Jarvis what had been told you at Mackley's?—I told Mr. Jarvis what had taken place at Mackley's, the same as I have told you.

21,952. And then Mr. Dawson came to you?—No, I saw Mr. Dawson the day I went to Yarmouth; the same forenoon I saw him at the office.

21,953. Who took you to the office?—Mr. Dawson went with me to the office in London Street.

21,954. How came you to see Mr. Dawson?—I came from my house to Mr. Jarvis'.

21,955. And Mr. Jarvis took you to Mr. Dawson?—The whole four of us came up there, and then I went with Mr. Jarvis to Mr. Dawson's office.

21,956. Were they afraid of your being got hold of by the Liberal party?—I am sure I do not know; they asked me if I should like to go away, and I said "My business is rather slow, but if you "are willing to give me sufficient money to keep me "going I am willing to go; but I cannot go away for "the money other people are going away for, I am "situated differently," and so they gave me more, and I went away.

21,957. Did you ever tell Mr. Dawson or Mr. Jarvis that you had had some money to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No; I am on my oath, and I say I never got a farthing from either party.

21,958. But did you ever tell them that you had had money?—No, I did not.

21,959. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did they ask you what you knew?—I told Mr. Jarvis about what happened on the election day at Mackley's, the same as I have now stated to you.

21,960. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you take up any voters on the day of the polling?—No, I never took up any voters. I was at my own house about half-past 2 it might be, and I had to send my man up to market with the pony and cart, and I said "Stop a "minute, you can go along with me." I was going on to Tombland, and me and several who were sitting in my house went out together.

21,961. Did you go to the "Horse Shoes"?—Yes.

21,962. And did you get some beer?—Yes, I got some beer and I paid for it, but in regard to taking any voters up I never did no such thing; they voted which way they liked, and I did the same. Some of the parties who were along with me voted for Mr. Tillett, and some voted for Sir Henry Stracey. Of course I am only a poor man, and I have got no money to give away.

21,963. Did any money pass through your hands?—No; I never received a farthing. I tried to get some, but could not get any; if I could have got it I would have taken it, but I could not get anything; that is the truth, and nothing but the truth.

ROBERT PAGE sworn and examined.

R. Page

21,964. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

21,965. Did you take any part in this election?—No.

21,966. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

21,967. At what time in the day?—Soon after 8 in the morning.

21,968. Were you canvassed by anyone?—No.

21,969. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

21,970. Did you promise or give anything to any voters?—No.

21,971. Did you treat any voters?—No.

21,972. Not at your own house?—No, at least I went out about 2 o'clock to the "Queen," in Tombland, and I saw two or three people who use my house, and I treated them to a glass or so as I often do.

21,973. Were they voters?—I do not know; yes, I think some of them were voters.

21,974. Do you know who they were?—One man is named Marsham, a fly driver; he comes into my house, and sometimes if I see him in another house I ask him to have a glass of ale.

21,975. Did he vote for Stracey?—I do not know.

21,976. Did you treat anyone else?—I do not know that I did.

21,977. Have you paid any money since to any person?—No.

21,978. Was this the first time you voted?—Yes.

21,979. Do you know of any money having passed?—No, not any.

JOHN SOWTER sworn and examined.

J. Sowter.

21,980. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

21,981. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,982. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

21,983. What time in the day?—At a quarter to 9.

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J. Sowter.

21,984. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

21,985. Or the promise of anything ?—No, I got neither.

21,986. Or did you give any money to anybody to get people to vote ?—No, I had no money to give.

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DANIEL HARMER THOMPSON sworn and examined.

D. H. Thompson.

21,987. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

21,988. For whom did you vote ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

21,989. At what time in the day ?—Somewhere about 11 o'clock, as near as I could guess; I cannot say to a quarter of an hour.

21,990. Had you been canvassed ?—Yes.

21,991. Who had canvassed you ?—I think Mr. Morgan was one, and several more gentlemen, but he was the only gentleman I knew.

21,992. When did they canvass you ?—The day before the election; I think so.

21,993. Were you promised anything for your vote ?—No.

21,994. Have you ever received anything for voting ?—No.

21,995. Did you promise your vote when you were asked for it ?—No.

21,996. Why did you not ?—I did not make up my mind who I should vote for.

21,997. What made you make up your mind that morning which way you should vote ?—I had a mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

21,998. But what made you make up your mind that morning to vote for him ?—I do not know.

21,999. Did anybody come to you that morning ?—No.

22,000. What are you ?—I am a fishmonger, a fish hawker, a shopkeeper.

22,001. Did anybody give you an order that morning ?—No.

22,002. Or buy a large quantity of fish of you, or anything of that kind ?—I had none that morning.

22,003. You did not make a good bargain for fish that morning ?—No.

22,004. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was there no money that day given to you for your vote ?—No; I had no chance of getting any, or perhaps I should have taken it.

22,005. How much would you have taken ?—I do not know; I was not offered anything, or I should have taken it.

22,006. Was any beer given to you ?—No, I did not even get a glass of ale.

J. Morris.

JOHN MORRIS sworn and examined.

22,007. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A tailor by trade.

22,008. Did you vote at the last election ?—I did.

22,009. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,010. At what time in the day did you vote ?—Between 8 and 10 minutes past.

22,011. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

22,012. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

22,013. What did you do after you had voted ?—From there I went to the "Keys," and from there I went to my place of business, where I remained during the day. I know nothing more of the election.

R. Green.

ROBERT GREEN sworn and examined.

22,014. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A photographer.

22,015. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,016. At what time in the day ?—About half-past 9.

22,017. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

22,018. Did you go up to vote with anybody ?—Yes.

22,019. Who did you go with ?—Mr. Bianchia.

22,020. Is he a photographer too ?—No, he is not; he is an artist in the figure way.

22,021. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

22,022. Were you promised anything ?—No.

22,023. Were you treated that day ?—No.

22,024. Do you know Mr. Bacon ?—I know several Bacons.

22,025. Do you know a man named Henry Bacon ?—I know two Henry Bacons.

22,026. Did you see one that day ?—I saw one; the one in King Street.

22,027. He gave you some money, did he not ?—I did not see it.

22,028. Are you certain he gave you no money ?—No, I did not see it, and of course if I had taken any money I should have seen it.

22,029. Do you know a man named Barnes ?—Yes; I know two or three of that name.

22,030. Did you not divide some money with a man named Barnes ?—Divide any money! I never had any.

22,031. You are a son-in-law of one James Barnes, are you not ?—No, I am not.

22,032. Where do you live ?—In St. George's, Bridge Street.

22,033. Where were you living at the time of the election ?—In St. George's, Bridge Street.

22,034. Do you know of any corrupt practices at the last election ?—No.

22,035. You know of no money passing at all ?—No.

R. Pye.

ROBERT PYE sworn and examined.

22,036. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A tailor.

22,037. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

22,038. For whom did you vote ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,039. At what time in the day ?—A little before 3.

22,040. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

23,041. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

22,042. What did you do after you had voted ?—I took a walk about the city.

22,043. Did you see any people get money that day ?—No.

22,044. Were you in any of the public houses ?—No; I did not go into only one, and that was just after the election was over.

22,045. Have you heard of any of your mates having got money ?—No.

22,046. You know nothing about it ?—No.

22,047. Do you live in St. Michael's ?—Yes.

22,048. Did you vote more than once ?—No.

O. Springfield.

OSBORN SPRINGFIELD sworn and examined.

22,049. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were a voter at the last election I believe ?—I did not get here till between half-past 1 and 2 in the day. I voted in London, and came down to vote here.

22,050. You voted at the last election ?—Yes, I voted at the last election for Russell and Tillett.

22,051. Did you exert yourself in getting up voters in the afternoon of that day ?—I called upon some

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two or three voters. I went down after I had voted with Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett to the eighth ward, and was asked to call upon one or two people, and those one or two people I did call upon, and I believe induced them to vote.

22,052. Did you go into a yard near Cartwright's beerhouse ?—I do not know where Cartwright's beerhouse is.

22,053. In Rosemary Lane ?—I think it very likely I did.

22,054. Did you bring up a voter there ?—I think it very probable.

22,055. Do you not recollect it ?—Yes, I have a recollection of bringing up one, if not two, voters in that neighbourhood about 3 or 4 in the afternoon, or it might have been between 2 and 3 in the afternoon.

22,056. When you went to those persons did you inquire why they had not voted before ?—Yes.

22,057. Did they tell you that they wanted money ?—Not at all. I was not at all likely to be sent to persons of that sort ; my own personal influence probably would be looked upon as nearly sufficient to ask anybody who had not voted to vote, especially if his politics were known to be those which I myself had advocated.

22,058. You think you have a considerable personal influence ?—My father had considerable personal influence, and I am supposed to have some influence here, although I do not live very much here now.

22,059. I wanted to know whether it was personal or other influence ?—No other influence.

22,060. You are certain of that ?—I am quite sure of that.

22,061. Did you spend any money that day ?—No, certainly not.

22,062. Either in treating or in any other way ?—In no way whatever.

22,063. You are quite certain about that ?—Yes, I am quite certain.

SAMUEL JAMES PLUMSTEAD sworn and examined. *S.J.Plumstead.*

22,064. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,065. At what time in the day ?—I think about 3.

22,066. What made you vote so late ?—Because I was at work in the morning.

22,067. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

22,068. Had you been asked to vote ?—There had been visitors, but I was not at home.

22,069. Had you told anybody how you were going to vote ?—No. I had a job in the morning which I was obliged to do, which lasted me till 1, and then I had dinner and a lay down, and then it was near two, and then I said I should not vote at all as the Whigs were so far ahead ; but when I went up to town and saw the Tories were ahead I went and got a ticket and voted.

22,070. Was anything promised you ?—No.

22,071. Have you had anything since ?—No.

22,072. Is this the first time you voted ?—No, I have been 23 years in business.

22,073. Have you always voted Tory ?—Yes, I have always been a Tory. I suppose you are allowed to vote up to 4 o'clock ?

22,074. Yes, quite so.—That was what I thought, you can vote at any time. I was busy in the morning, and in the afternoon I took my leisure. I should not have voted at all if I had not seen the Tories were ahead.

22,075. You know that those people who are looking after money reserve themselves ?—I did not intermix with any public houses at all, I merely walked about the market.

ROBERT REED sworn and examined. *R. Reed.*

22,076. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A fitter.

22,077. You live in Orchard Street ?—Yes.

22,078. You voted for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Yes.

22,079. And a man named Bacon gave you 3*s.* 6*d.* for doing it ?—He gave me 3*s.* 6*d.* after I had voted.

22,080. He asked you to vote, and gave you the money after you had voted ?—Yes.

22,081. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Had you made any bargain before ?—No.

THOMAS MITHAM sworn and examined. *T. Mitham.*

22,082. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

22,083. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,084. At what time in the day ?—Quarter past 8 o'clock in the morning, or about that time.

22,085. Had you promised your vote at that time ?—Yes.

22,086-7. To whom ?—I promised it to Mr. John Morgan ; when he called round I promised to vote for Stracey.

22,088. Were you paid anything ?—No.

22,089. Or promised anything ?—No, I was not promised anything, neither did I wish for anything.

22,090. You received nothing ?—No, I received nothing, not a fraction.

GEORGE SEXTON sworn and examined. *G. Sexton.*

22,091. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Stracey.

22,092. At what time of the day ?—About 20 minutes to 4.

22,093. What did you get for it ?—10*s.*

22,094. Who gave you that ?—Mr. Green, the plasterer.

22,095. Do you know of anybody else getting money ?—Only as they told me, Mr. Balls.

22,096. He got some money ?—So he told me.

22,097. Where does he live ?—In St. Miles'.

22,098. What is his Christian name ?—I do not know his Christian name.

22,099. Do you know of anybody else getting money ?—No.

22,100. (*Mr. Biron.*) By their telling you ?—Mr. Hutchins.

22,101. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did he say from whom he got it ?—Hardiment.

22,102-3. Where does he live ?—I think he lives in St. Mary's.

22,104. (*Mr. Biron.*) Has anybody else told you he got money ?—I do not remember anybody else.

22,105. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I suppose it was a matter you talked about amongst yourselves ?—Nobody else told me.

22,106. Did you hear of places where money was to be got ?—Not on the election day, I did not.

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22,107. After the election day?—I heard about the "Woolpack."

22,108. Did you hear of anybody being paid after the election day at the "Woolpack"?—Only Hutchins.

22,109. Do you know of anyone else?—No.

22,110. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

22,111. Did Green pay Balls?—Yes.

22,112. How much?—10*s.*

22,113. Did you see Green pay anybody else?—No, I never see him pay Balls; only Balls told me.

22,114. Cannot you tell me any more voters who got money that day or the day after?—No, I do not know of any.

22,115. Was any money promised early in the day?—I do not know of any.

22,116. At what public houses were you during the day?—Not any.

22,117. You cannot tell us any more?—No.

S. Robins.

SAMUEL ROBINS sworn and examined.

22,118. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

22,119. At what time in the day?—About 20 minutes past 3 o'clock.

22,120. What did you get?—A sovereign. Mr. Hardiment gave it to me. I went with Hutchins to the "Woolpack." I went down St. Mary's at half-past 2, and Hutchins said, "Come along with me," and I went along with him, and we went to Mackley's, at the "Woolpack," and got three pennyworth of peppermint. Hutchins went into the back yard. I said, "Where is Hutchins gone?" I went after him, and we sat there 20 minutes, and in came Mr. Hardiment; he looked in, and as soon as he looked in he went out again, and some man went out of the place with him, and this man who went out with him says (I forget his name), "You are to have 1*l.* "apiece." When we came out on the landing, Hutchins went out first, and Hardiment stood on the landing with his purse in his hand, and says, "You "are going to vote for Stracey," and gave me a sovereign, and off I went. I know Mr. Hardiment well.

22,121. Did you see anybody else you knew there receiving money?—No. I heard Hardiment say one thing. There was three men from the third ward, and he said, "It is not likely we are going to "give you money when you can go and get it in the "third ward," and I hardly know where the third ward is, though I have lived here 30 or 40 years.

22,122. Did he say where the money was?—No; he said they could get it in their own ward, and he was not going to pay them.

22,123. Did he say where they could get it in their own ward?—No, he did not say what place.

22,124. Or who would give it to them?—No, he says, "You can get it in your own ward," that is to say the same money that he was giving they could get it there. I summed it up so.

22,125. What is Hutchins' Christian name?—Thomas Hutchins; that is the only man I went with.

22,126. Did you see Hutchins afterwards?—Yes, and went to the poll with him.

22,127. Do you know whether he got a sovereign from Hardiment?—He got a sovereign, because I see him give it to his wife, so I know that he got one. He gave it to his wife himself as we went through St. Mary's Churchyard; he gave it to his own wife. He went down, I suppose, about fifth man out of the room; there was a lot of people there I did not know, for I never frequent Mackley's.

22,128. You say the man put his head in at the door?—Yes; I sat opposite the door, and as soon as he see me he went out; in fact, I was surprised to see the man.

22,129. Was he a short, thick, bull-necked man?—A great tall man with black whiskers.

22,130. Hardiment?—Yes.

22,131. I am not talking about him, but the other man.—That was a little low man that went out with him and made the bargain.

22,132. Do you know Freestone, the baker?—Yes.

22,133. Was that the man who went out of the house with him?—No, I never see Freestone there. I saw him with Hardiment's cart driving about, and Mr. Hardiment had Stracey's dog cart himself.

22,134. Do you know Bradbury?—Yes, I know him well, and have known him ever since I was a boy.

22,135. Did you see him there?—I see him in the house.

22,136. Where was he?—When I went into the house the girl drawed me my peppermint, and he was standing between the bar and the door.

22,137. Did Bradbury show you where to go?—No; Bradbury never spoke to me or I to him. I saw that man Owen standing at the bar as if he were protecting the bar. The door opened like this against the parlour.

22,138. What was Owen doing?—I do not know.

22,139. Did he say anything to you?—No, he never spoke to me or I to him.

22,140. Who else did you see there?—When I came out of the house I saw a young man by the name of Nockold's, a shoemaker, with Hardiment's cart in the yard, and he says, "Are you going to "ride?" and I says, "No, I am going to walk; "thank God, I have not got the rheumatics so bad "that I cannot walk." I go over St. Mary's Plain close by where Mr. Springfield lives, and Hutchins was a little way off, and he gave his wife a sovereign. I said to Hutchins, "I shall vote against this here;" and he says, "No, go to Lake, the baker's." That was about on to St. George's Plain; and just as Hutchins was going to vote he met Mr. George Gedge, the dyer, and he says, "I am going to plump for Stracey;" and he says, "What, ain't your party behaved well "to you?" and he says, "No," and that was all that passed. He went up and voted, and as soon as Hutchins voted I voted.

22,141. Did you see anybody else you knew down at the "Woolpack"?—No, they were all perfect strangers to me. I see some women drinking in the parlour, but no men, nor yet any drunken men. And I never see Mackley; I saw his wife and one of his boys. A man in the yard says of Hutchins, "That "old snob is gone upstairs;" and I went round the corner, and went upstairs after him. I should have voted for Stracey if I had not even got a glass of water.

J. Clarke.

JOHN CLARKE sworn and examined.

22,142. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

22,143. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

22,144. At what hour of the day?—Between 2 and 3 o'clock.

22,145. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No one asked me particularly. I promised when they first came round that I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

22,146. Did you get anything for it?—No.

22,147. A day's wages?—No.

22,148. Did you get some beer?—No, what beer I had I paid for.

22,149. Have you had anything paid you since?—No.

22,150. Did you see any money going about?—No, I never took none, and never seen none given.

22,151. Did you ever vote before?—No.

22,152. Were you at any public houses that day?—I was at the "Cock and Pie." I went and voted free and independent of anything. I never asked for any money, nor yet took none.

22,153. Do you know a man of the name of Flowers?—Yes.

22,154. Did you see him that day?—Yes.

22,155. When?—In the forenoon; but I had no conversation with him.

22,156. Did you drink with him?—Yes, I had a pint of beer, and I paid for it myself.

22,157. Was that in the "Cock and Pie"?—No, at the "Ribs of Beef." That was at half-past 8 or a quarter to 9 o'clock, and then from there I went to my own place, and was at work the whole forenoon.

22,158. What are you by trade?—Sailmaker. I am in business for myself.

22,159. Did you get any beer in the afternoon?—Not previous to voting, only what I paid for myself.

22,160. Where did you pay for beer?—At Mr. Hall's, and so I did at the "Cock and Pie."

22,161. Anywhere else?—I may have had a pint of beer somewhere else.

22,162. At the "Horse Shoes"?—I was not in there at all.

22,163. Were you at the "Elm"?—No.

22,164. The "Buck"?—No.

22,165. The "Ship"?—No, I was not down in that quarter at all.

WILLIAM SMITH sworn and examined.

W. Smith.

22,166. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,167. For whom?—For Mr. Stracey.

22,168. What time in the day?—About half-past 3 I should say.

22,169. What did you get for it?—Nothing at all.

22,170. How was that?—I was not able to vote before; I was not in the way.

22,171. What were you doing?—I was busy.

22,172. What business had you?—I had a pair of shoes to do, and had to carry them after I had done them.

22,173. Did you not look out for some money?—No, not any, nor yet a glass of beer.

22,174. Did you not try to get any?—No.

22,175. You voted without?—Yes.

22,176. Had you promised your vote?—I had said I would not deceive them.

22,177. You had promised your vote for Stracey?—Yes.

JOHN MICKLEBURGH sworn and examined.

J. Mickleburgh.

22,178. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,179. For whom?—For Stracey.

22,180. What time in the day?—About 20 minutes before 2.

22,181. Surely it was later than that?—No, 20 minutes before 2, punctual.

22,182. I think you have made a mistake.—I have not made any mistake about that.

22,183. How came you to vote so late?—I voted at my dinner hour.

22,184. What are you?—An operative tobacconist.

22,185. What is an operative tobacconist?—I make tobacco. I spin tobacco commonly called pig tail, if you know what that is. I am a tobacco spinner, some of them call me.

22,186. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

22,187. Were you promised anything?—No; I did not expect to have anything.

22,188. Was anything given to you of any sort or kind?—No, not the slightest, and I would not have anything.

22,189. Had you a vote before?—No.

CHARLES CLARKE sworn and examined.

C. Clarke.

22,190. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What time did you vote?—Between 10 and 11.

22,191. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

22,192. You were tolerably busy during the day?—No, I was not busy.

22,193. You picked up some voters, did you not?—Not that I am aware of.

22,194. None?—None.

22,195. Are you certain you took up no one?—Certain.

22,196. Who did you go to the poll with?—No one.

22,197. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

22,198. Did you try to get something?—No.

22,199. Was anything offered to you?—No.

22,200. Where did you go and look out for money?—I did not want any; I did not look for any.

22,201. Have you always voted Conservative?—No. I have been a voter for 20 years, and always voted Liberal.

22,202. What made you change your views?—Because I thought they were a set of humbugs this time.

22,203. Was that the only reason that induced you to alter your mind?—That is all.

22,204. Did you not get any consideration?—No.

22,205. To whom did you promise your vote?—No one.

22,206. Were you asked by the Stracey party?—No.

22,207. Did you get any beer that day from the Stracey party?—No, I had plenty of my own.

22,208. Did you give any beer of your own?—No.

22,209. Did you canvass anybody for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

22,210. Did you tell anybody how you were going to vote?—No.

22,211. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know a man of the name of Thomas Selfe?—No.

22,212. Are you Charles Clark, a brewer?—Yes.

22,213. In whose employment are you?—In my own.

22,214. You are a brewer on your own account?—Yes.

22,215. Do you not know a man of the name of Selfe, who lives in Madder Market?—No, I do not.

22,216. Do you recollect having a conversation with a man on the day of the election about the tip?—No, no one.

22,217. Did you have any conversation with a man respecting the odds upon Stracey?—No, I was not interested in it, and, therefore, I paid no regard to it.

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22,218. Did you give anybody tickets?—No; I gave my own men an allowance, but nothing else.

22,219. What allowance did you give your own men?—All the beer they liked to come and ask for, in reason.

22,220. They voted for Stracey?—I had no voters at work for me.

22,221. Why did you allow all your own men as much beer as they liked?—They always have it.

22,222. Every day?—Yes.

22,223. As much beer as they choose to drink?—Perhaps they have five or six pints in the day.

22,224. This day you allowed your own men whatever they liked?—They always have it; when they want, they ask for it.

22,225. Do you represent that your own men are allowed every day of their lives any quantity of beer they may choose to drink?—Any quantity, in reason, they like to go and ask for.

22,226. I am afraid you will have a large number of persons offering to enter your employment after hearing that. Do you recollect telling a man that you knew a house at which there were a number of persons bribed?—No; I have not mentioned the subject to anyone.

22,227. Did you know a house at which some bribery was going on?—No.

22,228. Did you give any man tickets to go to your place and get beer?—No; there were some labouring men had some beer given them that morning, some men that had been at work for me, some coalheavers, and so on.

22,229. Who were they?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

22,230. Who gave them the beer?—The regular man at the stores.

22,231. They were not men that worked for you?—They worked for me sometimes. A brewer is not particular for a drop or two of beer.

22,232. Were they people who voted for Stracey?—Not that I am aware of.

22,233. Did you not authorise your men to give some beer to the voters for Stracey?—No.

22,234. Or tickets for beer?—No.

22,235. Or orders for beer?—No.

22,236. Did you not give beer to any voters for Stracey that day?—No. Several people had beer during the day; it is so every day, but not particularly on that occasion. I was out that morning by 10 o'clock driving about.

22,237. In your trade?—Merely looking about canvassing for orders.

22,238. That is in your trade?—Yes.

22,239. You were not canvassing voters?—No.

C. Upton.

CHARLES UPTON sworn and examined.

22,240. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,241. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,242. At what time of the day?—After dinner; I should say near 3 o'clock.

22,243. Did you get anything for voting?—Not anything.

22,244. Why did you not vote sooner?—Business would not allow me to vote sooner.

22,245. What were you at all day?—I am a gardener.

22,246. You were at work all the morning?—Yes.

22,247. Had you promised to vote for Stracey?—No.

22,248. You went of your own accord?—Yes.

22,249. Without promising anybody?—Yes, without promising anyone.

22,250. Did you get anything afterwards for having voted?—No.

22,251. Or the promise of anything?—No, not a farthing.

22,252. Or beer?—No, not anything.

P. Rose.

PHILIP ROSE sworn and examined.

22,253. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

22,254. And you took an active part in the promotion of his election, did you not?—No, very little indeed.

22,255. Do you know Hardiment?—Yes.

22,256. Do you know Wiseman?—Yes.

22,257. You were with Hardiment that day, were you not?—No.

22,258. Were you not at all in his company that day?—No.

22,259. Did you canvass at all with Hardiment before the election?—No.

22,260. Were you in company with Hardiment when he was canvassing?—No, I never took any interest in it at all. I went and voted, I think, at 10 o'clock, a little before or a little later, and went home again.

22,261. Were you with Wiseman that day?—No.

22,262. Did you see Wiseman that day?—Yes.

22,263. Did you go with Wiseman for the purpose of getting up any voters?—No, I never took any interest in it at all.

22,264. Did you canvass or try to get up any voters at all that day?—No.

22,265. What were you doing that day?—I was very busy in my own business, and came up to Norwich and voted, and went home again and attended to my own business.

22,266. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Where do you live?—At Hellesdon, about three-quarters of a mile from Norwich.

22,267. What is your business there?—A baker and miller.

22,268. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

22,269. Were you promised anything?—No.

22,270. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you give anybody anything for a vote?—No.

22,271. Or did you promise anything?—Not this time. I have done it before.

22,272. At which election?—At Waters'.

22,273. How much did you put about then?—Several pounds; but I will never do it again.

22,274. You trusted to someone else, who threw you over?—I cannot say. I spent a lot of money, and I do not mean to do it any more.

22,275. How much did you spend?—I am not able to say. I never kept any account. It was several pounds out of my pocket.

22,276. Was it as much as 10*l.*?—It might be so.

22,277. It might be more?—Yes, it might be more.

22,278. Between 10*l.* and 20*l.*?—I will not name any sum because I might make a mistake.

22,279. That was spent to secure the return of Mr. Waters?—Yes. Norwich people like to be treated.

22,280. Since that you decline to do it?—I shall never do so any more.

22,281. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What did you pay per vote at Waters' election?—Only drink and treating; that is all.

22,282. How many men did you treat at Waters' election?—I could not tell you. I treated them before and after. I cannot tell you how many.

22,283. How many did you get to vote?—I cannot say.

22,284. 100 or 200?—Not so many as that.

22,285. In the eighth ward?—Yes.

22,286. About how many did you get up?—Perhaps a score.

22,287. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you apply to for the money?—Nobody.

22,288. Have you never asked to be repaid?—No.

22,289. You found you did not get it?—I lost it, and do not intend to do it any more.

22,290. Did you not expect to be repaid?—Yes.

22,291. Who did you expect to repay you?—Mr. Waters.

22,292. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Nobody else?—No.

22,293. Mr. Arthur Bignold had the giving of the money at that time?—I believe he had to do with it, but I had nothing to do with Mr. Bignold.

22,294. Did you apply to him for money?—No.

22,295. Had you done it at any other election?—No, and I never will again.

22,296. Had you not done the same thing in 1860?—No, no further than a little drink, that is all; nothing more than that.

22,297. What had you done with drink in 1860?—Nothing of no account at all.

22,298. Did you take up a dozen upon that occasion?—No, I do not think I did that day.

22,299. Ten?—I did very little indeed.

22,300. However, you did something?—Yes, a glass or two.

22,301. Was that on the Conservative side?—Yes.

22,302. Did you find there was drinking going on on the other side at those elections?—Yes.

22,303. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Very freely?—As free on the other side, in my opinion.

22,304. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Six of one and half a dozen of the other?—That is about it, I believe, in Norwich.

22,305. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Independent electors were equally generous on both sides?—I think some of them got paid.

22,306. Did you get paid?—No, I never got a farthing out of an election in my life, and never intend to take any more interest in it.

22,307. You are sure you did not do anything in the way of drink at the last election?—I was very quiet.

HENRY NOBBS sworn and examined. *H. Nobbs.*

22,308. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.

22,309. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,310. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

22,311. What time in the day did you vote?—I think it was about half-past 2, or something like that, but I cannot say exactly.

22,312. What did you get for voting?—I got 10*s.*

22,313. Who paid you?—I do not know the man's name who gave it to me.

22,314. Where was it he gave it to you?—In St. Mary's Plain.

22,315. Do you not know the man?—No.

22,316. Was it Gedge?—No. I know Mr. Gedge very well.

22,317. You saw him the day of the election, did you not?—Yes.

22,318. Do you know Mr. Robert Green?—Yes.

22,319. Were they at your house on the day of the election?—No.

22,320. Were there a lot of voters at your house?—No, there were not.

22,321. Were there not men at your house waiting for money to be bribed?—No.

22,322. Were not some men bribed at your house?—No.

22,323. Did you not get 1*l.* apiece for some men?—No.

22,324–5. How came you to get this 10*s.* for yourself?—I was going to vote, and this man asked me if I would vote, and he said he would let me have 10*s.*, and I took it.

22,326. Was it a gentleman?—A respectably dressed man.

22,327. How was he dressed?—He had a light-coloured coat on.

22,328. What sort of a hat?—A round sort of a hat, similar to mine, as far as I remember it.

22,329. Do you know young Wiseman?—Yes, I know young Wiseman.

22,330. Was it he?—No.

22,331. Do you know young Mr. Stracey?—I have seen him, because I promised him my vote three days before the election came on.

22,332. Which one was it you promised?—A tall young man. I do not know his Christian name.

22,333. Was he with Hardiment when you promised him?—No, he was along with Mr. Wiseman.

22,334. Was that the man who gave you the money?—No.

22,335. Are you sure?—Yes, I am positive sure, because I know Mr. Wiseman well.

22,336. Was it young Mr. Stracey who gave it to you?—No, it was not.

22,337. Was it a young man?—It was a man who looked between 22 and 23 years old.

22,338. Did you not agree with a lot of men to give them 1*l.* apiece, and they were to return you 5*s.* each?—No.

22,339. Or with any man?—No.

22,340. Did you do nothing in reference to bribery with other men?—No, I did not.

22,341. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you ever seen the person who gave you the money since?—No, I have never seen him before or since to the best of my knowledge.

22,342. Do you know the Mr. Bignolds?—No, I do not. I know the old gentlemen, but I do not know the younger ones.

22,343. Do you know the younger Mr. Straceys?—No.

22,344. Should you know the man again who gave you the 10*s.*?—Yes, I think so.

WILLIAM WALLER sworn and examined. *W. Waller.*

22,345. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,346. For whom?—Mr. Tillett.

22,347. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a halfpenny.

22,348. Did anybody promise you anything for your vote?—Not anything.

22,349. Did you know of anybody getting anything for his vote?—No, I had no connexion with anybody who had to do with it.

22,350. You got neither beer nor money?—No, not a halfpenny or the worth of it.

THOMAS READ sworn and examined. *T. Read.*

22,351. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

22,352. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

22,353. Why did you not vote sooner?—I do not know.

22,354. You were at Cartwright's beerhouse that day, I think?—No. I voted between 2 and 3.

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22,355. Where were you?—I was walking about the market.

22,356. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all, not a halfpenny.

22,357. No beer?—No, not a drop.

22,358. You tried to get some?—I never tasted a drop not the whole blessed day, nor yet took a halfpenny. I never see none.

22,359. Where did you go to ask for money?—I never see none going on.

22,360. You went to look for it?—I never heard about any money going on.

22,361. Where did you go to look for it?—I did not know any was going on, or else I should have been like enough to have taken it.

22,262. What would you have taken?—Anything I could have got hold on.

22,363. Would a glass of beer have done it?—No, I should want a little more than that.

22,364. At five minutes to 4 would a glass of beer have done it?—No, nor yet at two minutes to 4.

22,365. Would 5*s.* have done it?—I might have taken that.

22,366. You had no chance of getting any?—No, I had not a chance to take a halfpenny.

22,367. You did not get a drop of beer?—No, not even a drop of beer.

ANN MACKLEY sworn and examined.

A. Mackley.

22,368. (*Mr. Biron.*) Were you attending to your husband's business on the day of the polling?—Yes.

22,369. Were there a number of voters collected there?—Yes, there were.

22,370. Waiting for money?—I expect that is what they were waiting for.

22,371. Did any gentleman come into your house that day?—Yes, there were several gentlemen came in, although I did not know them.

22,372. Did any of them pay for beer for the men?—No, not any.

22,373. The men were drinking beer I suppose?—Not all of them; them that chose to take half a pint and pay for it I got it for them, but there was a great many there that did not get any beer.

22,374. Did you not serve any beer to men except to those that paid for it themselves?—No, not to one.

22,375. Do you know a man of the name of Cubitt?—No, I do not.

22,376. Or young Warnes?—No, I might know them if I were to see them, though perhaps I might not know them by name.

22,377. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Your husband said that you knew more about his affairs in the beer shop than he did, and he also gave an account of what he did with reference to giving beer away himself?—What he gave away I do not know anything about; he might, I cannot say, but I never see him give any away.

22,378 Were you in the house when the men were threatening in the afternoon to break the windows?—Yes.

22,379. Do you not remember your husband giving them some beer then?—I do not remember him giving it; he might have done so, though I did not see it.

22,380. Did not Womersley order some beer on the day of the election?—No, I had not an order from anyone.

22,381. Did he not pay you some time after for beer you had drawn on the day of the election?—No, I am quite sure he did not, neither him nor any other gentleman.

22,382. Was no money left at your house for beer served on that day?—No.

22,383. You are certain of that?—I am quite sure of it.

22,384. Do you remember a fly stopping outside your door and somebody getting down and leaving money with you at the bar to pay for beer?—No.

22,385. Have you never asked to be paid for beer that was drawn on the day of the election since the election?—No.

22,386. Has nothing whatever been paid to you for beer?—No, not anything, and I never brought in any unpaid.

22,387. Do you recollect the men wanting some money for their votes?—Yes, I think they all wanted money for their votes.

22,388. Did you hear anybody promise them money?—No, I did not.

22,389. Did you hear Barber talking to them?—No.

22,390. Did you hear Womersley speaking to them?—No, I did not. I do not know that I know Mr. Womersley.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Thursday, 30th September 1869.

JAMES FINCH sworn and examined.

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J. Finch.

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22,391. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A master chimney sweeper.

22,392. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,393. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,394. Have you been a voter at previous elections?—No.

22,395. At what time did you vote?—About half-past 3, as near as I can tell.

22,396. Who took you up to the poll?—Mr. George Gedge.

22,397. He came to your house, did not he, just before you voted?—Several times during the day.

22,398. He tried to get you to vote two or three times before he ultimately got you?—He did not see me not till half-past 3 during the day.

22,399. Had you promised your vote?—No, not to anyone.

22,400. You are not one of those who promise?—No.

22,401. You are afraid of breaking it?—I never received a farthing.

22,402. He came after you several times during the day?—During the day I believe he did. My wife told me.

22,403. Why did you not vote before half-past 3 in the day?—Well, I thought that I would not vote at all, as I never had done so at an election.

22,404. You would not vote at all till you got some money?—I never asked for money, nor yet had money offered me.

22,405. You thought there might be money going in the afternoon of that day?—I did not want any money, nor did not ask for any, nor have not in my life.

22,406. You did get some money?—No, not a farthing. I know myself better than to take money for that.

22,407. Do you mean to say that Mr. Gedge did not hand you some money to vote?—No. I never took a farthing; never asked for a farthing, never had a farthing offered me, nor yet seen no one that had.

22,408. Gedge looked after you several times; why did not you vote?—I had not made up my mind enough to vote at all.

22,409. What altered your mind at half-past 3 on the day of the election?—He pressed me rather hard; he asked me to oblige him.

22,410. What sort of pressure was it that he used; it was not persuasion?—He said, "I hope you will come and vote."

22,411. What did he offer you?—Not a farthing.

22,412. Did not he promise you something?—No, he never did in his life. I will take my oath on it before God and man.

22,413. You were very reluctant to vote, were not you?—I did not think of voting at all.

22,414. But after you had seen Mr. Gedge, and you had been so reluctant to vote, did you take up nine voters to the poll?—No.

22,415. Do you mean to say you did not take up any?—Yes. There were three other men went with me.

22,416. It is an extraordinary thing that a man who never thought of voting at all until half-past 3 o'clock, when he says he is pressed to vote, not only votes himself, but takes up others; how many did you take up?—Three went up with me, but I never asked any of them.

22,417. The men were Manners and Rowe, were not they?—Yes.

22,418. Did not you go and get those men to come and vote?—No, I did not. They said they were going to vote, and I said I was going to vote about half-past 3, when I made up my mind, when Mr. Gedge asked me.

22,419. When did you say you were going to vote at half-past 3?—At half-past 3 I said I was going to vote.

22,420. How came Manners and Rowe to go with you at half-past 3 to vote?—We all lived nearly next door to each other.

22,421. How came they not to have voted?—I cannot say the reason that they did not vote till half-post 3. I cannot give you any account about that.

22,422. Have you not been boasting that nobody can get anything out of you, and saying that if everybody was like you nothing should come out of this inquiry?—I don't recollect such words.

22,423. Did not you say so?—I don't recollect.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You had better go down and try whether you cannot recollect.

HENRY JOHN WARNER sworn and examined.

H. J. Warner.

22,424. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A publican.

22,425. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

22,426. Did you take an active part in this election?—No, not an active part.

22,427. Did you take any part in it besides voting?—Yes.

22,428. You keep the "Horse Shoes"?—Yes.

22,429. Do you recollect on the day of the election seeing a man of the name of William Taylor?—I don't know him.

22,430. Do you know a man of the name of Horatio Benjamin Mitchell?—Yes, I know Mr. Mitchell.

22,431. Do you recollect his being in your house that day?—He came into my house that day.

22,432. Do you recollect seeing him offer money?—I did not.

22,433. Are you certain he did not offer money to William Taylor?—I did not see him.

22,434. Did you offer him money?—No.

22,435. Did you offer money to anyone?—No.

22,436. Did you give any beer to anyone?—No, not even a smell of it on the day of the election. I was asked for it, and I refused it in my own house.

22,437. Do you mean to say that there was not a great deal of beer given to voters in your house?—There was a great deal of drinking in my house that day.

22,438. Paid for by other people?—It was all paid for but what Townshend had.

22,439. Was not the large quantity of beer that was drunk in your house paid for by persons for the benefit of voters?—I cannot say who paid for it.

22,440. Were you in the house the whole day?—In and out.

22,441. Looking after the business?—Yes.

22,442–3. Did you or did you not offer 2*s.* to William Taylor to vote for Stracey?—I did not. I never

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offered anything to anybody to vote, I will take my oath.

22,444. What other person besides Townshend paid you for beer on that day?—I cannot say. There were so many people. Townshend did not pay me for beer that day.

22,445. What people did pay for beer; for gallons that were served?—I cannot say who they were.

22,446. You had better say you will not at once?—I would say if I knew; I would, upon my oath.

22,447. Tell us who came to your house and ordered beer?—Townshend ordered beer at my house which was not paid for, and that is the only ale to the best of my knowledge but what was paid for on the election day.

22,448. Several persons have sworn that they were treated to beer very plentifully in your house during the polling. I want you to tell me what you know about that?—I cannot tell you who had the ale now.

22,449. Who paid you money?—There was everything paid in the house with the exception of Townshend's.

22,450. Do you mean to say this money was only paid for by the glass as it was consumed?—It was taken in in pints and quarts.

22,451. And large jugs; half-gallons?—The large jugs were quarts.

22,452. You cannot recollect who the persons were who paid you for the half-gallons?—I cannot. A great many people were in my house that day.

22,453. Surely you can recollect some of them?—I cannot.

22,454. Have you been paid anything since the day of the poll for beer consumed in your house on that day?—Yes.

22,455. How much?—Between twenty and thirty shillings.

22,456. By whom?—By Dr. Allen, for beer that Henry Townshend ordered in Dr. Allen's name.

22,457. Is that the only payment that has been made to you?—The only payment made to me for ale.

22,458. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Then how came you not to tell us that Townshend did order that 30*s.* worth of ale when you were asked that very question? You know it came in gallons and half-gallons?—Not in gallons.

22,459. Half-gallons?—Half-gallons.

22,460. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You knew that beer was ordered for the purpose of treating voters?—I did not, or for anybody. I did not know about voters one from another. A publican do not know who's who sometimes. A great many people use his house.

22,461. You were once butler in Sir Henry Stracey's family?—I was.

22,462. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You must not suppose that you are doing Sir Henry Stracey any service by this. On the contrary, the conclusion which is to be drawn is that you think Sir Henry Stracey knew something about it?—I don't think he did.

22,463. The conclusion I should draw is that you are concealing it out of regard for Sir Henry Stracey for the fear of his being implicated in it. You had far better make a clear statement about it. You quite understand what Mr. Mansfield meant by asking you about the 30*s.* worth of ale ordered in your house and afterwards paid for, and yet when you were asked you would not say?—It was nobody but Townshend.

22,464. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is that all the money you have received since?—No.

22,465. Have you received any other sums besides what you received from Dr. Allen?—No others.

22,466. Have you received any money for what you paid for voters on that day?—I never paid any money to voters, only 1*l.* which Townshend asked me to lend him, which I did lend him.

22,467. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You knew that was lent for the purpose of being given to voters?—No.

22,468. What did you think you lent it to him for?—I don't know.

22,469. The man who ordered ale in your house to the amount of 30*s.* for the voters actually asked you to lend him money, and do you mean to say that you did not know that money was for the purpose of influencing voters?—I did not.

22,470. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you not see Townshend talking to voters in your house?—I saw him in and out a great many times in my house.

22,471. You knew he was actively employed in getting up voters to the poll?—I knew he was very active for the Conservatives.

22,472. He asked you to advance him 20*s.*?—He asked me to lend it him.

22,473. At what time was this?—About 10 o'clock in as near as I can tell.

22,474. Did you see him offer any money to voters in or near your house?—No.

22,475. Did not you see him take up voters from your house?—I see people go up with Townshend from my house.

22,476. To the poll?—To the poll.

22,477. Can you give us the names of any of those men?—The only man that went from my house or from my stable is a man of the name of George Bloom. That is the only man I remember.

22,478. Do you know William Taylor?—I do not; only I know Mr. Taylor of St. Martin's-at-Palace, if he is the gentleman you are alluding to. I know of no other gentleman of that name.

22,479. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know William Taylor, of Cowgate Street?—I don't.

22,480. Did not you see a man of the name of Taylor at your house?—Not to the best of my knowledge. I don't know him.

22,481. You might have heard him called Taylor?—No, I did not.

22,482. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you received any other monies since, besides that 20*s.*, with reference to the election?—Yes.

22,483. How much?—2*l.* 10*s.* I received of Dr. Allen for Townshend, which was ordered to be paid.

22,484. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) That (*pointing to a man in court*) is William Taylor. Did not you see him there?—Not to the best of my knowledge. I don't know the man. He is a stranger to me.

22,485. Did not you see him at your house that day?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

22,486. You can tell me whether you saw him there?—That man is a perfect stranger to me. I never see him in my house to the best of my knowledge.

22,487. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You got 2*l.* 10*s.* on account of Townshend?—From Dr. Allen.

22,488. How was this 2*l.* 10*s.* spent; did you lend it him, or what?—I was ordered to pay that 2*l.* 10*s.*

22,489. By Dr. Allen?—Yes.

22,490. When?—On the 8th of December.

22,491. To whom?—To Townshend.

22,492. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For what?—For services done. He was not paid, and he said he was hard up, and that was what the money was for. I was ordered to pay him that money, 2*l.* 10*s.*, which I can give you a receipt for (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

22,493. What other sums have been paid to you with reference to the election, besides this 2*l.* 10*s.*, and the beer score?—There was a private account between me and Dr. Allen, which he paid me at the same time.

22,494. What was the private account for?—Hire of pony gigs twice, which I let out, which was 13*s.*

22,495. Was anything else included besides the hire of pony gigs?—Waiting twice at two dinner parties at Dr. Allen's 10*s.*

22,496. That has nothing to do with this inquiry. With reference to the election, have you received any other sums from any other person?—I have not, only from Dr. Allen.

22,497. Had you any order for beer from either of the young Mr. Straceys?—I had not.

22,498. Were they in your house that day, either

of them?—I never see them in my house the whole day.

22,499. Where did you see them on the day of the election?—I see Mr. Dudley Stracey up in St. James'. That is where I saw him on the day of the election.

22,500. Did you see Mr. Edward that day?—I did not.

22,501. When had you last seen Mr. Edward Stracey before the day of the poll?—That I cannot say.

22,502. Had you seen him within one, two, or three days?—No.

22,503. Within a week before the election?—I don't believe I did.

22,504. Will you swear that you did not?—I believe I may say I am certain that I did not see him within a week before the election.

22,505. Ten days before the election did he come and canvass you?—I was not canvassed at all.

22,506. Did he speak to you with reference to the election on any occasion whatsoever?—No.

22,507. Had you no conversation with either of them about the election?—The last time I see Mr. Edward Stracey was in the eighth ward. I met him in the street.

22,508. What passed then about the election?—He only asked me how I did, and I walked along with him and several more up the street.

22,509. What did he say?—He did not make any remarks to me no further——

22,510. Did not he ask for your services in promoting the election?—He did not. There would not be any occasion for him to do that. He knew I would.

22,511. Did he ask you to secure any voters you could?—He did not.

22,512. Did he ask you to assist him in any way?—He did not.

22,513. Did you offer to assist him?—No.

22,514. Do you mean to say you said nothing to him at all?—No more than beyond Mr. Stracey asked me how I did. That is all that passed.

22,515. Were any people with him?—There was a great many people round him.

22,516. Who were with him then?—They were all strangers to me. I believe one of them was the overseer of the parish. He had a list of the voters in his hand.

22,517. Was Hardiment there?—I did not see him.

22,518. Do you know Hardiment?—I do, but I did not know him till after the election.

22,519. Do you know of any persons who have received money at this election?—I do not.

22,520. Did you promise any money to any voter?—I did not.

22,521. You said that Dr. Allen paid you the pound which you advanced to Townshend?—Yes.

22,522. You received it from Dr. Allen's hand?—Yes, I received the money from Dr. Allen.

22,523. At what time did you begin to draw beer upon the credit of Townshend that morning?—I opened at 4 o'clock that morning. That is the legal time for public-houses in Norwich.

22,524. What time did Townshend come to you?—On the morning of the election?

22,525. Yes. What time did he first come in the morning?—He was there the night before.

22,526. Then had he given you the order for beer to be supplied to men the night before?—The morning of the election he ordered some.

22,527. That made me ask you what time in the morning did you first see Townshend?—I was with him all night. I was out with him in the night walking about.

22,528. Where were you out all night with him?—Walking round the first ward, Pig Lane——

22,529. Getting up voters?—No, I beg your pardon.

22,530. What were you doing walking about with Townshend (who was getting up voters) all night?—I never heard him try to get up voters that night.

22,531. What were you doing?—We did not intend to go to bed the night before the election.

22,532. Why were you going to walk about all night if not to get up voters?—I never heard Townshend ask anybody to vote.

22,533. What were you walking about all night for, and what made you resolve not to go to bed that night unless it was with a view to promote your old master's election?—There was no reason.

22,534. A man does not walk about a city all night without an object?—He asked me to go about with him, and I did.

22,535. Were you not going from house to house?—We were going round the city by the first ward, as I tell you, Pig Lane——

22,536. To the different houses in the ward?—No.

22,537. Where did you go, round and round the ward?—I only went into one house.

22,538. You told me you were walking about the city all night?—Yes; and I went to one house.

22,539. Did you spend the night at that one house?—No.

22,540. What house was it that you went to?—The "Cupid and Bow."

22,541. What time did you go there?—I should think it was between 12 and 1.

22,542. When did you see Townshend first that evening?—He came to my house the first thing in the evening; it might be 8 or 9.

22,543. Did he remain in your house until you went to the "Cupid and Bow"?—No.

22,544. Did he go out and come in again?—We went to the corn hall.

22,545. What did you go there for?—To hear Sir Henry Stracey speak.

22,546. After you came back from there, how long did he remain in your house?—Till 1 o'clock, or between 12 and 1; just the time of closing.

22,547. Then you went to the "Cupid and Bow"?—We dropped in at the "Cupid and Bow."

22,548. What did you go there for?—All I had there was a glass of ale, which I paid for.

22,549. But what did you go for?—I went with Townshend.

22,550. What was Townshend's business at the "Cupid and Bow"?—I cannot say; he did not tell me.

22,551. What was he doing during the whole time he was at the "Cupid and Bow"?—I never see him doing anything, only having some ale and drinking it; that is all.

22,552. Although you are a publican and keep ale of your own you go to the "Cupid and Bow" to have ale there, do you?—I had a glass.

22,553. For no object?—For no object but that.

22,554. You went there with no object whatever?—I never went to get up voters. I never canvassed anybody.

22,555. I don't suppose you canvassed anybody; but were not you looking after voters?—I was not.

22,556. Whom did you see at the "Cupid and Bow"?—The landlord. I believe that is the only man I saw there that I know.

22,557. How many people were there in the "Cupid and Bow" between 12 and 1, and what were you doing?—I told you, sir, all I had was something to drink in the house.

22,558. Do you mean to say that you have ever done such a thing before, as go and sit in a public-house the whole night long?—Not the whole night I have not.

22,559. Up to what time did you remain at the "Cupid and Bow"?—I cannot say what time we left.

22,560. Were you drunk?—I hope not.

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22,561. Very well, then, you can tell me how long you remained at the "Cupid and Bow" that night?—I might be there a little over an hour.

22,562. That would bring you to half-past 1, perhaps. Where did you go after leaving the "Cupid and Bow"?—Walked about the streets the whole night.

22,563. Why were you on the 18th of November walking about the city all night?—I went with Townshend; he asked me to go.

22,564. A man does not walk about the city from between 1 and 2 in the morning for a long time without an object?—I cannot say what Townshend was walking about for.

22,565. Townshend was doing something?—I did not see him.

22,566. Do you walk about the city with a man merely because he asks you?—I never see Townshend do anything about voters.

22,567. How long did you continue walking about the city?—Until 4.

22,568. What houses did you go to while you were walking about the city?—The "Cupid and Bow."

22,569. But you had left the "Cupid and Bow"?—There was no others open.

22,570. Now, then, where did you walk about the city?—I only walked with Townshend. I cannot tell you what Townshend was doing of.

22,571. You must have seen what he was doing; there were gas lamps?—I did not see him do anything.

22,572. I shall be obliged, if you do not tell the truth, to send you to gaol?—I have told you the truth, so help me God.

22,573. What were you doing from half-past 1 in the morning till 4?—Walking about till I went home to my own house.

22,574. Did you ever walk about with a man from half-past 1 to 4 o'clock in the morning before in your life?—I never was in Norwich before till this election.

22,575. Did you ever walk about any city in the course of your life from half-past 1 to 4?—I have done that before, a great many times.

22,576. What other city in the world have you ever walked about like that?—I have walked about a city that time.

22,577. From half-past 1 to 4?—Yes.

22,578. For what object?—Only for the sake of walking; that is all I have done it for.

22,579. (*Mr. Biron.*) A constitutional?—Yes.

22,580. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) A little constitutional, from half-past 1 in the morning till 4. Do you really mean to stand there and tell us that?—It is not a falsehood; I don't know what Townshend was doing.

22,581. It is utterly impossible that any human being should believe it. What was Townshend doing?—I cannot say.

22,582. You were with him?—I was with him, but I don't know.

22,583. Did you call at any houses?—Only the "Cupid and Bow."

22,584. I am speaking of after you left the "Cupid and Bow," between half-past 1 and 4. Did you call at any house?—No.

22,585. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did Townshend go to any house?—Not that I am aware of.

22,586. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) During the time you were with him, from half-past 1 to 4, did not Townshend call at any house?—I did not see him.

22,587. But you were in his company. You did not leave him, did you?—I did some of the time.

22,588. Where did you meet him again?—I met him on Elm Hill.

22,589. What became of you in the interval after you left Townshend? Why did you not go home?—I did not wish to go home at all till it was time to open in the morning.

22,590. Were you so tipsy that you could not find your way home?—I should not like to be tipsy like that.

22,591. Were you?—I was not tipsy.

22,592. I suppose you could find your way home?—Yes.

22,593. Why could not you go to your home before 4 o'clock in the morning?—I did not wish to go home before 4.

22,594. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You must have had some reason for not wishing to go home in the month of November between half-past 1 and 4. You had better go down and consider this.

W. Taylor.

WILLIAM TAYLOR sworn and examined.

22,595. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shopkeeper.

22,596. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,597. For whom?—Mr. Russell.

22,598. Were you at the "Horse Shoes" public-house on the day of the election?—Yes.

22,599. Do you know the landlord of it?—I have seen him.

22,600. Should you know him again?—Oh yes.

22,601. You were called in just now when he was in the box?—Yes.

22,602. Did you see him at that public-house on the day of the election?—Yes.

22,603. Did he offer you anything to vote?—No.

22,604. Did anybody else offer you money at the "Horse Shoes"?—I was in at the "Horse Shoes" between 3 and 4. A man of the name of Mitchell came in and asked us whether half-a-crown was any use to us. We said, "No;" and by that means took ourselves off.

22,605. Is that the baker in Palace Street?—Yes, the old gentleman.

22,606. Was anybody else there when this offer was made by Mitchell?—A man of the name of Simpson was one, but the others I don't know.

22,607. Where does Simpson live?—In St. James'.

22,608. Do you know his Christian name?—James.

22,609. Had you voted at this time?—No.

22,610. Was the landlord, Warner, present when Mitchell made this offer of money?—I did not see him.

22,611. Cannot you give me the name of anybody else besides Simpson who was there?—No, I cannot say that I can.

22,612. How many were there?—I daresay there was 20. I should think there was 20.

22,613. Twenty voters waiting I suppose?—Yes

22,614. Was beer going there?—Well, there was a little beer, but very little indeed.

22,615. What you got, I suppose you did not pay for?—I got one glass of ale; that's all.

J. Finch.

JAMES FINCH recalled.

22,616. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I am told that you are ill and your doctor is out of town. I should be very sorry indeed if anything we did might in any way, directly or indirectly, affect your health; and therefore at the present moment I think the better course for us is to say that you may go for to day. You will attend here again to-morrow at 10 o'clock, and let me advise you very seriously to consider in the interval what you are going to say, and be prepared to speak that which upon your oath you have bound yourself to speak, which is the truth.

WILLIAM TAYLOR's examination resumed.

22,617. (*Mr. Biron.*) You said Simpson was there. Did Simpson take the half-crown?—No; he and I came out again, and several others besides.

22,618. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was any beer offered you at the "Horse Shoes"?—One glass.

22,619. Which you did not pay for?—No.

22,620. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who gave it you?—One of the men. I don't recollect who.

22,621. There were voters there?—Yes, lots.

22,622. What time did you go there in the morning?—I did not go at all in the morning.

22,623. What time did you go to the "Horse Shoes" first?—Between 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

22,624. The house was full then?—Yes.

JAMES BOAST sworn and examined.

J. Boast.

22,625. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A weaver.

22,626. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,627. For whom did you vote?—Russell and Tillett.

22,628. Were you at Warner's public-house on that day?—No.

22,629. At the "Horse Shoes"?—No.

22,630. What public-houses were you at during the day?—Well, I was at none in the ward. I went up the town and got a glass perhaps at a public-house after I had voted. I voted by a very few minutes after 8. I was there before the poll was open.

22,631. Did you live at that time at Purling's Yard, St. Paul's?—Yes.

22,632. Did you see Taylor, the last witness, on the election day?—No.

22,633. Or after the election day?—I saw him two or three days after. He lives near me.

22,634. Did he tell you anything that had happened on the election day?—Yes; he got talking about the election and said, "No doubt it was got by bribery." I said, "I don't know, I suppose it was." He says, "I know it was; I would have got some "money myself if I could, but I went to Mackley's. "There was nothing going on there, and so I went "to the 'Horse Shoes,' on Tombland;" and he said, "Warner, the landlord," or he said, "the landlord" (I don't know that he said his name) "said he would "give me 2*s*. I said I would not take that." He said, "Mitchell, the baker, that lived opposite, said he "would go sixpence further, but that's all he would "go." He said there was a man of the name of James Simpson went with him from Mackley's to the "Horse Shoes," and Simpson said, "We may as well take the half-crown, or we shall get nothing," but Taylor said with an oath, "I shan't take that; so" says he, "I got tired and went and voted plump for Russell." That's all I know about Mr. Taylor.

22,635. Did he tell you whether Simpson took the money or not?—No.

22,636. Did he tell you whether Simpson really did take it?—He said Simpson said, "You had better take it," or "we had better take, it or we shall get nothing," but I don't remember; I think he did not say that Simpson took it. It appears to me as if he left Simpson there and went to vote. That was my impression.

22,637. That was your impression from the way he told the story?—Yes.

GEORGE GILMORE sworn and examined.

G Gilmore.

22,638. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

22,639. For whom did you vote?—Tillett and Russell.

22,640. At what time of the day?—A quarter past 8.

22,641. Do you know anything about bribery at the last election?—None whatever.

22,642. Have you been talking to some people about what occurred upon the day of the election?—Oh yes, lots of people during the day.

22,643. Was anything offered to you that day?—Not a farthing.

22,644. Do you know of any money having been offered to anybody for his vote?—Not a farthing.

22,645. I do not suppose that anything was offered by you, but do you know of anything having been offered?—Not by anybody on either side.

22,646. (*Mr. Biron.*) Have you heard of it since?—Yes.

22,667. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where?—I have heard of it at different public-houses. I asked Mackley about it.

22,648. Which Mackley is that?—Richard Mackley.

22,649. At the "Woolpack"?—Yes.

22,650. What did he say?—I met him a day or two after the election, and I said, "Richard, there was a good deal of money spent at your house." "Yes," he said, "a bit. I will tell you all about it if you give me 40*l*." I said, "I have no call to give you 40*l*., nor I don't know where to get it from."

22,651. I suppose you did not give him 40*l*.?—No, I had not got a farthing to give him.

22,652. Did you report what you had heard from Mackley to anybody at that time?—Yes.

22,653. To whom did you report it?—Mr. Abel Tillett.

22,654. Did he say anything further to you as to what had taken place at his house?—No, I could not get anything out of him, though I tried. He was on his guard with me. He knew what I was going to do.

22,655. Did you on the day of the election, or at any other time, watch Hardiment's house?—Yes.

22,656. When was that?—The 28th of December.

22,657. Before the election inquiry?—No, at the time of the election inquiry was on. We went to serve a subpœna on him; that is what it was.

22,658. Did you see anybody go to Hardiment's house?—Yes, I saw several gentlemen during the day, though I did not know the names. There was a man talking to me, I don't know who he was; it was a gentleman with green spectacles, and he was with

Lawyer Chittock or Skipper; I don't know which.

22,659. Do you know Mr. Chittock?—Not personally. I don't think it was Mr. Chittock.

22,660. Should you know the person again?—I should know him again if I were to see him.

22,661. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you know Mr. Skipper?—This man was a man with green spectacles on, a thinnish man, and a very large man with him at the time. Mr. Clarke, at the beerhouse of St. Martin's, was in Hardiment's at the same time. He was on the top of the hill; I saw him go down.

22,662. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You both saw him?—Yes; I don't know who this person was.

22,663. Did they go to Hardiment's house?—Yes, these two gentlemen did.

22,664. Into it?—Yes. You can see right into the house from the top of the hill.

22,665. How long did they remain there?—I should think three hours pretty well.

22,666. How did they go away?—In a fly, one of them did, and I did not stop to see the other.

22,667. Which went away in a fly?—The big man. I think his name is Brown. He told me his name was Brown.

22,668. Had you ever seen him before?—Yes; I saw him before I went to serve the subpœna. I

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believe Hardiment was in. He said, "My name is not Hardiment; my name is Brown."

22,669. Was he in Hardiment's house when you went to serve the subpœna?—Yes.

22,670. Have you ever seen a person who is called sometimes Hunter?—If I have I did not know him.

22,671. A man from London, who came down and was engaged here during the election inquiry?—If I have seen him I don't know him.

22,672. Have you seen the big man lately?—I saw him the other Sunday along with Mr. Hardiment, going up Suffolk Street.

22,673. When?—A Sunday or two ago. It might be four or five Sundays ago. I think he is some relative of Mr. Hardiment's; I rather think so; I aren't sure.

22,674. (*Mr. Biron.*) Is he a Norwich man?—That I cannot tell you.

22,675. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The man who was pointed out to you as Mr. Chittock or Mr. Skipper was the small man?—Yes, he was the small man. I should know the gentleman again in a minute if I was to see him.

22,676. (*Mr. Biron.*) Is that all you have heard?—That is all I have heard at present.

22,677. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You know nothing more of bribery at the last election?—No.

22,678. Do you know of any bribery on the part of Tillett and Russell?—Not a farthing; not even so much as a glass of beer.

W. Branch.

WILLIAM BRANCH sworn and examined.

22,679. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Mr. Stracey.

22,680. What time in the day?—About eight minutes past 8; 10 minutes at the latest.

22,681. Have you voted before?—Yes.

22,682. Have you always voted Tory?—No.

22,683. How did you vote the time before?—I voted for blue the last time.

22,684. What made you change?—I don't know what made me change, but I had a mind for a change. I never did vote that way before in my lifetime.

22,685. Did you promise anyone?—No, I did not.

22,686. Had not you been asked to promise?—No.

22,687. Who took you to the poll?—Nobody; I went myself.

22,688. When did you change your mind?—Why, I changed my mind all at once.

22,689. (*Mr. Biron.*) Just at 8 o'clock in the morning?—No. This last time my intention was to vote for Stracey.

22,690. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What made you change your mind?—I always did vote that way since I took up my freedom when I was 21 years old.

22,691. But you said that you voted blue the last time, and I want to know what made you change your mind?—That was the only time I ever did vote blue.

22,692. Were you promised anything?—No.

22,693. Were your rates paid for you?—Never.

22,694. Have you ever had a day's wages for voting?—No.

22,695. Have you had nothing since?—No.

22,696. Not even a glass of ale?—Not even a glass of beer, only what I paid for myself.

M. E. Barker.

MATTHEW EDWARD BARKER sworn and examined.

22,697. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A woolsorter.

22,698. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,699. For whom?—Tillett and Russell.

22,700. What time in the day?—Two o'clock.

22,701. Had you voted at previous elections?—Yes.

22,702. For the Liberals?—Yes.

22,703. Did you get anything this time for voting?—No; I was not canvassed.

22,704. Or did you hear of anything being given?—No; I never take any interest at all.

22,705. You don't know of any bribery on either side?—No; I never take no interest in it at all.

22,706. You merely voted?—Yes, just as I come from business.

A. C. Nottley.

ALFRED CASE NOTTLEY recalled and further examined.

22,707. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote?—I did not vote at all.

22,708. How came it that you did not vote?—No particular reason why I did not vote any further than not feel inclined to vote.

22,709. Nobody offered you enough?—No. It was not money, as I told you.

22,710. You were offered some money that afternoon?—I was told I could have 5*s.* if I liked to vote.

22,711. Who told you that?—A man of the name of Gent.

22,712. Where does Gent live?—Muspole Street.

22,713 What is he by trade?—A plumber and glazier.

22,714. Where did he tell you that?—He came on to Mr. Lacey's works.

22,715. That is where you were working?—Yes.

22,716. Were any others there?—One carpenter and a blacksmith, I think.

22,717. What are their names?—Johnson and Read.

22,718. Where does Johnson live?—Calvert Street.

22,719. Where does the other man live?—Somewhere near Lakenham new Church.

22,720. Did not he say to them, "Now, my men, you can have 5*s.* apiece if you come and vote"?—No.

22,721. Were the other men within hearing when he offered you the 5*s.*?—No. The smith was in the workshop.

22,722. Did he tell you where you could get the 5*s.*?—No. He said, "Have you voted?" I said, "No." He said, "If you vote you can have 5*s.*" I said, "I don't want it;" and I said I did not intend to vote.

22,723. What time of the day was this?—As near as I can tell you, it was about half-past 3.

22,724. That was to vote for Stracey, I suppose?—Of course it was.

S. Springall.

CUBITT SAUL SPRINGALL sworn and examined.

22,725. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,726. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

22,727. At what time in the day?—Some time between 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

22,728. How came you to vote so late?—Why, I made up my mind not to vote at all.

22,729. And what made you change your mind?—Why, I am Conservative in principle. My master is a Liberal, so I thought I would remain neutral; so I changed my mind when it became late.

22,730. What made you change your mind?—I am Conservative. I thought I would not offend my master; but then afterwards I voted. I am Conservative; that is my principle.

22,731. But having determined not to offend your

master, how came you to vote ?—I considered it. I thought he would not be offended.

22,732. Did you speak to him about it ?—No, I did not speak to him, nor he to me. I only weighed it in my mind. I thought first I would remain neutral, but I changed my mind.

22,733. Did anyone ask you to vote ?—Only one man.

22,734. Who is that ?—An elderly sort of man ; Springfield, I think, is his name. He came and asked me to vote for the Liberals. I said, " No, certainly not." I had made up my mind not to vote at all then. That is the only person that asked me for my vote.

22,735. Did you go and vote for Stracey without anybody asking you to vote ?—Not a single individual ever asked me. No one of the party asked me.

22,736. Did you get anything for voting ?—Not a farthing from no one.

22,737. Were you promised anything ?—No. I voted independent, and gave an honest vote. I have been a freeman 40 years, and never took a farthing of no one.

Daniel Harmer Thompson sworn and examined.

D. H. Thompson.

22,738. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

22,739. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,740. At what time of the day did you vote ?—11 o'clock.

22,741. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

22,742. Who took you up to the poll ?—No one. I walked up myself.

22,743. What did you get for your vote ?—Nothing.

22,744. Did you get nothing afterwards ?—No.

22,745. Did you get any beer ?—No.

22,746. Have you had anything since ?—No. At least I have had some beer since.

22,747. I mean given you by the Stracey party ?—No.

22,748. What are you ?—A labourer.

22,749. In whose employment are you ?—Messrs. Hill and Underwood's.

22,750. No one asked you for your vote ?—No one at all.

22,751. Were you at any beerhouses during that day ?—No.

22,752. (*Mr. Biron.*) Before you voted ?—No. I was at none of the beerhouses ; I was at my work.

22,753. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did your father get any money ?—That I can't say.

22,754. Did you get any of it ?—No.

22,755. Did your father give you any money ?—No.

22,756. Did you speak to your father that day ?—About 10 o'clock in the morning.

22,757. And did not he ask you to come to the poll ?—Yes. I said I should not be long before I went.

22,758. Did not he tell you that he had something to give you ?—No.

22,759. Did he say he had got something himself to get you to vote ?—No.

22,760. Are you quite certain about that ?—Yes.

22,761. Are you quite certain your father got nothing ?—I am not certain about that.

22,762. Do you think he did ?—I don't know.

22,763. Do you think, if he had offered you any money, you would have taken it ?—No ; it was the first vote I had, and I was anxious to vote for Mr. Stracey. That was my principles.

22,764. Do you live with your father ?—No.

22,765. Where do you live ?—I live in the Rose Lane now. When I voted I lived in the Raven Yard.

22,766. Does your father live in King Street ?—Yes.

22,767. What is his Christian name ?—Daniel.

22,768. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is he a fishmonger ?—Yes.

22,769. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did not he tell you that he managed to sell all his fish at a pretty good price that afternoon ?—No. I don't think he had any that day.

22,770. He told us he was hawking them about ?—If he did I did not know anything about it.

Samuel Bryant sworn and examined.

S. Bryant.

22,771. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—An iron-founder.

22,772. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

22,773. For whom ?—For Stracey.

22,774. At what time of the day ?—During the hour of dinner.

22,775. Are you a master yourself, or are you in anybody's employment ?—In Mr. Barnes' employment.

22,776. Did you get anything for voting ?—Not anything.

22,777. Or the promise of anything ?—Not anything. I never see anybody.

22,778. Did you take any active part in the election ?—Not at all. I was at work the whole time, barring the dinner time.

Bryant Allen sworn and examined.

B. Allen.

22,779. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a manager of one of the wards on the Liberal side at the last election ?—Yes.

22,780. Which ward ?—The first.

22,781. Did you conduct any part of the canvass ?—Yes.

22,782. And did you act upon the day of the election ?—Yes.

22,783. Were you a paid agent ?—I was not then ; I have since had an acknowledgment.

22,784. Were you not engaged to be remunerated for your services ?—No promise was made to that effect.

22,785. But you were engaged generally ?—I was requested by Mr. Stevens, the Saturday week prior to the election, to take charge of the first ward.

22,786. I suppose you are in a position of life in which you are paid for your services, whatever they are, generally speaking ?—Not always.

22,787. Generally ?—Generally.

22,788. Then you would understand, if nothing was said, that you would be paid for your services ?—I anticipated an acknowledgment for my loss of time.

22,789. Of course. Now, during the progress of your canvass was anything brought to your notice which induced you to suppose that there was anything like improper practice going on ?—Not directly. I anticipated by the replies I received——

22,790. I am not asking about that yet. Did you find anything during your canvass that induced you to suppose that any bribery was going on, up to the day of the election ?—None whatever.

22,791. On neither side ?—On neither side.

22,792. On the day of the election did anything occur which induced you to suppose that undue influence was being used ?—Not till the afterpart of the day; till the majority turned on the contrary side.

22,793. Was there anything in your own ward which particularly attracted your attention ?—No.

22,794. Did you find that the men in your own

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ward voted much according to the canvass?—No, they did not.

22,795. Did you find that they deviated from the result of the canvass?—If I may be permitted to explain, the canvass books presented to me from an agent of the organisation were marked "Members of the organisation certain for the Liberal interest;" and when I called upon those persons I found they were as doubtful as any persons on whom I called.

22,796. That was in the course of your canvass?—Yes.

22,797. Then you found that so far as the prior canvass had been made, that canvass was not reliable?—It was not. It was not true at all as it was marked.

22,798. Did you complete the canvass of your ward, or was it left in an imperfect condition on the day of the election?—It was impossible to complete it, because I was almost alone. I could seldom get anyone to accompany me. It is rather an extensive ward. There are many voters in it.

22,799. When the day of the election came you had made a considerable progress in your canvass, if I understand you?—Yes.

22,800. When you came to see the results of the polling did you find that they differed from what your own canvass, not the organisation canvass, led you to expect?—Very slightly, scarcely at all.

22,801. The polling, as far as your own ward was concerned, went on pretty straight?—So far as the promises were concerned all was right.

22,802. Did you find in the course of your canvass that there was a considerable number of doubtful men in your ward?—Yes.

22,803. Men who would be open to improper influences?—I think so.

22,804. Did you find that a considerable portion of those people who were liable to that sort of influence in your ward voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Several of them did in the latter part of the day.

22,805. Had you any report brought to you in the course of the day of anything being done in your ward with reference to bribery?—No.

22,806. Are you aware of any attempt having been made improperly to influence voters on the part of Messrs. Russell and Tillett?—No, I am not.

22,807. Are you aware of anything having been done on the part of the Conservatives to influence voters?—Not improperly; nothing beyond persuasion.

22,808. You are not aware of any improper influence having been exercised?—No, I am not.

22,809. Beyond the fact of certain persons of a doubtful character voting late in the day for Sir Henry Stracey, you have no reason to suspect undue influence?—No, I have none.

22,810. Yours is the best ward in the city, is it not?—No, it is not, unless it is so from its being a Conservative ward. It is the largest ward, but it has very much increased within the last few years. I have lived in it for the last 35 years; there are more voters in other wards.

22,811. But I thought it comprised houses of a better class?—We have the Cathedral and a lot of those people in the ward; that may add to its respectability, and probably does.

22,812. Do you know anything of any fund having been provided for the payment of election expenses?—No; there was not even a glass of beer or a bit of bread and cheese provided for the people in the committee room. If they wanted any I requested they would go away and get it; there was nothing provided for them, and not a shilling was spent.

R. Howes.

ROBERT HOWES sworn and examined.

22,813. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a publican and furniture broker.

22,814. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,815. At what time?—Between 3 and 4.

22,816. How came you to vote so late?—Because I was after my business.

22,817. Were you at the "Marquis of Granby"?—I went down there after dinner, but I was sent for before.

22,818. Who sent for you?—A man named Barber came for me.

22,819. What did he come to you for?—I did not take the trouble to go down then.

22,820. But when you did go down did you see Barber?—That was after dinner; Mr. Womersley and they were gone then.

22,821. Did you see Barber then?—No; I think he was not there then.

22,822. Who did you see?—A lot of people were in the public-house, and Fisher, the grocer, was standing against the door, and he asked Mackley if he should go to head-quarters and see if there was anything to be done. After that Flowers came down, and then I went to Tombland, against the "Horse Shoes." I went by myself; there was a lot of them had left Mackley's and went to the "Horse Shoes."

22,823. Did you take any of them to the "Horse Shoes?"—I went with several of them. I went along with Mr. Dudley Stracey.

22,824. Did you get any drink at the "Horse Shoes?"—I was a pint there, but I got it at no one's expense.

22,825. You took up several voters with Mr. Dudley Stracey?—A lot of them went up.

22,826. Mr. Dudley Stracey was at the "Horse Shoes?"—He came up in his trap.

22,827. Did he get out of it?—No, he came up against the door.

22,828. Did you see the landlord of the "Horse Shoes?"—He was there.

22,829. When you went to the "Horse Shoes," were there a good many men there?—Yes.

22,830. Was the place full?—Yes.

22,831. They were all voters?—Chiefly.

22,832. And they were all drinking, were they not?—They had one or two half-gallons, and I was a pint there along with two other men.

22,833. Do you remember the names of the men you went up with?—I went up with none; Nursey got into Mr. Dudley Stracey's trap and rode up; he said he would not vote without a day's pay, but he could not get anything of Mr. Stracey.

22,834. How long did you stop at the "Horse Shoes"?—I should think I was there a quarter of an hour or 20 minutes, inside and out.

22,835. What did you get for your services that day?—Not a halfpenny.

22,836. Was anything paid to you afterwards?—No.

22,837. Was any beer paid for at your house?—No.

22,838. Were there any voters at your house?—Only Mr. Bussey; he asked me to show him Sir Henry Stracey's card because he was no scholar, and I did so; that is all.

22,839. Was anything said to you about money at the "Horse Shoes"?—No.

22,840. Or at any other place?—No.

22,841. Except at Mackley's?—Except at Mackley's; I did not take the trouble to go; I should not have voted for Tillett on no consideration.

22,842. You were sent for?—Yes; they were drumming up the whole street; Mackley was going up one side, and Thompson, I think, the other.

22,843. You went with them to the "Horse Shoes"?—I cut across the street and asked them whether they were offered anything; they said they were offered 5*s.*, or that they might have had 5*s.*, but that they wanted 1*l.* I believe that is what they wanted; lots of them came back again. Mackley brought Womersley and a man of another name, and they followed them back to the committee rooms to see what was to be done.

22,844. What induced you to go to the "Horse Shoes?"—There were lots of them that I knew. I came round to Tombland and saw a lot of them there that I knew, and I joined with them.

22,845. Can you give us their names?—There was Moy, and Newton, and Lawes, and a man named William Thompson, and this Nursey, and lots of others that I do not know the names of; there were lots of them. I should think there might be forty or fifty.

22,846. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You had heard at Mackley's that money was likely to be provided, had you not?—Yes.

22,847. And you waited some time at Mackley's?—No; I merely stood outside the door.

22,848. You heard that money was likely to come?—Yes; Mr. Nursey said that Barber had said there would be 1*l.*

22,849. And you found afterwards that money did not come?—Yes.

22,850. Did you go straight from Mackley's to the "Horse Shoes?"—I went round by Magdalen Street.

22,851. Did you not hear that something was going on at the "Horse Shoes," and was it not that induced you to go there?—No, it was not. I went there to meet my brother who was going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey as well as me. I had agreed to see him on Tombland, but when I saw him he had voted.

22,852. There were a number of men at Mackley's who came to the "Horse Shoes?"—Yes, lots of them, Newton brought a whole cart full.

22,853. You went in and there was drink going there?—There was about two half-gallons; that was all I saw.

22,854. And that was drunk while you were in the house?—Yes.

22,855. Did you see a man named Townshend there?—Yes.

22,856. Did he offer you any money?—No, he took out Parsons and Barber.

22,857. Did you hear him speak to them?—He came and whispered to them and they followed him out.

22,858. He did not whisper to you?—No.

22,859. You got nothing for your vote?—No, not a farthing.

22,860. You got nothing but a glass of beer?—No, and that was at my own expense. I had only one glass out of a quart and that I paid a pint of.

CHARLES BINDLEY sworn and examined.

C. Bindley.

22,861. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A gasfitter.

22,862. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,863. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,864. At what time in the day?—About 2 o'clock.

22,865. It was later, than that was it not?—No.

22,866. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all.

22,867. Did you not get a promise of anything?—No.

22,868. Did you get a day's pay?—No, I did not get a farthing.

22,869. Where were you on the morning of the election day?—I was at work.

22,870. Were you at work till you voted?—I was at work till 1 o'clock. I got my dinner then and voted at 2 o'clock, and went back to my work again at five minutes past 2.

22,871. And did you continue at work until after the poll had closed?—Yes, till 6 o'clock at night.

THOMAS BARBER sworn and examined.

T. Barber.

22,872. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

22,873. For whom did you vote?—For Tillett and Russell.

22,874. Were you down at Mackley's?—Yes.

22,875. At the "Marquis of Granby," on the day of the election?—Yes.

22,876. Do you recollect Mr. Womersley and some other gentlemen coming there?—Yes.

22,877. Was some suggestion made as to sending for a number of voters?—Yes, that was suggested.

22,878. And were they collected by a man in Mackley's employment?—They were collected by me and Mr. Tomlinson; I and Mr. Tomlinson were the first that Mr. Womersley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Daynes, and Mr. Stevens spoke to.

22,879. How came you to collect those men?—By the request of Mr. Daynes and Mr. Womersley; they came down and asked what voters we had there. I said "We had no voters there at present, but that they could soon be got." I supposed 100, and he said, "Look them up and see why they have not voted."

22,880. Were those men who wanted to be paid for their votes?—They wanted some money.

22,881. Did you go and get them together?—Yes.

22,882. How many did you get together?—I should think from 30 to 40 at one time; that was about 1 o'clock or a little after.

22,883. When those men were collected together, what was said to them or to you?—Nothing was said at all, what conversation there was I believe was private along with Mackley, and Mackley gave them to understand that they were a class of voters who would not vote without being paid.

22,884. That was known before they were sent for?—Yes.

22,885. What was said to the men or what was said at all by anybody with reference to their remaining there?—I believe that Mackley said this, "I cannot keep this lot of men here without some beer," and there was several that called for pints of beer and pots of beer and paid for it.

22,886. Who did that?—There were several people who paid for beer, several of the men who were there.

22,887. Who were there?—I think Mr. Haydon was one, he got a pot of beer and paid for it.

22,888. Do you know who paid for beer for the men?—Nobody paid for more than they had privately.

22,889. But Mackley you know, had said, "I cannot keep these men without some beer"—Yes, and I believe that Mackley gave a gallon of beer out of his own pocket.

22,890. To whom did he address that observation?—I think he made it in the presence of Mr. Daynes and Mr. Smith.

22,891. What did they say?—They said they could not say anything to it. They said they could give no orders, and I believe they did not give any orders.

22,892. Was anything said about money?—No more than that Mackley said these men would not vote without money.

22,893. Did you not tell the men that they were to wait there?—Yes.

22,894. And that there would be some money coming?—No, certainly not. If you will let me tell my own tale I will do so.

22,895. Tell your own tale if you please.—When the men were at Mackley's they one among the other began to agree not to vote for a less sum than 2*l.* each; then one would say "I should not care if I got 1*l.*;" and others would say the same, and they would say that they would not vote for less than 1*l.*; and then they turned to me and asked me whether I thought there would be 1*l.* coming. I said, "You had better wait and see, I cannot tell you," and then Mr. Butcher said "If there will not be more than 1*l.* "I will not stop longer for I could have had 30*s.* in "the morning for my vote."

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22,896. Had not the men been requested to wait for half an hour to see if money could be procured ?—Yes ; that was only an electioneering dodge to keep them from the other parties ; that was about the cut of it. I did not tell the men that there would be any money.

22,897. Do you mean to say that you were telling the men that which would be a falsehood ?—I did not tell them a falsehood.

22,898. Did you think that there might be money coming ?—No, I did not think that there would be money coming, and I did not tell them to wait for any money ; they made up their minds to have 1*l.*, nothing more and nothing less ; that was their own imagination, not mine.

22,899. You say it was "a dodge ;" did you know that keeping them there was a dodge ?—No, not at the time I did not.

22,900. When you were sent out to collect those men, you knowing that they wanted money, did you not believe that the intention was to give them money ?—No, I did not.

22,901. Why not ?—Because I took Mr. Daynes and Mr. Womersley to mean this. "Get them "together, and we will try to hear the reason why "they do not go and vote."

22,902. But they were persons who you knew wanted money ?—Yes.

22,903. And you had told them that ?—No, I did not hear Mr. Daynes or Mr. Womersley say that there would be money.

22,904. When you collected those men together, both Mr. Daynes and Mr. Womersley knew that those men wanted money ?—Of course they did.

22,905. If so, how could they say to you, "Collect "those men together, and we will know the reason "why they do not vote" ?—That is what they said, but I did not know what they intended to do.

22,906. Did you not get those men together in the belief that there would be some money coming ?—That was the impression of the party, no doubt.

22,907. And that was the impression upon your mind, was it not ?—No.

22,908. Then why did you not tell the men that there would be no money coming ?—I did not tell them that there would be no money coming.

22,909. Why ?—I did not know whether there would be any money coming or not.

22,910. Did you not lead the men to suppose that they were coming there for the purpose of receiving money ?—No ; I went with a different view, to get together as many as I could, which I had been requested to do. I did not know what Mr. Womersley was going to do with them. I did not say that there would be any money.

22,911. What did you say to the men ?—I asked them to be so good as to go to Mr. Mackley's for Mr. Womersley, and Mr. Daynes wanted to see them, and they came upon that request.

22,912. And you knew at that time that they wanted money ?—I had an idea that they wanted money.

22,913. They were all wanting money ?—Yes ; but they did not get any to my knowledge.

22,914. At that time did you not fetch all these men together believing that there would be some money coming ?—Yes, that was my impression, of course.

22,915. And did not Womersley and Daynes go away leaving you under the impression that if you waited for half an hour there would be some money coming ?—I believe I might say that I believe they did.

22,916. You did not get any money ?—No.

22,917. How long did you wait there ?—I was backwards and forwards the whole of the day, from 8 o'clock in the morning until the poll closed.

22,918. I suppose the men got very angry ?—Yes, they went away in a tiff. Mr. Hall, the butcher, came and had something to drink.

22,919. Did you see them down there afterwards ?—No, I never saw Womersley there afterwards.

22,920. At what time did Mr. Hall, the butcher, come ?—About half-past 2 o'clock, as near as could be ; and Mr. Tomlinson went into the back yard with him and gave him the "down," and they went out in the yard together, and I followed them, for I suspected what Mr. Hall was after. Tomlinson turned round and looked very hard, and I said, "If you think to "sell yourself I do not want you to sell me." Hall said, "I have got no money, that is not my game ;" but directly afterwards Tomlinson went away with a determination not to vote unless he got a sovereign from one party or the other, and I believe he did not vote because he did not get the sovereign.

22,921. The men got very angry, did they not ?—Yes, and they would not stop.

22,922. You heard something about their waiting for half an hour ?—Yes.

22,923. Did you hear Mr. Womersley or Mr. Daynes say anything about their waiting for half an hour ?—I think it was Mr. Daynes ; I am not positive, but Mr. Daynes was interested in the affair, and I believe he was the man who said, "Let them wait for half an hour."

22,924. (*Mr. Biron.*) You said just now that it was only an "election dodge." Have you seen Mr. Womersley lately ?—No, I have not seen Mr. Womersley for a long time. I have not seen him I think once since the election.

22,925. But you have read his evidence ?—No, I have not seen Mr. Womersley's evidence at all.

22,926. You have heard, have you not, that Mr. Wolmersley told us that this was only an election dodge ?—No.

22,927. Where did you get that expression from ?—From Mackley ? I read Mackley's evidence on Monday, that is all. I have not seen Mackley since.

W. Dennington.

WILLIAM DENNINGTON sworn and examined.

22,928. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter ?—Yes.

22,929. How long have you been a voter ?—Not before the last election.

22,930. That was the first time that you had been on the register ?—Yes.

22,931. For whom did you vote this time ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,932. At what time in the day ?—About 20 minutes to 9 in the mraning.

22,933. Had you been a municipal voter before ?—No, I had never voted at all before.

22,934. Where were you on the morning of the election day before you voted ?—I was at home till I went to vote.

22,935. Which ward are you in ?—The seventh.

22,936. Had you promised your vote to anyone ?—No ; and I did not see anyone prior to my voting.

22,937. Who do you work for ?—For my father.

22,938. Did you receive anything for your vote ?—No.

22,939. Were you promised anything ?—No.

22,940. Have you had anything since ?—No ; and I did not require anything.

G. Howard.

GEORGE HOWARD sworn and examined.

22,941. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

22,942. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,943. At what time ?—About 10 o'clock.

22,944. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

22,945. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

22,946. Had you been asked for your vote ?—No.

22,947. Had you not been canvassed at all ?—No, I was not canvassed at all.

22,948. You went and voted of your own accord ?—Yes.

HENRY COOKE sworn and examined.

22,949. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,950. For whom did you vote?—For Tillett and Russell.

22,951. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

22,952. Were you promised anything?—No.

22,953. Were you offered anything?—No.

22,954. How came you to vote so late in the day?—I did not vote late in the day. I voted in the morning at 10 o'clock.

22,955. No, you did not.—Yes, I polled when St. George's clock struck 10.

22,956. Is there another man of your name in the seventh ward?—There is another Henry Cooke, but he lives in Chapel Street, St. Benedict's Road; he is a cousin of mine.

22,957. For whom did he vote?—I cannot say whether he voted at all or not.

22,958. He is a voter, is he?—Yes, he has a vote.

R. Goodrum.

ROBERT GOODRUM sworn and examined.

22,959. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A publican and hay dealer.

22,960. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,961. What public-house do you keep?—The "Unicorn," on St. Mary's Plain.

22,962. Were there any voters in your house on the day of the polling?—Not a soul, I had not one at all.

22,963. Had you nothing more than your usual business there?—Nothing more.

22,964. Did you furnish no beer for voters?—No, not a drop, in fact I never did any trade at all that day hardly.

22,965. Who took you up to the poll?—Not anyone.

22,966. Did anyone go with you?—Not anyone.

22,967. At what time in the day did you poll?—About 3 o'clock.

22,968. Did you see Mr. Gedge that day?—No.

22,969. Did you take any part in the election?—No, not any.

22,970. Did you canvass anyone?—No.

22,971. Who canvassed you?—No one.

22,972. Had you voted before?—I had never voted before in my life.

22,973. Was any promise made to you by any one?—No.

22,974. Or did you make any promise yourself to anybody else?—No, and I never saw the colour of no money.

22,275. You never asked for any?—No, I never asked for any, and I had none offered to me.

22,976. You would not have taken it perhaps if you had had the chance?—No, I would not.

W. Johnson.

WILLIAM JOHNSON sworn and examined.

22,977. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A hairdresser.

22,978. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,979. For whom?—For Russell and Tillett.

22,980. At what time did you vote?—Between 9 and 10 o'clock.

22,981. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

22,982. Or the promise of anything?—No.

22,983. Did you get anything after you had voted?—No, nothing at all.

J. Sadd.

JAMES SADD sworn and examined.

22,984. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A greengrocer.

22,985. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,986. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

22,987. What time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock, I believe it was. I voted for Russell and Stracey.

22,988. How came you to vote so late?—I do not know I am sure, I was rather busy.

22,989. Did anybody come and ask you to vote?—No.

22,990. Did nobody canvass you?—There was two canvassed me, but I was not at home at the time.

22,991. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

22,992. Or were you promised anything?—No.

C. Middleton.

CHARLES MIDDLETON sworn and examined.

22,993. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Stracey and Russell.

22,994. At what time in the day did you vote?—Between 10 and 12 o'clock.

22,995. Who asked you to vote?—Both parties solicited me, one party came two or three days before the election.

22,996. Did you promise your vote?—No, I did not.

22,997. What made you divide your vote in that way?—The reason was they wanted two members, and I was opposed to Mr. Tillett. I told Mr. Tillett's party that I was not in favour of Mr. Tillett when they came.

22,998. Had you ever voted before?—No, never before.

22,999. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

23,000. And was nothing promised to you?—No, nothing, and I should not have taken it if it had been promised. I am quite opposed to that.

J. Burrell.

JOSEPH BURRELL sworn and examined.

23,001. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A freeman.

23,002. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,003. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

23,004. At what time in the day?—About half-past 1 o'clock.

23,005. Were you canvassed before the day of the election?—No.

23,006. Surely you must have been canvassed; who asked you for your vote?—No one; not either party asked me for my vote.

23,007. Did you ever say to anybody that you would not vote without being paid for it?—No, I never mentioned such a thing nor thought of such a thing.

23,008. Had you voted before?—Yes.

23,009. On which side?—On the Conservative side.

23,010. Always?—I think I voted twice on the Whig side.

23,011. And how often have you voted on the Tory side?—Six or seven or seven or eight times.

23,012. Did you vote for Waters?—Yes.

23,013. And what did you get for your vote then?—Nothing at all, and I did not wish for it.

23,014. Did you not get anything for your vote?—No, I never got anything for my vote in my life.

23,015. What makes you vote sometimes one way and sometimes another?—I voted this time because

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I did not like Mr. Tillett, and I would not vote for him.

23,016. And so you voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

23,017. Why did you not give one vote to Russell?—I did not think it was worth while splitting my vote in that manner.

J. Burrell.

J. Bailey, junr.

JOHN BAILEY, junior, sworn and examined.

23,018. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At what time did you vote at the last election?—About half-past 2.

23,019. For whom?—For Stracey and Russell.

23,020. Did anybody come to you and ask you for your vote?—There were canvassers who called upon me, but I promised nobody.

23,021. Did anybody on that day come and fetch you up?—No.

23,022. Did you go up of your own accord?—I went up voluntarily and voted on my own accord free and honestly.

23,023. Had you ever voted before?—Yes, several times.

23,024. On which side?—In the Whig interest, but this time I changed my vote.

23,025. Why did you change?—That was my own private opinion so far.

23,026. Did you receive anything to come to that opinion?—I received nothing.

23,027. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

23,028. Are you sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.

R. J. Trivett.

ROBERT JAMES TRIVETT sworn and examined.

23,029. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) When did you vote?—About 10 o'clock.

23,030. For whom did you vote?—For Stracey and Russell.

23,031. Had you promised your vote before?—Well, I had the day before.

23,032. To whom had you promised it?—I think it was to Mr. Wiseman.

23,033. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

23,034. Were you promised anything?—No.

23,035. Have you had anything since?—No.

23,036. Had you voted before?—No.

23,037. Had you given or promised money to anybody else?—No.

23,038. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did Mr. Wiseman tell you that money would be moving in the after part of the day?—No, he made no allusion to it whatever.

G. Manners.

GEORGE MANNERS sworn and examined.

23,039. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A dealer.

23,040. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,041. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

23,042. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

23,043. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

23,044. Where were you before you voted?—I was after my business.

23,045. Were you at the "Queen Anne" public-house?—I was there during the day.

23,046. Did you see Finch there?—Yes.

23,047. Now I ask you again what you got for voting?—Nothing.

23,048. What did Finch promise you?—He never promised me anything.

23,049. Who did he promise anything to?—That I cannot say.

23,050. How many of you were there?—Me and my landlord, Mr. Vines and Rowe.

23,051. Did not Finch give 10*s.* among you to spend in beer if you would go and vote?—No.

23,052. Did he not ask you to vote for Stracey?—No, Mr. Finch did not. I voted of my own free good will.

23,053. Did he not say anything to you and the other men there about voting?—He might talk about it.

23,054. Did he not say that he would stand 10*s.* for beer for the lot if you would vote for Stracey?—I did not hear him say that. I had one small glass of beer along with my landlord before I voted.

23,055. After Finch had spoken about voting, did not the beer go for nothing?—No, I had not the pleasure of having any of it if there was any.

23,056. Had Finch spoken to your landlord—who is he?—Mr. Vines.

23,057. Did not the landlord say that Mr. Gedge had promised 10*s.* for drink, if you would go and vote?—Not that I am aware of.

23,058. Did not anybody mention Mr. Gedge's name?—Yes.

23,059. Who?—When I went home I went to my landlord to know if he had voted; he came in to dinner, and while I was there Mr. Gedge came in to Vines' by mistake, and as he was going out he said to Mr. Vines, "You have not voted yet?" "No," said Mr. Vines, "but I will go as soon as I have had my dinner;" and then Mr. Vines said to me, "Are you going to vote?" and I said, "I may as well." And he said, "Very well, I will go when you go."

23,060. What did Mr. Gedge say about beer?—I never heard him say anything about beer.

23,061. He took you up to poll, did he not?—No, if he did I never saw him go there.

23,062. Did you not go up to the poll with Gedge, and did he not stand by while you voted?—I do not know.

23,063. Did he not take you up to the poll?—Mr. Gedge never spoke during the day, it was Mr. Finch, he was the principal; Mr. Gedge never troubled after me, he never spoke to me a word.

23,064. You saw Mr. Gedge talking to your landlord?—He came into the house while I was there.

23,065. And after this you and your landlord went to the "Queen Anne" public-house?—Yes.

23,066. And there your landlord stood some beer?—A pot of ale.

23,067. And after that you went and voted?—Yes.

23,068. You cannot say whether Mr. Gedge went with you, or not?—No.

23,069. Had you arranged with your landlord to go and vote?—No.

23,070. How came you to wait so late in the day before you voted?—I was busy during the fore part of the day, after my business.

23,071. You said that Mr. Gedge did not promise you any beer?—He did not promise us any.

23,072. What did he promise to you or to anyone in your hearing?—Nothing; I can take my oath of it; he made a mistake and meant to go into Finch's house, and then he said, "This is Vines." "Yes," says Vines; and then as he was going out he says, "You "have not voted Mr. Vines." Mr. Vines said, "No, "when I have got my dinner I will go and vote;" and then after that Mr. Vines says to me, "Are you "going to vote?" and I said, "I may as well;" and I went with him and voted.

23,073. You went to the public-house first?—Yes.

23,074. You have given us some of the names of persons who were at the public-house; can you give us any other names?—No; those were all I was connected with.

23,075. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you get any beer after you had voted?—No; if Mr. Finch got anything he kept it himself. I did not get anything.

JOHN DENNINGTON sworn and examined.

23,076. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,077. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

23,078. At what time in the day?—As near as I can guess about half-past 1, or it might be 2 o'clock, I cannot say to a minute or two.

23,079. Did you see Mr. Gedge that day?—I saw him

23,080. Did he come to you?—No.

23,081. Did you speak to him that day?—Yes, I spoke to him, I was busy at work.

23,082. Mr. Gedge spoke to you then, I suppose?—He came and spoke to me.

23,083. What did he say?—He asked me whether I was going to vote. I told him not yet, that I could not lose my time; that it would not answer my purpose to lose my time.

23,084. When you said that what did Mr. Gedge say?—He said, "Come when you have time." That is all he said to me.

23,085. Did he not say that he would make it worth your while?—No, I never had the worth of a glass of pump water from the gentleman, that is the truth, that is. You ask me for the truth, and I give it to you.

23,086. What time was it when you saw Mr. Gedge?—I think it was about 1 o'clock, I cannot say to a minute or two; he came down to where I was at work. I get my living by working on the river, and I cannot always leave my work when I like.

23,087. But you saw Mr. Gedge at 1 o'clock and you voted, according to your account, at half-past 1?—At half-past 1 or 2.

23,088. That was half an hour after you had told him that you could not waste your time?—It might be three quarters of an hour afterwards.

23,089. How came you to find time at last?—Because we cleared the wherry to go away to Yarmouth, or I should not have went then.

23,090. You must have known that would be the case when you saw Mr. Gedge?—No, I voted which way I liked.

23,091. What made you have time to go and vote at half-past 1, having thought at 1 o'clock that you would not have time?—To tell you the truth it was because I had done my job, that was the reason.

23,092. You were pretty near the end of your job at 1 o'clock, were you not?—No; I had not finished it then, there was plenty of time to go and vote before 4 o'clock.

23,093. Did you see Wiseman that day?—No, I did not. I will speak the truth; you ask me for the truth, do you not? I never saw him at all. All I saw was Mr. Gedge come down to where I was at work.

23,094. Do you say you got nothing for your vote?—No; I did not get so much as the worth of a glass of pump water. You ask me for the truth, and I tell you the truth.

23,095. Did you get the worth of a glass of beer?—No, not except what I bought and paid for myself; that is the truth, and nothing but the truth, and I cannot tell you anything else.

A. Brown.

ABRAHAM BROWN sworn and examined.

23,096. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you live at Beccles?—Yes.

23,097. Are you acquainted with a man named Garnham?—Yes.

23,098. Had you a conversation with him about the late election?—Yes, I happened to meet him two or three days after the election, on the pavement here on the walk.

23,099. What conversation had you with him?—He asked me how I was, and I asked him how he was; and then I said, "You have turned my friend, Mr. "Tillett out," and he said, "Yes, I worked hard the "whole week, or six nights, and we had a hard battle "to get him out."

23,100. Did he go into any details?—No, that was all that passed about it.

23,101. Had you afterwards any further talk with him?—No, that was all.

23,102. Did he tell you that he had been working himself for that time?—Yes, six nights, or days, or a week, or something like that.

23,103. Did he tell you whether he had been working in the committee room, or where?—No, I did not go into that question, because I knew he would not tell me, I being a Liberal.

23,104. Did you make out what his operations were?—I see he said he did not work more than two nights.

23,105. But you can swear he said he was at work for six nights?—Yes, I spoke of it at Beccles, and I suppose Mr. Smith told it to you. I do not know how on earth you heard of it otherwise I am sure, but that is not my business.

23,106. Have you heard anything more about the election?—I was on the same day in a public-house and had a glass of ale. I sat there for a quarter of an hour or 10 minutes, and there were three men there; one of them said he got 7*s.* 6*d.*; another said he got 5*s.*; and another said that he got 5*s.* They were all strangers to me.

23,107. Did they say who they got the money from?—No, and if they had I should not have known the name, for I am a stranger here.

23,108. Do you know the public-house?—Yes, I went and shewed it to Smith this morning, but I cannot tell you the name any more than the dead.

23,109. You cannot give us any further information?—No, not a word.

J. Flaxman.

JOHN FLAXMAN sworn and examined.

23,110. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shopkeeper.

23,111. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,112. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

23,113. At what time in the day did you vote?—Just before 9 o'clock.

23,114. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

23,115. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

23,116. You went from your own house to the poll?—Yes, I might say that I went straight from my own house to the poll.

C. C. Bell.

CHARLES CARPENTER BELL sworn and examined.

23,117. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,118. Had you been a voter before?—Yes.

23,119. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

23,120. What time in the day did you vote?—Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

23,121. You had received something for your vote before the election, had you not?—No, not a farthing, nor a drop of beer.

23,122. Nor at the preceding election in 1865?—No, I never took a farthing in my life.

23,123. Did you receive anything at the last election?—No.

23,124. Were you promised anything?—No.

23,125. Which way have you voted before?—A Tory.

23,126. Always?—Yes.

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WILLIAM BELL sworn and examined.

23,127. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Mr. Henry Stracey.

23,128. At what time in the day?—Eleven, I should think.

23,129. Did anyone ask you to vote?—No.

23,130. Have you ever voted before?—Yes, years ago.

23,131. Have you always voted Tory?—Yes.

23,132. How many times?—I should think about 13 or 14 years.

23,133. Have you had any money this time for your vote?—No.

23,134. Have you had any before?—No.

23,135. Have you had any beer?—No.

23,136. Was anything promised to you?—No, none at all; I am not in the habit of drinking beer myself.

23,137. Have you ever been treated at any election?—No, certainly not, only what I paid for myself; if I get a glass of beer I pay for it.

23,138. What are you by trade?—I work at the iron foundry, Barnard's and Bishop's.

R. Dawson.

ROBERT DAWSON sworn and examined.

23,139. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

23,140. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,141. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

23,142. At what time in the day?—About half-past two.

23,143. Why did you not vote earlier?—I was called away after business; I had a job to carry home. I am a master myself in shoemaking. I was not at home till half-past 1, and after I got my dinner I went out and voted.

23,144. Did you get anything for voting?—No, and was not promised anything.

23,145. Were you canvassed before?—I was not canvassed by anyone only Mr. Henry Stracey. Mr. Stracey came into my place the day before the election, but did not ask who I was going to vote for.

23,146. Did you tell him for whom you were going to vote?—No, I did not tell him, and he did not ask me.

23,147. You were not canvassed at all?—No.

S. Gay.

SAMUEL GAY sworn and examined.

23,148. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,149. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

23,150. At what time in the day?—A little after three.

23,151. All the morning long you had blue colours up at your house had you not?—No, I had not a blue colour in my house at all.

23,152. Are you a married man?—Yes.

23,153. The Liberals came to your house several times in the course of the morning to take you up to vote?—No, I think not; not once.

23,154. Did no one come to you to take you up to vote?—I think not one.

23,155. Did not several people come to your house in the course of the morning to ask you to vote?—No, I think not once.

23,156. Will you swear that they did not?—I think I can.

23,157. Will you?—I will.

23,158. Nobody came to your house to ask to you to vote?—Not one. I had the Tory bills at my door and Mr. Tillett's party came round, and I told them candidly for whom I should vote. I had the bills plastered on my door for either party when they came round.

23,159. How came you to vote so late?—Because it was the most convenient time I had.

23,160. What are you?—I am a shopkeeper.

23,161. How far was the polling place from your house?—Perhaps not more than 300 or 400 yards.

23,162. You had plenty of time to go and vote?—Well, perhaps I might.

23,163. What is the nature of the business?—My business is a toy and a sweet shop.

23,164. I am sure business is not so very brisk in Norwich that you had not time to go and vote before 3 o'clock in the day, why did you not?—I thought I was as much at liberty to vote five minutes before 4 as to go and vote five minutes before 9.

23,165. Do you recollect some people coming and speaking to your wife just before you went to vote?—No, I should think not.

23,166. Will you undertake to say they did not?—They did not.

23,167. Did she not receive a present that day?—If she did it is more than I know of.

23,168. Have you not heard her say she did, and that she would be very foolish to refuse one if it was offered?—No; I think if my wife had received a present, I should quite understand it.

23,169. Did you not understand it?—No, I did not.

23,170. Did she not tell you that she had received a present?—No, I should think she did not, and I know she did not.

22,171. Did you not ask her if she had received a present?—No, because I know she did not.

23,172. However, did she not tell you you had better go and vote?—No, she did not.

23,173. Did she not?—I am my own master, I think; I am not influenced by my wife.

23,174. Just before you went to vote, did not your wife speak to you about voting?—My wife said, "Vote for the Tories" from the first commencement of the canvassing of the thing.

23,175. She is a good Tory, is she not?—She is a good Tory.

23,175. And you required persuasion to do it?—Well, no, only she said, "Vote for the Tories." My wife certainly said so.

23,176. You required a little bringing up to the mark?—No, not at all.

23,177. Your wife, who is a thorough good Tory, was telling you to go and vote for the Tories; why did you not go and vote before 3 o'clock in the day?—Because I did not always do what my wife wished me to do.

23,178. You did it upon this occasion?—I voted pure, and I defy you or anyone in Norwich to refute it, or to bring forward anyone to say I did not.

23,180. Did your wife tell you to go to the "Woolpack"?—No, nor anyone else, and you cannot prove that I did go.

23,181. Did you go to the "Woolpack"?—I went after the election was over, and it can be proved by the landlord; no man saw me in the "Woolpack" till after the election.

23,182. What did you go for?—I went for a glass of ale, because I was so delighted at Mr. Stracey's return.

23,183. You were so delighted to see his return, and yet you never voted till 3 in the afternoon?—I would have spent 5*s*. I was so delighted with the affair; not that I got anything.

23,184. You were so delighted with the affair in the early part of the day that you did not go to vote till past 3 o'clock?—I was busy in my shop; I cannot run away at any time.

23,185. Your wife takes care of the shop when you go out, does she not?—There is only two of us, and I cannot run away at any time.

23,186. She is a good and active body, is she not?—Yes, my wife is a very good partner; she is as good a shopman as I am.

23,187. I mean at all elections, municipal as well?—No; this is the only general election at which I have had a vote.

23,188. You voted for the municipal elections?—Yes.

23,189. And she always stands the right colour at the borough elections?—No, not always; do not think I am going to be influenced by a woman.

23,190. (*Mr. Biron.*) You had better not let her hear you say that.—Well, she is a spirited one, I can assure you.

23,191. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) She will read what you say.—I wish she was here instead of me.

23,192. You were so delighted with the result of the election; did she not say, "Come, Sam, go and "vote for the Tories, they made me a very pretty "present"?—No, that is not really my principle. Thank God, I am so situated that I can do without their presents; that is no principle really, no, no.

23,193. You may do things for love, and you may do things for money. Was this all for love?—Oh yes, all for love.

23,194. Do you mean to say that your wife did not get anything?—No, nor I neither. You may talk for a month. I am as right as I can be, and you cannot bring anybody forward to prove that I took a glass of ale of anyone.

23,195. You may go home to your wife.—Thank you, sir.

George Nobbs sworn and examined.

G. Nobbs.

23,196. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

23,197. At what time in the day?—Half-past 2.

23,198. Where were you working that day?—Calvert Street.

23,199. Do you recollect seeing Wiseman that day?—No.

23,200. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

23,201. Did you not get half a sovereign?—No.

23,202. What made you vote?—I promised to vote.

23,203. To whom did you promise your vote?—To Mr. Stracey.

23,204. When did you promise it;—The Thursday before the election.

23,205. Was anything given to you then?—No.

23,206. Was anything given to you afterwards?—No.

23,207. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Edward Stracey, I was told afterwards.

23,208. Was it a young gentleman?—A young gentleman.

23,209. Was anybody with him?—Wiseman, senior, was with him, and three or four more, but who they were I cannot say.

23,210. You promised your vote, then?—Yes, I promised him I should vote for his father. That was the Thursday before the election.

23,211. Why did you not vote earlier in the day?—I made up my mind I should not vote till after dinner. I told different parties I should not vote till after I got my dinner.

23,212. (*Mr. Biron.*) Why did you make up your mind you would not vote till after dinner?—It was a mind I had of my own. I do not know that I had any particular reason, put I had the mind that I would not vote till after dinner.

23,213. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who was with you when you were working in Calvert Street?—Another voter of the name of Anderson, belonging to the seventh ward. He voted for Stracey.

23,214. What did he get for his vote?—I am not aware that he got anything. There was five or six of them at work along with me.

23,215. Did you hear of their getting anything?—No, certainly not.

23,216. None of them?—No.

23,217. Did you see Hardiment?—I did not know Hardiment then. I have known him since.

23,218. How much was it young Wiseman gave you?—Nothing at all; I never see him so he could not give me anything.

23,219. Do you mean to say you never saw him?—I did not.

23,220. Have you never seen him since?—Yes, I have seen him since.

23,221. What has he given you since?—Nothing at all. We were not good friends enough for him to give me anything.

23,222. Were you at Clarke's beerhouse that day?—No.

23,223. What beerhouse were you at?—No beerhouse till after I had voted, not till after 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

23,224. Which beerhouse were you in then?—I was at Dowson's after 5 o'clock.

23,225. Who did you talk to on the day of the election?—I do not know.

23,226. Were there not some women talking with you in Calvert Street?—I never see any women to talk with.

23,227. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

23,228. Were you alone at your work?—No, there were five or six of them along with me. I never left the job from breakfast time till dinner time, and then went home to dinner, and then went back again directly, because when a man has five or six working under him it is his duty to see the work properly done, and if I had left no doubt the work would have been neglected. I have not the slightest doubt of that.

23,229. Have you ever voted before?—No.

23,230. With whom did you go to the poll?—Mr. James Dunn.

23,231. Did you go with anyone else?—And Anderson that worked for me, he is a voter in the seventh ward.

23,232. Did anybody speak to Dunn?—Not that I am aware of. I never see anyone.

23,233. Was he working with you?—No, he was a machinist.

23,234. You and he walked up together?—Yes, and the man that was at work with me, Anderson—we all three went up together. We first went to the eighth ward, and then went to the seventh ward for my man to vote.

23,235. You did not speak to anyone else?—No.

23,236. You did not go to any beer or public-house?—No.

23,237. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes, I am quite certain, because I had no beer all day, so I am quite certain where I went to and where I was.

23,238. Did you get some beer after the polling was over?—I got some beer after five o'clock.

23,239. Who paid for it?—I bought it myself.

Charles Barber sworn and examined.

C. Barber.

23,240. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,241. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

23,242. At what time of the day?—When I got my dinner.

23,243. Directly afterwards?—Yes.

23,944. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

23,245. Or the promise of anything?—No.

23,246. Had you promised to vote for him?—No.

23,247. Had you been canvassed?—Yes. I might tell you a little incident perhaps. There was a man came to me the night before the election, and as I keep a little shop, of course I did not know but what the

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man was coming in to buy something. He asked if I was at home. My wife said yes. I came into the shop and he says, "How are you going to vote?" He appeared to be a working man. "Well," I says, "I "do not think that is anything to the purpose to tell "you how I am going to vote," and I says, "if you "come from Tillett you may tell him I am not going "to vote for him," and that is all the canvassing I received.

23,248. You did not promise your vote?—No, to no one.

23,249. You did not get anything for your vote?—No, I never did.

23,250. Or the promise of anything?—No.

C. Barnes.

CHARLES BARNES sworn and examined.

23,251. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

23,252. Do you keep the "Duke's Head"?—Yes.

23,253. Did you vote?—Not at all.

23,254. Why did you not vote?—I had no particular reason for not voting.

23,255. No particular reason?—No, no reason at all.

23,256. Were there a number of voters in your house that day?—I am sure I cannot say. I was not at home during the day.

23,257. Where were you?—About the city, enjoying myself.

23,258. What were you doing?—Enjoying myself.

23,259. Drinking?—Sometimes drinking, sometimes smoking and walking about.

23,260. And neglecting your business?—No. I do not consider I was neglecting my business, because we had nothing particular doing at my house during the day.

23,261. Was the business you had that day your general business?—Well, we do not consider to do much business of election days.

23,262. Is it not the busiest day for public-houses that you have?—Not for all public-houses.

23,263. What time did you leave your house?—About 10 o'clock in the morning, I think.

23,264. When did you return to it?—I returned two or three times in the day.

23,265. Did you not see when you returned to it a number of voters in your house?—No.

23,266. Do you know a person of the name of Dowson?—Where does he live? I do not know what Dowson you mean.

23,267. Do you know any person of the name of Dowson?—I know Dowson, a plumber and glazier, if that is the man you mean.

23,268. Did you see him at your house that day?—Not that I am aware of.

23,269. Did you see young Wiseman there?—Not that I am aware of.

23,270. Not that you are aware of?—No; I should not like to swear I did see him.

23,271. Would you like to swear you did not?—No, I do not know that I should.

23,272. Did you see old Wiseman there?—No; I am certain I did not see him there during the day.

23,273. Was not young Wiseman there picking up the voters in your house?—I am sure I cannot say, I was at home so little that I do not know. I went in once or twice to see if there was any business to do for which my services were required, and I found so little doing that I did not trouble myself to go there much during the day, therefore I was so much about the city. If my house had been full of business and I had been wanted at home, I should have stopped at home, but I found so little doing I did not stop at home.

23,274. You were about as indifferent to your business as you were to you party?—Yes.

23,275. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you hear that Wiseman had been at your house during that day?—No.

23,276. Are you certain he was not?—I never made any inquiries as to who had been at my house during the day; there are lots of people going in and out of my house during the day, and I do not ask who has been when I go home.

23,277. Did you take any part in the election at all?—No.

23,278. Did you canvass any voters?—No, certainly not.

23,279. Not before the election?—No.

23,280. During the day?—No.

23,281. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is there more business doing to-day than other days?—We do not expect to do much on an election day.

23,282. That is the very day when the publicans are the busiest?—There was not much doing at my house.

D. Curl.

DANIEL CURL sworn and examined.

23,283. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Stracey and Russell.

23,284. At what time of the day?—About half-past 1 as near as I can tell you.

23,285. Who asked you to vote?—No one. I went away from my work and came past and voted.

23,286. What made you split you vote in that way, Whig and Tory?—Because I think every man ought to have a voice as well as another. I like to see every man have a dumpling as well as myself.

23,287. Have you ever had a vote before?—No.

23,288. Did you have anything paid you for your vote?—No.

23,289. Did you get your day's wages?—No.

23,290. Was anything promised you?—Nothing at all.

23,291. Did you have any beer given you?—No.

J. Billyard.

JOSEPH BILLYARD sworn and examined.

23,292. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

23,293. At what time in the day?—Between three and four.

23,294. What did you get for your vote?—1*l.*

23,295. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Hardiment.

23,296. Where?—At Mackley's, the "Woolpack."

23,297. Did you see anybody else get money there?—No.

23,298. What other people were at the "Woolpack" when you were there?—I am sure I cannot tell you, if I knew I would tell you; I did not take any notice of anyone that was there but myself.

23,299. Have you ever been in the "Woolpack" before?—Yes, I have been there many times.

23,300. How many people were there when you went into the house?—I am sure I cannot say; there were several people about the house in different places.

23,301. Did you not know one of them by sight?—No, I cannot say I noticed anyone that I knew.

23,302. How many were there present when you got the 1*l.*?—There was no one present but Mr. Hardiment and myself.

23,303. Was it on the landing that you got it?—Yes, when I took the 1*l.*

23,304. Was anyone else coming up?—No, I did not see anyone.

23,305. Who did you go to the poll with?—No one went but myself.

23,306. Did no one walk with you?—Nobody walked with me, and nobody asked who I was going to vote for.

23,307. Was there nobody with Hardiment on the

landing ?—There was some one, Hardiment, I know him quite well, I live in the same parish.

23,308. Did you see no one else there ?—Yes, I see some one else, but who they were I cannot say.

23,309. Cannot you tell me the name of one of them ?—No, I did not know them ; I do not know that I had ever seen them before.

23,310. These were all people who lived in St. Martin's at Oak ?—I know Hardiment lives there.

23,311. And these other men all lived about there ?—I know no one else there.

23,312. You live there yourself ?—Yes, Bath-house Yard.

23,313. And all these people were your neighbours ?—I never saw one of my neighbours there.

23,314. You knew they were ?—I never see one there, not that I am aware of. I went into the house and came out alone, and went and voted.

WILLIAM YAXLEY sworn and examined.

W. Yaxley.

23,315. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

23,316. For whom did you vote ?—Stracey.

23,317. At what time in the day ?—About half-past 3, I believe.

23,318. What did you get for your vote ?—10*s.*

23,319. Where was that paid to you ?—At Cartwright's, I believe, in St. Martin's.

23,320. Who gave it to you ?—I do not know the gentleman.

23,321. What sort of a man ?—A fairish man.

23,322. With a beard, or without ?—I believe he had some whiskers.

23,323. Were there any other men there when you got your money ?—I did not see any or know anybody that was there.

23,324. Where did you get it ?—Inside the house.

23,325. Were you let into the room by yourself ?—Yes.

23,326. Yourself and this man who gave you the money ?—Yes.

23,327. Were any of your mates there ?—I do not work with anybody.

23,328. Did you go there with anybody ?—No, only myself.

23,329. Cannot you give me the names of anybody who was there ?—I never noticed anybody.

23,330. What brought you there ?—Because I was going to vote.

23,331. How came you to go to Cartwright's ?—I went to two or three public-houses that day.

23,332. To see whether you could pick up anything ?—No.

HENRY JOHN MASON sworn and examined.

H. J. Mason.

23,333. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you an auctioneer ?—I am.

23,334. You were a supporter of Sir Henry Stracey at the last election, were you not ?—I was.

23,335. And took rather an active part ?—I did not.

23,336. Did you take any part in the election ?—About three or four in the afternoon I went to see how they were getting on. I was out of town till I voted. I came home and got my dinner, and then I did not go out till after three in the afternoon. I did not take much active part in it.

23,337. Do you know a man of the name of Griffiths, a plane maker ?—Yes, I do.

23,338. What did you give him ?—Nothing for his vote.

23,339. No, of course nothing for his vote, but what did you give him ?—He had a shilling for drink after the election, at half-past four in the afternoon.

23,340. You had asked him, had you not, to vote ?—No, I had not.

23,341. You had spoken to him about voting ?—I can tell you the whole of that circumstance. This man went and voted. I believe some one had said they would give him something if he voted, and when he came back they gave him a penny.

23,342. Who promised him something ?—I do not know.

23,343. Did he not tell you who promised him ?—No ; some one gave him a penny on the stairs, and I happened to be in the room at the time.

23,344. On what stairs ?—On the stairs of the public-house.

23,345. What public-house ? — The "Three Pigeons."

23,346. How came you to be there ?—I go there every day.

23,347. Mr. Hulme was there, was he not, at that time ?—I do not think he was ; he was there in the course of the day.

23,348. That was the committee room ?—Yes, they called it the committee room.

23,349. Somebody at the committee room had promised the man something for his vote ?—I believe a shilling.

23,350. And you found they had only given him a penny ?—Yes, he said so himself, and threatened to break everything in the room if he had not a shilling, and to keep him quiet I gave him a shilling.

23,351. For the credit of the party ?—I had nothing to do with the party.

23,352. You voted for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Yes, and so I always do.

23,353. What did you do it for, if it was not for the credit of the party ; it was not for the love of a man you had never seen before ?—I have treated him scores of times. He will tell you so when he comes.

23,354. Have you given him money before ?—Yes, I have given him a pint of beer when he has asked for it.

23,355. Are you in the habit of giving everybody beer who asks for it ?—I have given two this morning.

23,356. Are you in the habit of sowing broadcast pints of beer ?—You may put any construction you like upon it. I do what I please.

23,357. Do you know anybody else who had a shilling or a pint of beer or anything of that sort at the "Pigeons" on that day ?—No.

23,358. Did you give any more shillings away on that day ?—No.

23,359. To nobody else ?—Not that I am aware of.

23,360. Come.—Yes, I did. I gave my porter, who carried a carpet home, a pint for doing it.

23,361. You know that is not what I mean. How came it to your mind that upon that particular day you gave your porter a shilling for carrying a carpet ?—Not a shilling ; I gave him threepence.

23,362. How came it to your mind that you did it upon that particular day ?—I often did it.

23,363. Did he vote for Stracey ?—No, he had no vote at all.

23,364. How came it to your mind that on this particular day you paid your porter threepence ?—I do not know. I did do it, I know, on that day. I told him to go back and keep shop until I came home again.

23,365. Did you not give something else to somebody ?—Not that I am aware of.

23,366. Did you ?—I think I may swear that I did not.

23,367. Did you not give some other voters money ?—No, I did not.

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23,368. Nor anything to drink?—Nor anything to drink.

23,369. Nor promise them anything?—No, nor promise them anything.

23,370. Have you contributed anything towards the expenses of the election?—No, I have not.

23,371. Do you not know that there has been a guarantee for the expenses of the election?—Not that I know of.

23,372. Have they not asked you to contribute to it?—No.

23,373. Are you sure about that?—Yes, I am perfectly certain.

23,374. Did you take up any voters to the poll?—I took up one poor man of the name of Jaley who was very unwell.

23,375. Did you take him up in your chaise?—No, I got a fly for him and took him up in that.

23,376. What did you give him?—Nothing.

23,377. Or promise him anything?—No, I promised him nothing, he was a strong Conservative and belonged to the Eldon Club, he is dead now.

23,378. Have you had anything to do with former elections?—No, not that I am aware of.

23,379. Have you taken any part in canvassing?—No, I do not think I have voted for 16 years till this last election, so that I have not taken much interest in it.

23,380. Have you spent any money on former occasions?—No, never.

23,381. Have you contributed any?—No, never; I have no money to contribute, I want it all myself.

W. Chamberlain.

WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN sworn and examined.

23,382. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote? Sir Henry Stracey.

23,383. At what time in the day?—At about 10 or 11 minutes past 10.

23,384. Had you voted before at other elections?—No.

23,385. Who asked you to vote this time?—Nobody.

23,386. Did you promise your vote?—No, I never promised a vote.

23,387. Did you get anything?—Not a farthing, nor a fraction, nor a thank.

23,388. Did you get any beer?—No, not a fraction.

23,389. Have you had anything since?—No.

23,390. Were you promised anything?—No, not a fraction; not even a thank.

H. Barnes.

HENRY BARNES sworn and examined.

23,391. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,392. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

23,393. What time in the day?—Just before three, a quarter to three, or twenty minutes to three.

23,394. Why did you not vote before?—My occupation would not allow me.

23,395. Were you busy the whole day?—Yes.

23,396. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

23,397. Or the promise of anything?—No.

23,398. Have you voted before?—I voted the election previous to that.

23,399. Did you vote for the Conservatives then?—Yes.

W. Lovick.

WILLIAM LOVICK sworn and examined.

23,400. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,401. At what time in the day?—I do not know whether it was just before three or just after; it is somewhere about that time.

23,402. What is your business?—A broker, a shopkeeper.

23,403. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, I did not.

23,404. Neither money nor drink?—No, not anything.

23,405. Nor the promise of it?—Not anything at all, nor yet anything offered to me.

23,406. Are you a married man?—Yes.

23,407. Did your wife receive some money?—No.

23,408. Do you know a person of the name of Jeremiah Campling?—Yes.

23,409. Have you not stated to him that your wife received money?—No; they accused me with it when I was in there joking, and I said, "If my wife took anything it is unbeknown to me," that is the statement I made.

23,410. Were they talking to you about your wife having received money?—Yes; they said, perhaps if I did not, my wife did; and I said, "If my wife did, it is quite unbeknown to me."

23,411. Did you inquire of your wife?—Yes, I did.

23,412. Did you find that she had received some money?—No, she did not; nothing of the sort.

23,413. Have you not heard from anybody that she received some money?—No, I have not.

23,414. She requested you to vote, did she not?—Yes, she did. She rather inclined me to vote.

23,415. She pressed you to go up and vote for Stracey?—Yes; she said, "I would rather you would vote for Mr. Stracey," and so did the mother. I had partly made up my mind not to vote at all.

23,416. She induced you to vote?—Well, she said, "If you vote for anyone, vote for Mr. Henry Stracey."

23,417. She did urge you to vote, did she not?—Well, so far as that goes, so far as what I now say, she did.

23,418. Did she not say she would like you to vote for Stracey?—Well, she did say so.

23,419. And you rather than disoblige her voted for Stracey?—Yes, I did so.

23,420. It is quite natural. That is the truth.

23,421. Have you not heard that she did get a little present?—No.

23,422. Have you any children?—Oh yes.

20,423. Did you find that the children had received a shilling or two that day?—No, nothing of the kind. I had no children at home.

23,424. Did you not hear that those who were out had received a little present?—No; they did not know anything about it.

H. Cattermoul.

HENRY CATTERMOUL sworn and examined.

23,425. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for at this election?—Mr. Henry Stracey.

23,426. At what time did you vote?—At 8 in the morning.

23,427. Were you employed to canvass for Sir Henry Stracey?—I did a little canvassing during the day.

23,428. Were you paid for that?—No.

23,429. Have you been since?—No.

23,430. You got up a good many voters to the poll, did you not in the course of the day?—I might do two or three, perhaps; I believe I did.

23,431. At what time did you get them up?—I could not say the time, about 2 o'clock I think it was.

23,432. How many more did you get up after that?—None that I am aware of.

23,433. None at all?—Not that I can remember.

23,434. You recollect two or three, you may have got up others?—I think it was about two when I went up to the poll. I think two went up at the same time.

23,435. You were about the whole time?—I was in the market place in the morning.

23,436. Looking after election matters?—No, merely looking to see how it was going on.

23,437. You told me you were actively canvassing?—No, I said that I did a little canvassing.

23,438. Who engaged you to canvass?—I was not engaged by anybody. I saw a friend or two going out, and I went along with them.

23,439. Did you belong to any committee?—No.

23,440. Did you act with anybody else?—In what respect?

23,441. As a canvasser?—Yes.

23,442. Who was it?—I think Mr. Williams was one and Green of London Street, the fishing tackle warehouse, and Mr. Sarsby was the other.

23,443. When did you begin canvassing with those men?—I think I canvassed part of two days prior to the election.

23,444. Who asked you to do this?—I cannot say who asked me.

23,445. Someone asked you?—I think Mr. Green passed my door and I went with him. I was not asked particularly by anyone.

23,446. Did you canvass right round the houses of your ward?—No, certainly only a street or two.

23,447. Do you know a man of the name of James Lane, of Bridge Street?—No.

23,448. Are you quite sure you do not know him?—I do not know him. I might know him if he were here perhaps.

23,449. Did you take him up to vote?—No.

23,450. Do you know the name of the men you did take up to vote?—I walked up to the polling place with a man of the name of Lamb and Mr. Blyth, I think it was; those are the two.

23,451. You had asked them to go up?—Yes.

23,452. Were those the only two?—Yes.

23,453. What did you give them?—Nothing at all. I had nothing to give.

23,454. Did you offer to give them anything?—No.

23,455. Did you give them any beer?—No.

23,456. Did you take them to any public-house?—No, they took me.

23,457. They took you?—Yes, I believe so; I believe we had a glass afterwards.

23,458. Who paid for it?—I think Mr. Blyth did. He asked me to go and have a glass with him; he said, "Now we will go and have a glass." I think those were his words. It is not an unusual thing for me to have a glass of beer at any time.

23,459. Have you had any money since the election for what you did then?—No, I have not seen the colour of any.

23,460. Has your wife had any?—No.

23,461. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

23,462. No money has been paid to you for the services you did?—No.

23,463. Have you applied for any?—No, I did not want any, I am glad to say; what I did, I did of my own free will.

23,464. What money did you spend?—Not any. I only spent a little for a glass of beer for myself.

23,465. Did you give any money for the purpose of getting voters?—No.

23,466. Not any over the city?—No, not anywhere.

ROBERT BALDWIN sworn and examined. *R. Baldwin.*

23,467. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An ironplate worker.

23,468. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,469. For whom?—For Stracey.

23,470. At what time in the day?—Between one and two, as near as I can remember.

23,471. At your dinner hour?—Yes.

23,472. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

23,473. Or the promise of anything?—Nor the the promise of anything.

23,474. Had you promised anyone to vote for Stracey?—No.

23,475. Had you been canvassed?—No, by neither party.

23,476. Had you ever voted before?—No, I never voted before.

GEORGE HOWMAN sworn and examined. *G. Howman.*

23,477. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,478. For whom?—Mr. Henry Stracey.

23,479. At what time in the day?—Half-past nine in the morning.

23,480. Were you promised anything for your vote?—No.

23,481. Did you get anything?—No.

23,482. Neither money nor beer?—No.

GEORGE BILLINGS sworn and examined. *G. Billings.*

23,483. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

23,484. At what time in the day?—About a quarter or twenty minutes past nine in the morning.

23,485. Had you promised your vote?—I did promise Mr. Gedge.

23,486. Did he give you anything for it?—No.

23,487. Did he promise you anything?—No.

23,488. Have you had anything since?—No.

23,489. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

23,490. Did you get any beer?—No, not anything.

BENJAMIN BECKHAM sworn and examined. *B. Beckham.*

23,491. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, for Sir Henry Stracey.

23,492. At what time in the day?—About ten o'clock in the morning.

23,493. Did you go to vote from your own house?—Yes.

23,494. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

23,495. Nor the promise of anything?—No; not a glass of ale or anything.

ABRAHAM STANGROOM sworn and examined. *A Stangroom.*

23,496. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,497. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

23,498. At what time in the day?—Between three and four.

23,499. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

23,500. How came you to vote so late?—I will tell you. I was at work at Coburg Street, and I had a job to finish; the roof was uncovered, and I stopped and finished the roof before I came on, and went without my dinner. I do not know that I should have voted at all if it had not been for my missus; when I came home to get my dinner missus says "Ain't you

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going to vote?" and I says, "I do not know;" she says, "Go and vote one way or the other," and I says, "If I vote I shall vote for Stracey."

23,501. Was that how it came round?—Yes.

23,502. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

23,503. Did your wife get anything?—No.

23,504. Are you sure of that?—Yes, I am sure of it, and I wanted it as much as anybody in this city, there is no mistake about it.

23,505. Have you been a voter before?—No, not for the general election, but for town councillor I have.

23,506. I believe you wanted something then, and you got it?—No.

23,507. Did you try to get something?—No, I never see a farthing yet.

23,508. Have you ever asked for anything?—No, never.

23,509. Not at the municipal elections?—No, nothing; you can take my word.

V. W. Tuffield.

VALENTINE WILLIAM TUFFIELD sworn and examined.

23,510. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

23,511. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

23,512. What made you so late?—My business laid in the other part of the city.

23,513. What is your business?—A fishmonger.

23,514. You were about the whole day?—I start out in the morning about seven, and stay out till perhaps about half-past two or three, especially on Tuesdays and Fridays.

23515. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

23,516. Did you promise anyone?—No.

23,517. Have you voted before?—Yes.

23,518. Which side have you voted?—Always Conservative.

23,519. How many times have you voted?—Three or four.

23,520. Have you ever had any money?—No.

23,521. Did you get nothing this time?—No.

23,522. No beer?—No, only what I paid for myself.

23,523. Did you not go into any of these houses where beer was in such plenty?—No.

23,524. Where did you get your beer that you paid for yourself?—Morgan's cellar house; I paid for some there, and Rose Lane that is on my round.

23,525. Have you had anything paid you since?—No.

R. Eglington.

ROBERT EGLINGTON sworn and examined.

23,526. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carpenter.

23,527. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,528. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stacey.

23,529. At what time in the day?—About 11 o'clock, I believe.

23,530. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not anything.

23,531. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

23,532. Nobody had asked you?—No.

23,533. Had you ever voted before?—Yes.

23,534. For the Conservatives?—I never voted at a general election before.

23,535. You got nothing for your vote this time?—No, not anything.

29,536. Or the promise of anything?—No, not anything.

N. Dye.

NOAH DYE sworn and examined.

23,537. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

23,538. At what time of the day?—I should think about half-past two.

23,539. Do you know a man of the name of Wiseman?—Yes.

23,540. What did he give you to vote?—Nothing at all. I do not know that I see him that day at all; I do not think I did.

23,541. Who gave you anything to vote?—Nobody at all.

23,542. Do you mean to say you were not paid for voting?—Not at all, not even a glass of ale.

23,543. You did not get your day's wages?—No.

23,544. You did not get anything from anybody?—No, not a glass of ale, though I keep a public-house myself.

23,545. Were you not promised something?—No, nothing at all.

23,546. Did you see Wiseman the day before?—No.

23,547. On the day of the election were there a considerable number of voters in your house?—I do not know. I was at work all the forenoon.

23,548. Where were you at work?—At Richards and Watt's, Duke's Palace.

23,549. How far is that from your house?—I should think about 200 or 300 yards; that is all.

23,550. You would go home to breakfast and dinner?—Yes, I do.

23,551. You go home from time to time?—Yes.

23,552. Were there not some voters in your house that day?—I do not know; I did not ask any questions. I do not know whether they were voters or not. They did not ask me questions, and I did not ask them.

23,553–4. Were there not several in your house drinking beer?—There were, no doubt, but I do not know whether they were voters.

23,555. Did not other people pay for the beer which those men drank?—No, they paid for their own beer.

23,556. What is the name of your house?—The "Garibaldi," in Duke Street.

23,557. Did you run up any score that day?—No, not that I know of.

23,558. Not that you know of?—I do not pretend to know about the business at all. I leave that to my missus. I go to my own work.

23,559. Have you not heard from your missus that she did run up a reckoning that day?—No, I do not think she did.

23,560. Have you received any money since that day for beer supplied that day?—No, not a farthing.

23,561. Do you not know that your missus has?—No, I am sure she has not.

23,562. Who is your brewer?—Steward and Patteson.

23,563. What has been knocked off your beer bill?—Nothing at all.

23,564. Do you mean to say you have paid your bill as sent in in full?—Yes.

23,565. Every farthing of it?—Yes.

23,566. Has no allowance been made you?—No.

23,567. Have you had no beer supplied to you gratis?—No.

G. Warnes.

GEORGE WARNES sworn and examined.

23,568. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carpenter.

23,569. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,570. For whom did you vote? — Sir Henry Stracey.

23,571. At what time in the day?—At half-past 1.

23,572. Your dinner hour?—Yes.

23,573. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

23,574. Or the promise of anything?—No.

23,575. Did you give anybody else anything for voting?—No.

23,576. No drink, or money, or anything else?—No, not the slightest.

23,577. Do you know of any drink or money having been given by anybody else?—I have not heard of any.

JOSEPH TALLOWIN sworn and examined. *J. Tallowin.*

23,578. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,579. Had you a vote before?—Yes, I had a vote before.

23,580. Have you been paid for voting at former elections?—I have been paid my expenses sometimes.

23,581. At Waters' election what expenses were you paid?—I cannot tell, I never keep anything of that kind in memory. I am out of the city now.

23,582. How much were you paid at the preceding election to that?—I cannot say; I was never paid anything only just my expenses.

23,583. For what were your expenses incurred?—I never made any charge.

23,584. A couple of pounds?—It ought to be; it is very far from home.

23,585. Were your expenses about a couple of pounds?—I do not recollect getting 2*l.* at a time. It might be, but I do not know.

23,586. How many times have you received your expenses?—A good many.

23,587. You never voted without your expenses?—Oh yes, plenty of times.

23,588. In what were your expenses incurred?—I voted at the last election without any expenses.

23,589. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you try to get your expenses this time?—I never tried, and never asked for any, and never saw a penny, nor yet a glass of beer nowhere.

23,590. Did not anybody ask you for your vote?—No, I did not want any asking, because I always intended voting for Sir Henry Stracey.

23,591. Do you mean to say you never received anything that day?—I never see a glass of beer.

23,592. But did you not see money?—I did not see a farthing turned about anywhere, not a single halfpenny.

23,593. If you had I suppose you would have looked after it?—I might have done it, perhaps.

23,594. However you did not see it, and therefore you did not get it?—No, I did not get it, and never asked for any.

23,595. Did anybody offer it to you this time?—No, not a halfpenny.

23,596. Did they promise you anything?—Not a halfpenny, and I never requested it.

ROBERT JOHN MOLES sworn and examined. *R. J. Moles.*

23,597 (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A hairdresser.

23,598. For whom did you vote? — Sir Henry Stracey.

23,599. At what time?—About two o'clock.

23,600. Had you promised your vote?—Yes, I had done so.

23,601. To whom had you promised it?—To Williams the grocer, I think it was, Mr. Green the tobacconist, and another grocer whose name I do not know.

23,602. Two or three days before?—No, the same morning.

23,603. Did they offer you anything?—No.

23,604. Did they give you anything?—No, they asked me who I was going to vote for, and I told them I was going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and I went and voted.

23,605. Did they ask you to give any money to anybody else?—No.

23,606. Or make any promise to anybody else?—No.

JOHN ROBERT GRIFFITHS sworn and examined. *J. R. Griffiths.*

23,607. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A plane maker.

23,608. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,609. For whom?—Russell and Tillett.

23,610. You saw Lane that day, the landlord of the "Pigeons"?—I might see him that day, but I cannot be sure.

23,611. You did see him, did you not?—I believe I did.

23,612. He gave you 10*s.*?—No.

23,613. Did you not get 10*s.* from anybody that day?—No.

23,614. Did not anybody give you 10*s.* to vote for Stracey?—No.

23,615. Any money?—No.

23,616. Or to vote for Russell and Tillett?—No.

23,617. You did not get any money for voting?—No.

23,618. Or the promise of anything?—No.

23,619. Did you not show anybody half-a-sovereign the day of the election?—No.

23,620, Do you know any other man of the name of Griffiths?—Yes.

WILLIAM HICK sworn and examined. *W. Hick.*

23,621. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,622. For whom did you vote?—Russell and Tillett.

23,623. Did anybody offer you any money?—No.

23,624. Or promise you any money?—No.

23,625. Or anything else?—No, nothing else whatever.

ROBERT BALLS sworn and examined. *R. Balls.*

23,626. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

23,627. At what time in the day?—Half-past three.

23,628. What did you get?—Half-a-sovereign.

23,629. From whom?—Richard Green.

23,630. Is that the plasterer?—Yes.

23,631. Was anybody else there at the time you got the money?—A man named Sexton. I was not paid for two or three days afterwards.

23,632. Where were you paid?—Against my own door.

23,633. By whom?—Richard Green.

23,634. Where does Sexton live?—In St. Miles', the same parish.

23,635. Is that George Sexton?—Yes.

23,636. Do you not know any of your neighbours who were as well off as yourself?—No, only Sexton.

23,637. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

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JEREMIAH JERMY sworn and examined.

J. Jermy.

23,638. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a shoemaker and shopkeeper.

23,639. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,640. For whom?—Tillett and Russell.

23,641. At what time in the day?—About half-past nine in the moring.

23,642. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

23,643. Or the promise of anything?—No.

23,644. Were you about the city on the day of the election?—I did go about a time or two.

23,645. Did you see anything of bribery?—No.

23,646. Do you know of any bribery that has taken place?—I do not know anything of the kind.

23,647. Have you ever voted before on former elections?—Yes.

23,648. Did you vote Liberal then?—Yes.

23,649. Did you have money before for voting?—No.

23,650. Never?—No.

23,651. Are you quite sure about that?—Yes.

23,652. You seem in a little doubt about it. Come now, have you had money before?—At a general election?

23,653–4. At a former election had you not money?—I do not recollect having had any money at all.

23,655. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The price then was 2*l.* or 3*l.* a vote was it not?—I do not remember it.

23,656. (*Mr. Biron.*) You would remember getting money for your vote?—No, I do not.

23,657. Yes, you do. What did you get at Waters' election?—I think I got 5*s.*, I think that was what it was.

23,658. What did you get this time?—Nothing at all.

23,659. When Lewis and Forlonge were candidates what did you get?—Not anything.

23,660. You are in a little doubt about that?—No, I am not.

23,661. At Bury and Schneider's election what did you get?—Not anything at all.

23,662. What were you about that you did not get money then?—I did not ask for anything of the kind, there was none offered to me.

23,663. At Bignold's election, what did you get?—Nothing at all.

23,664. Do you know Charles Dover?—Yes.

23,665. Is he a relation of yours?—Yes.

23,666. Did he give you anything or get anything for you?—No, I never asked for anything and had nothing promised me, and was not solicited by any one. I went in the morning and voted.

H. Griffiths.

HENRY GRIFFITHS sworn and examined.

23,667. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted at the last election, did you not?—Yes.

23,668. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

23,669. Did you get 10*s.*?—No.

23,670. What did you get?—Nothing.

23,671. Did you not get something at the "Pigeons"?—No, I did not.

23,672. Where did you get it?—Nowhere.

23,673. Did you not say in the presence of Warner that you had taken money for your vote?—No.

23,674. Where do you live?—In Portugal Street, Thorpe's Yard.

23,675. Did you not say to Richard Warner that you had taken money for your vote?—No.

23,676. Do you know Henry Duffield?—I know Duffield the tailor.

23,677. Of Potter-gate Street?—Yes, I know him perfectly well, I do.

23,678. Did you not say to him that you had got money?—No.

23,679. At what time did you vote?—Between three and four in the afternoon.

23,680. Where were you all day?—I was at work in the fore part of the morning till about half-past ten.

23,681. Where were you after that?—I went up in the market place, and saw a great quantity of people there,

23,682. Why did you not go and vote?—That I cannot answer for.

23,683. Were you looking out for what you could get?—I do not know that I was.

23,684. Do you not know that you were?—No, I do not know that I was.

23,685. What were you looking out for?—I was looking at the quantity of people that was about, and seeing what was going on.

23,686. Were you not looking to see whether money was going?—No, I cannot say that I was.

23,687. Will you undertake to say you were not?—I would rather undertake to say that I was not than that I was.

23,688. Would you have taken money if it had been offered to you?—If it had been offered probably I might, if it had satisfied me.

23,689. (*Mr. Biron.*) What was your price that day?—As much as I could get.

23,690. What was the lowest?—Well, I would have taken all I could get; I do not know about the lowest.

23,691. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was not 10*s.* your price?—I do not know anything at all about that.

23,692. Did you not ask for 10*s.*?—No, never in my life, and not a man can say I did.

23,693. Did they offer you 5*s.*?—I was not offered 5*s.*, and I was not offered 2*s.*, 3*s.*, or 4*s.*, nor was I offered 8*s.*, 10*s.*, 18*s.*, 20*s.*, or 30*s.*

23,694. Were you offered anything?—No.

23,695. Do you mean to say you went and voted without getting any money?—I will tell you the truth; they say truth goes the furthest.

23,696. Let us have the truth if you can give it to us?—I will tell it to you, and if I tell you wrong you can contradict me: a little after three I went down to the "Pigeons" in Charing Cross. I stayed there and got a glass of ale, till five minutes to 4, and I thought there was no time for me to go and vote, and I see Mr. Henry Mason, the auctioneer, and he said to me, "Who are you going to vote for?" and I said, "You know who I am going to vote for without ask-"ing. I am going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and "give him a plumper." He says, "Well, do, and we will drink together," and I went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

23,697. And you did drink together?—Not till after I had voted.

23,698. He took very good care you should not drink before you had voted?—That I cannot answer for.

23,699. (*Mr. Biron.*) What did you get afterwards?—Nothing at all.

23,700. I mean to drink?—I had a glass of brandy and water; nothing more, I will take my oath of.

J. Bradbury.

JOHN BRADBURY sworn and examined.

23,701. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir John Stracey.

23,702. At what time of the day?—Beween three and four.

23,703. What made you vote so late?—Because I was in the country till 2 o'clock. Then I got dinner, and then I went and voted.

23,704. What were you about in the country?—I am assistant bailiff.

23,705. Have you ever voted before?—Yes.

23,706. Always Conservative?—Yes.

23,707. Have you ever had anything in your life for voting?—No, never.

23,708. Not even expenses?—No.

23,709. Nor beer?—No.

FRANCIS ANDERSON sworn and examined. *F. Anderson.*

23,710. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A draper's assistant.

23,711. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,712. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

23,713. At what time in the day?—About two.

23,714. Did you get anything for voting?—No, and did not want it. I voted honestly.

23,715. Did you get the promise of anything?—No, nor a promise.

23,716. Had you promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Mr. Dudley Stracey canvassed me the night before, but I did not promise I should vote for him.

23,717. Why did you not promise him if you were going to vote for him?—I had no particular reason.

23,718. Did you think you would get something out of him?—No, certainly not.

23,719. I do not quite understand why you did not promise him?—I did not promise.

23,720. Where were you that day?—I was at business all day.

23,721. Both before you voted and afterwards?—Yes; I can get plenty of witnesses to prove that. I am a draper's assistant at an establishment in the market. I went and voted, and came back again in three minutes.

SAMUEL HOWARD sworn and examined. *S. Howard.*

23,722. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,723. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

23,724. At what time in the afternoon?—About a quarter before four.

23,725. Where were you all the day?—I was at the "Norfolk Hotel," ostler there, and could not get away before, we were very busy that day.

23,726. Did anybody offer you anything for your vote?—No.

23,727. Did anybody promise you anything?—No.

23,728. Or give you anything?—No.

23,729. Were you treated in any way?—No.

23,730. By nobody?—No.

23,731. Had you promised your vote before?—No.

23,732. Had any person asked you for it?—No.

23,733. You went up of your own accord and voted?—Yes, of my own accord.

23,734. Was this the first time you had a vote?—Yes.

THOMAS DOBSON sworn and examined. *T. Dobson.*

23,735. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you at the last election?—Stracey.

23,736. At what time in the day?—I think it was between half-past two and three.

23,737. What made you go so late?—I had to go to the shop and leave things right before I could get out to vote.

23,738. What is your trade?—A brass moulder.

23,739. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—Yes.

23,740. Who was it?—A party that came canvassing for it.

23,741. Who was it?—I think it was a Mr. Lane at the "Pigeons."

23,742. How long before the election?—The same morning, I think.

23,743. Did you go to the "Pigeons"?—Yes.

23,744. And had a drink?—I saw a party going to vote and he said, "Come and have half a pint," I said I would, and that I was just going to have a drop.

23,745. Who paid for it?—The other party paid for that, and I paid for another afterwards.

23,746. Who was that?—Goodwin, I think, an iron moulder.

23,747. Did you go and vote together?—No, I went by myself. I was not in the place five minutes.

23,748. Did you see Mr. Hulme at the "Pigeons"?—No.

23,749. I mean Mr. Hulme the chemist?—I do not know him.

23,750. Who did you see there?—A number of them at the bar drinking.

23,751. Were they getting their beer paid for?—I do not know; I had none as a gift.

23,752. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, not a farthing, not even a thank'ee.

23,753. Did you have anything promised you?—No.

23,754. Have you received anything since?—No.

23,755. Have you ever voted before?—No.

WILLIAM DAYNES sworn and examined. *W. Daynes.*

23,756. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

23,757. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,758. For whom?—For. Mr. Stracey.

23,759. At what time of the day?—A quarter before two.

23,760. Did you get anything for voting?—Not anything.

23,761. You answer in rather a hesitating way; come, what did you get?—I never got anthing or asked for anything,

23,762. Nor the promise of anything?—Nor the promise of anything.

23,763. Were you paid anything after you voted?—No.

23,764. Was anything given to you after you voted?—No.

23,765. Or before?—No.

23,766. Did you not get your day's pay?—No.

23,767. Or you expenses?—Nothing at all.

23,768. No money and no drink?—No money and no drink of any kind.

RICHARD HENRY HUBY sworn and examined. *R. H. Huby.*

23,769. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,770. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

23,771. At what time in the day?—I should say it was about one o'clock.

23,772. Later than that, was it not?—It might be a little later, but as far as my recollection goes it was about one o'clock.

23,773. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

23,774. Who canvassed you for your vote?—John Hart Bowgen called; that was two or three days before the election and a gentleman of the name of Williams, and I think the other gentleman was Lemon, I think them three canvassed me for my vote.

23,775. For whom did they ask you to vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

23,776. Did you promise your vote?—Certainly not.

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23,777. Did you not intend to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I told them I should consider the matter.

23,778. I suppose you meant by considering the matter that you would wait to see what could be got?—No, that was the farthest from my thoughts. I have voted several times, and I never received a farthing.

23,779. If you were not going to consider the matter for that purpose, what were you going to consider?—The best man.

23,780. That was what you were going to consider?—Yes, certainly.

23,781. Had you not heard that Sir Henry Stracey was a candidate long before that?—Yes.

23,782. You had had plenty of time to consider for whom you would vote?—I did not think much of it myself, because I have something else to think of.

23,783. What induced you at that time of the day to go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—It was my work that caused me to drive it off so late.

23,784. Did it come into your head to vote for Sir Henry Stracey before that day?—When I came down to get my meal at one o'clock I went and voted.

23,785. What induced you to go and vote then?—I always did vote on the Conservative side.

22,786. Having always voted on the Conservative side, and Sir Henry Stracey being the only Conservative candidate, what made you say you would consider it two or three days before the election?—I cannot exactly answer that question; there are many things that we have to consider.

23,787. Do you mean to say you did not get the promise of anything for your vote?—Certainly not; I never asked for anything.

23,788. Were you not offered, and did you not get something for your vote?—Certainly not, I did not get the value of a glass of beer, and did not ask for anything, neither situation nor anything of the sort.

23,780. Have you ever had the promise of anything?—No, certainly not.

23,790. Did anybody come to your shop and buy something, or say they would buy it, if you would vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No, certainly not; no one visited me after the canvass; no one ever asked me for my vote not after them three came and canvassed me.

J. Hammond.

JOHN HAMMOND sworn and examined.

23,791. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

23,792. What time?—A little after three; I was busy at work.

23,793. Had you promised your vote?—No, no one ever asked me.

23,794. What did you get for your vote?—Well, I always voted that way, for the Conservative party, for the last 25 years.

23,795. Have you ever had your expenses paid?—No.

23,796. Not once?—I only voted the other way once, at a municipal election.

23,797. Nor yet a day's work?—Nor yet a day's work.

23,798. By whom were you canvassed this time?—Well, I was canvassed by young Harry Bullard and Courtland, that is all I was canvassed by; the Conservative party never canvassed me at all.

23,799. And you never got anything?—Nothing at all.

23,800. Not even a glass of beer?—Not even a glass of beer.

23,801. Have you had anything since?—Nothing since.

R. Daynes.

RICHARD DAYNES sworn and examined.

23,802. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

23,803. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,804. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

23,805. At what time of the day?—Twenty-five minutes to four.

23,806. What did you get?—*5s.*

23,807. Who gave it you?—Mr. Andrews.

23,808. Who is he?—A publican.

23,809. Ambrose Andrews?—Charles Andrews, I think.

23,810. What house does he keep?—I do not know, it is a public-house.

23,811. Where did he give you this money?—I did not receive it until after the election was over.

23,812. Where was he when he promised to give it to you?—In his house.

23,813. Were there any other men there?—There were several other men there.

23,814. Did he promise any of the men?—That I do not know, I cannot say to that.

23,815. Who were the men that were there?—Well, Boast I think was one name.

23,816. Where does he live?—Lower Dock Yard.

23,817. Who was the next?—Clarke.

23,818. Anybody else?—I cannot call to mind the names, because it is a house I never was in before that afternoon.

23,819. How many of them were there altogether?—I cannot say.

23,820. Do you know whether they had voted or not then?—I don't know, because after I got the promise I left the house and went to my own home to consider whether I should vote or not for the money.

23,821. You turned it over in your mind?—Yes.

23,822. Had you said anything to Andrews about voting?—No.

23,823. He asked you to vote, I suppose?—I was called to go, he asked whether I was a voter by one man a neighbour.

23,824. Who was that?—Gough.

23,825. Did he tell you that you had better go to this man Andrews?—He came for me.

23,826. Where does Gough live?—I cannot say now; he has just removed.

23,827. Where did he live then?—At the bottom of the yard where I live, opposite St. Lawrence's Church.

23,828. Gough told you that you could get something if you went to Andrews', was not that it?—He came and asked me whether I would vote, and he said if I had not voted, I could be repaid for my vote.

23,829. At Andrews'?—Yes.

23,830. Then you went there?—Yes.

23,831. When you were talking to Andrews were any others there?—Yes, several others.

23,832. Who could hear what Andrews said to you?—He said it to one and all.

23,833–5. How many more went to vote besides you?—I don't know, because when I turned out of his house I went to my own home, so I did not go and record my vote at the same time that they did.

23,836. When you had the conversation with Andrews what time of the day was it?—Half-past three.

23,837. Do you know whether Gough went to any other people?—No, I cannot say that.

23,838. Did anyone else offer you money that day?—No.

23,839. Do you know Rix, the grocer in St. Gregory's?—No, I cannot recall him; I have seen him, I dare say, passing the shop.

23,840. Did not any other gentlemen call upon you that day before Gough came?—No.

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JAMES GUYTON sworn and examined. *J. Guyton.*

23,841. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted at the last election, did you not?—Yes.

23,842. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

23,843. Do you know Mackley?—Yes, quite well.

23,844. He was liberal enough, I believe, to give you half a sovereign for your vote?—Yes, I received that from him.

23,845. Do you know whether Mackley gave any one else any money?—I never saw anyone else there, neither did I take the money in his house.

23,846. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did he stay in the public-house opposite, or did he go up to the poll with you?—I did not see him with me at the poll, though I took the money of him.

23,847. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you heard of any other men to whom Mackley gave any money?—No, that I have not; I seem to be the only individual that is mentioned.

23,848. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You don't know of Mackley parting with any other money but that half sovereign?—I never heard such a thing.

23,849. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You did not see his pocket picked, I suppose?—No.

23,850. He went into the other public-house and remained there while you went and voted?—I went in there with him previous to the voting.

23,851. He did not complain to you then that he had had his pocket picked and had lost 14*l.* 10*s.*?—Not then, your honour, nor any other time.

23,852. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Had you ever heard of it before it was mentioned here?—I never heard it until I read in the paper about his losing it.

GEORGE KING sworn and examined. *G. King.*

23,853. (*Mr Biron.*) What are you?—A cooper.

23,854. For whom did you vote at this last election?—Stracey.

23,855. At what time in the day?—About 10 minutes past 3.

23,856. What did you get for it?—Not anything.

23,857. Where had you been all the day?—At home the chief part of the day.

23,858. Why did you not vote earlier?—Well, I don't know I am sure; I did not think about voting at all.

23,859. Then how came you to vote at 10 minutes past 3?—I don't know how I came to do it.

23,860. Who brought you up?—Not anyone; I went myself.

23,861. Who asked you to go?—Not anyone; I was not asked to go.

23,862. What did you get after you had voted?—Not anything.

23,863. Not a day's work?—No, nor yet half a day's.

23,864. No money and no beer?—Not a drop, nor yet no money.

23,865. Are you married?—Yes.

23,866. Did your wife get anything?—No.

23,867. Did she persuade you to go and vote?—No.

23,868. How came you to make up your mind all of a sudden at past 3 o'clock?—I am sure I don't know how it was; I did do so.

23,869. And did not get anything for it?—No, not a farthing.

JAMES BRETT sworn and examined. *J. Brett.*

23,870. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

23,871. Do you recollect voting?—Yes.

23,872. You are sure you recollect it?—Yes.

23,873. What public-houses did you go to?—I went from my own house to vote.

23,874. What public-houses had you been to before you went to your own house?—I had been into the "White Horse," and had a glass of ale; that is right opposite my house.

23,875. How many public-houses had you been to?—None before I went there.

23,876. What time did you vote?—Between 12 and 1 o'clock.

23,877. It was later, was it not?—No.

23,878. You voted at a quarter-past three?—I did not, sir, and I can prove it; I voted between 12 and 1; I know what time I voted.

23,879. Before you went up and voted did you talk to the policeman at the polling booth?—I believe I spoke to one, because he shoved me off the path.

23,880. Did he not say you were so drunk that you were not fit to vote?—No, he did not.

23,881. What did he say to you?—He only shoved me off the path. He said he did not know that I had a vote; and I went and voted. That was about 20 minutes after 12, or half-past 12, when I voted.

23,882. You were canvassed, were you not, to vote for Russell and Tillett?—Yes.

23,883. And you promised to vote for them?—I did not.

23,884. Do you mean to say you did not promise to vote for Russell and Tillett?—I did not promise anyone.

23,885. Did you say that you would not vote for them?—I did not; I said I would not promise anyone.

23,886. Had you made up your mind to vote for Stracey?—I had made up my mind to vote for Stracey.

23,887. Then when the people came and canvassed you to vote for Russell and Tillett, why did you not tell them that you would not vote for them?—I do not know.

23,888. You wanted money, I suppose?—No, I don't know that I wanted that; I went and voted as soon as my shop got clear.

23,889. You wanted your expenses?—No, I never asked no one for it.

23,890. I daresay you did not ask.—No, and no one offered to give them to me.

23,891. Did you get any money?—No.

23,892. Did no one offer you any?—No.

23,893. Do you know Williams, the grocer?—No, I cannot say that I do.

23,894. Did anyone ask you to vote for Stracey?—Yes, I believe there was three men came.

23,895. What time in the day?—That was before the election.

23,896. What day?—I believe it was about three or four days.

23,897. Did you promise your vote to them?—No, I did not.

23,898. Being canvassed by the Radicals you refused to give them your vote, and you say you had made up your mind to vote for the Conservatives, and when they asked you you would not promise to vote for them, how was that?—I said I would not promise anyone.

23,899. Now, what would you have taken if you could have got it?—I never asked no one for anything.

23,900. But what would you have taken?—I never thought about taking anything.

23,901. 5*s.* or 10*s.*?—I never thought about anything of the sort.

23,902. Never mind about thinking. What would you have taken?—I don't know.

23,903. Would you have taken half a sovereign?—I never thought about taking any money; I did not

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know that there was any money, I never heard anyone say that there was any.

23,904. If 10*s.* had been offered to you on this day, would you have taken it ?—No.

23,905. Would you have taken, 1*l.* ?—I don't know that I should.

23,906. A couple of pounds, then ?—No, I don't know that I want money, I can earn enough money for my living, I don't know that I want anyone to give me money the time I am at work. I never asked no one for any money, and no one never offered me any.

L. Jeffries.

LEMMON JEFFRIES sworn and examined.

23,907. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

23,908. What time in the day ?—About half-past 2 in the afternoon.

23,909. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

23,910. Did anyone give you anything for your vote ?—No.

23,911. Were you promised anything ?—No.

23,912. Have you had anything since ?—No.

23,913. Do you know of any money or promise of money being given to other people to induce them to vote ?—No.

23,914. Have you voted before ?—Yes, a great many times.

23,915. On which side ?—Always on the Conservative side.

23,916. Have you had anything for it ?—No.

23,917. Not even a day's work ?—Not a penny.

T. Cott.

THOMAS COTT sworn and examined.

23,918. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A silversmith and pawnbroker.

23,919. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

23,920. For Stracey ?—For Stracey.

23,921. At what time in the day ?—A quarter past eight in the morning.

23,922. You did not get anything for your vote, I suppose ?—No.

23,923. I believe you are an active partizan ?—I don't believe so.

23,924. Did you not take an active part in the election ?—I am not an active partizan. I did canvass this last time, but that was the first time in my life.

23,925. And in your canvass did you find men unwilling to promise you ?—I did.

23,926. Hanging back ?—Hanging back.

23,927. Did you give any of them anything ?—No.

23,928. Or promise anything ?—Nor promise anything.

23,929 Who did you go about with ?—Mr. Rix, and Mr. William Kett.

23,930. And Mr. Budgen ?—I do not know him personally. I might go with him, but I do not know him.

23,931. When you found these men unwilling to promise and vote, what did you do ?—I did nothing, of course not.

23,932. Did you come across any of those men on the day of the election ?—Well, I don't recollect.

23,933. What did you do on the day of the election ?—I walked about a good deal.

23,934. Trying to get men up to vote ?—I did not get one up to vote. I never took one up to the poll.

23,935. Did you try ?—I went and asked two or three.

23,936. And they would not go without money ?—They never said anything to me about money, they said they had not made up their minds.

23,937. You knew what that meant well enough ?—Of course I did, but I was not aware of any money floating at all. I was not aware of any being given.

23,938. You did not give any out of your own pocket ?—Not a farthing.

23,939. Had you ever given any money on former occasions ?—Never. Not one single halfpenny in my life. I never canvassed before, and never interested myself about getting up voters before in my life, and I always voted early in the morning.

H. Rix.

HENRY RIX sworn and examined.

23,940. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election ?—Yes.

23,941. What time in the day ?—About three.

23,942. You were at the "Pigeons," were you not ?—I was not. I never go into the house. I have not been into the house for years.

23,943. Were you employed as a canvasser ?—I was not.

23,944. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Not a farthing.

23,945. How came you to vote so late ?—It was the hour that suited me the best. I was at work in the day, in fact I was after my orders.

23,946. What are you by trade ?—A master cabinet maker.

23,947. But how came you to be so late in voting ?—I was after my orders. I was travelling the chief part of the day taking orders.

23,948. Does that take so long ?—I was taking out the work as well as taking orders, buying the wood, and so on.

23,949. Did you get anything for your vote ?—I did not get anything.

23,950. Were you offered anything ?—I was not offered anything, neither was I asked to vote by either party.

23,951. You voted of your own accord ?—Entirely of my own accord.

23,952. Had you ever voted before ?—I had not.

23,953. Were you promised anything ?—I was not promised, neither was I asked to vote. I was not canvassed.

E. Fitt.

EDWARD FITT sworn and examined.

23,954. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for ?—Stracey.

23,955. What time in the day ?—About a quarter past two.

23,956. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing.

23,957. Was anything promised you ?—No.

23,958. Did they give you any beer ?—No.

23,959. Who canvassed you ?—No one.

23,960. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

23,961. Have you had anything since ?—No.

23,962. Is this the first time you have voted ?—Yes.

23,963. What public-houses were you at that day ?—Not any.

23,964. What were you doing all day ?—At work.

23,965. Where ?—The fish market.

23,966. Were you about the town, or do you keep a stall ?—I was working in the fish market.

C. Andrews.

CHARLES ANDREWS sworn and examined.

23,967. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A publican.

23,968. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

23,969. For whom ?—Stracey.

23,970. At what time in the day did you vote ?—

Between three and four, I cannot say to a few minutes.

23,971. What did you get for voting?—Well, I received 5*l.*

23,972. Who did you get that from?—Mr. Hart Bowgen.

23,973. Was that for yourself and to get up other men?—It was to get up other men.

23,974. How many did you get?—Eight.

23,975. Just give me their names? We know Daynes was one.—Daynes' name is on the list, and I have put down the money that I gave each of them; but I am a very bad scholar, and I don't know whether you can make out my writing.

23,976. Just read it out?—Fenn is one.

23,977. Who is he?—He is a man who keeps a public-house by the sign of the "Goat," or at least he kept it then. He don't keep it now.

23,978. What did you give him?—5*s.*

23,979. Who is the next man?—Mr. Brakenbury, of St. Benedict's, a butcher.

23,980. What did you give him?—5*s.*; then Daynes, the young man who has just been in, 5*s.*, and Powley 5*s.*

23,981. Where does he live?—He lives in Fisher's Lane.

23,982. Do you know his Christian name?—I do not.

23,983. Go on to the next?—Francis Witherick.

23,984. Where does he live?—In Pipemakers' Yard, St. Benedict's. I gave him 10*s.* Then Robert Boast of St. Benedict's.

23,985. What did you give him?—10*s.*

23,986. Where does he live?—The next yard in St. Benedict's, and Thomas Gough, tailor, in St. Benedict's.

23,987. What did you give him?—5*s.*

23,988. That is 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

23,989. You kept the rest, did you?—I spent 10*s.* for drink.

23,990. And that left 2*l.* for yourself?—Yes.

23,991. Was that drink for yourself or for voters?—For the men in the house after the election was over.

23,992. Did these men come back?—Not all of them, some of them did.

23,993. Did any other men who had voted come back?—I cannot say, there was a great many people in the house after the election.

23,994. You did not operate upon any but those?—No.

23,995. That is the full list?—That is the full list of what I did with my money.

23,996. What time did you yet this money?—I should think it was 10 minutes or a quarter past three; it was after three I know.

JOSIAH WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

23,997. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—I did.

23,998. At what time in the day?—Before I had my breakfast. Past nine.

23,999. You had been active as a canvasser, had you not?—I had done all I could, according to the best of my ability.

24,000. Were you a paid canvasser?—I was not.

24,001. You have been engaged on former elections, have you not?—I have never been publicly engaged.

24,002. You have taken an active part?—I have.

24,003. You took an active part in Waters' election?—Yes.

24,004. And in the election before that?—Yes.

24,005. And you had always money given you to spend?—Not a farthing.

24,006. Surely they trusted you with some money, did they not?—Surely they did not.

24,007. Did you canvass then?—Yes.

24,008. There was a great deal of money afloat upon the occasion of those two prior elections, the one of 1865, and the other of 1860?—There was money.

24,009. A good deal? You were a canvasser, you know.—I was a canvasser, but I had no handling of any money.

24,010. Do you mean to say that, taking an active interest in the elections, you cannot tell me that there was a great deal of money afloat?—I believe there was, but not handling any I cannot tell you to what amount.

24,011. You not only worked in the parliamentary elections, but you have also taken an active part in the municipal elections?—Yes.

24012. Did you spend any money then?—No.

24,013. What ward is yours?—The second.

24,014. Was there a contest in your ward?—At the last municipal election I think not.

24,015. Was there a contest the time before?—I think there was the time before, but we have not had many contests in the second ward, the second ward is a ward which is not usually contested at municipal elections.

24,016. What ward was it in which you took an interest at the municipal elections?—If there is nothing to do in my own, I perhaps go into some others and do the best I can.

24,017. But at the last election did you not take a very active interest in one, or more than one of the wards?—I am about the city doing the best I can for the Conservative party.

24,018. You spent a good deal of money, did you not, at the last municipal election?—No, I did not.

24,019. You know there was a considerable amount of money spent?—No, I really do not know that there was.

24,020. Do you mean to say that you took so little interest, or that you know so little about the proceedings at the last municipal election, that you do not know that there was a considerable sum of money spent?—I cannot say that there was a considerable sum.

24,021. Was money spent at all?—I believe there was.

24,022. In which ward?—In all the wards, I should say, more or less.

24,023. There were not contests in all the wards?—I only allude to those that had contests.

24,024. In what wards were there contests?—I cannot remember now. I had no idea I should be called upon to answer such questions after such a lapse of time.

24,025. It was only last November, just before the election, and a man does not obliterate all these things from his memory unless he muddles himself with beer which I do not suppose you do?—I don't think a man tries to remember them much.

24,026. Do you try to forget what you spend at the municipal elections, is it convenient to do so?—I would tell you if I knew what money was spent, but I don't know.

24,027. Was there a very strong contest in the seventh and eighth wards?—I don't think I went into the seventh and eighth wards the last municipal election; I went into the fourth ward.

24,028. There was a contest in the seventh and eighth?—I think there was, but I don't think I went down there.

24,029. In the fourth ward was money spent?—I believe there was.

24,030. Did you hear of money being paid to people upon the terms that they should vote at the parliamentary election?—I never heard such a thing mooted until you now ask me the question.

24,031-2. Now, did you spend some money at the last election?—No.

24,033. Did you take up voters on the day of the poll?—Yes.

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J. Williams.

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24,034. Did you order beer for any men?—No.

24,035. At any public-house?—No.

24,036. Did you promise any money to anybody?—Not any.

24,037. Nor beer?—Nor beer.

24,038. Are you sure about that?—I am quite sure.

24,039. How many did you take up?—I cannot tell you how many I actually took up. I was all day soliciting. I did not take up all that I solicited. I went to see if some of them had not voted, but I did not go with all of them that I went after.

24,040. Did anybody go with you?—Oh, yes, two or three. I believe you now mean the voters?

24,041. Yes?—Yes, I believe I did go up with two or three.

24,042. But did anybody go with you to get the voters up?—Yes.

24,043. Who went with you?—Oh, several people in the course of the day.

24,044. You being a canvasser, I suppose, confined yourself on that occasion to one ward?—Yes, pretty nearly.

24045. Which ward?—The second ward.

24,046. Who went with you to get up voters in the second ward?—I will tell you if I can remember. I have no wish to conceal it, but I should not like to tell you wrong.

24,047. Did Andrews go with you?—No, I was not in Andrews' company. I don't know that I saw him on the day of the election; in fact I had no particular companion at all. I saw from the lists the men who had not voted, and I went after them; I took no one in particular.

24,048. Do you know Hart?—Yes, I was in Hart's company some little time of the day.

24,049. Did he go with you to the voters?—Yes, I think he did; I know I was with him.

24,050. Did you hear him promise money to them?—No, I did not hear him.

24,051. Don't you know he did?—No, I don't know he did.

24,052. Did he not tell you he did?—No, he did not tell me so.

24,053. You know nothing, then, of any payments going on?—I do not, I assure you.

24,054. Nor beer being given?—Nor beer, not for venal purposes.

24,055. Do you know of any money having been paid since the election?—No, I do not.

24,056. By Hart?—No.

24,057. Do you know of any score for beer being paid at any public-house?—No, I don't know that he set up any score.

24,058. Have you not heard that there was a score in your ward?—No, I have not heard so.

24,059. Did you receive anything for voting?—I did not.

24,060. Or the promise of anything?—Nor the promise of anything. I did not wish for anything.

24,061. Were you paid for your canvass?—I was not paid.

24,062. You were a mere volunteer?—I was a mere volunteer; I never had anything for it, and never thought about it.

24,063. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) There was no present made to you afterwards by anyone for your services?—No, I never had a penny in my life.

W. Hewett.

WILLIAM HEWETT sworn and examined.

24,064. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for?—Stracey.

24,065. At what time?—About half-past eight.

24,066. Had you promised your vote?—No.

24,067. In what ward did you vote?—The one close by St. John's Church. I do not know the name of the ward.

24,068. Were you at the "Horse Shoes" that morning?—No.

24,069. Were you at any public-house that morning?—Yes, at my own house.

24,070. Where is that?—The "Builders' Arms," Pottergate Street.

24,071. Had you any voters there that morning?—Not that I know of.

24,072. Had you any during the day?—No.

24,073. Was any score for beer settled afterwards?—No.

24,074. Did you serve any beer to voters that was paid for by any other than themselves?—No.

24,075. Was there much business in your house that day?—No, that there was not; very little indeed.

24,076. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

24,077. Were you promised anything?—No.

24,078. Have you had anything since?—No.

24,079. Did you give any money or beer to voters to go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

24,080. You are quite certain of that?—Yes, certain.

W. Simpson.

WILLIAM SIMPSON sworn and examined.

24,081. (*Mr. Biron*) What are you?—A master turner.

24,082. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

24,083. For whom?—Stracey.

24,084. What time in the day?—Between three and four.

24,085. What did you get for voting?—Not anything.

24,086. Why did you not vote sooner?—Because I did not think about voting at all. I had not made up my mind before.

24,087. What made you come to the conclusion that you would vote at half-past three?—I don't know; I thought as I had a vote I would vote at last.

24,088. Who was it asked you about it?—No one.

24,089. Where had you been all the day?—I had been at work all the morning until about half-past 12.

24,090. And after half-past 12?—I went into the "Three Pigeons" and had a glass of ale.

24,091. Who did you see at the "Pigeons"?—Several people.

24,092. Just tell me one?—Well, there was Mr. Fletcher, and Mr. Baldwin was there, but I did not notice particularly.

24,093. Did you not get 12*s.* 6*d.* there?—Not a farthing.

24,094. Did not you among the other men there get some money to vote?—Not a farthing.

24,095. Was anything given to your wife?—No.

24,096. Not on the day of the election?—No.

24,097. Nor since, for your voting?—No.

24,098. Did you see Hulme, the chemist, that day?—Yes. I think I saw him about 5 or 6 o'clock.

24,099. Did you not see him before you had voted?—No.

24,100. Did not Hulme send down to you?—No.

24,101. Did you go upstairs to the committee room?—No.

24,102. Were you not alone with Hulme that day before you voted in a room at the "Pigeons"?—No.

24,103. That you swear?—That I swear.

24,104. Were you not in a room with Hulme alone that day?—No.

24,105. Or in a room with him at all?—No.

24,106. Do you mean to swear that you had neither money nor beer for voting upon this occasion?—I did not.

24,107. You had voted for the Liberals on a former occasion, had you not?—No.

JOB GIBBS SHRIMPLING sworn and examined.

24,108. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

24,109. You voted at the last election for Stracey?—Yes.

24,110. What time in the day?—About a quarter or half-past 3.

24,111. What did you get for voting?—One sovereign.

24,112. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Hardiment.

24,113. Where was that?—At Mr. Mackley's house.

24,114. At the "Woolpack"?—Yes.

24,115. What time in the day?—About a quarter or 20 minutes past three.

24,216. Was that on the landing?—Yes.

24,117. Did you see anybody else paid there?—Yes, one more besides myself.

24,118. Who was that?—I do not know.

24,119. You are sure about that?—Yes, quite certain, sure; the man was a stranger to me.

24,120. You cannot tell me the name of the man?—I cannot.

HENRY JOHN WARNER recalled and further examined.

H. J. Warner.

24,121. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Now answer me without any reserve. You say you started from your house with Townshend that evening?—Yes.

24,122. What time did you leave your house?—I should think between eight or nine, as near as I can tell you.

24,123. Where did you go first?—To the Corn Hall.

24,124. How long did you remain at that place?—I might be there perhaps 20 minutes or half an hour.

24,125. What did you do there?—Nothing, except have two glasses of ale.

24,126. Do you mean to say you were only drinking?—Only drinking at this house.

24,127. Were there voters there?—I believe there was, because there was a great many came out of the hall and went in there.

24,128. That is in No. 1 ward, is it not?—No, it is not in the first ward.

24,129. Was Townshend talking to the voters there?—Townshend was talking to people.

24,130. And were you talking to them?—I was laughing with them, but I don't think I could tell you the name of one.

24,131. I don't want you to give me the name, but were you talking to the voters?—I was talking to some men.

24,132. And trying to persuade them to vote for Sir Henry?—I don't think I did.

24,133. There is no harm in that.—No.

24,134. Were you trying to persuade them to vote for Sir Henry?—I was talking about the election.

24,135. I suppose you were anxious that Sir Henry should get in?—I was.

24,136. If you were anxious you would naturally try and persuade them to vote, would you not?—Yes.

24,137. Where did you go to from there?—I came back to my own house, I believe.

24,138. How long did you remain?—Until about 12 o'clock.

24,139. Were there voters in your own house that evening?—There were some.

24,140. Was Townshend with you then?—Yes, Townshend was in my house.

24,141. Did you go amongst the voters in your own house?—I went into my room; they sat in a kitchen where I passed through. I was obliged to go into the room.

24,142. Did you talk to the voters that night and try to get them to vote for Sir Henry?—I did talk to them, and I might make the remark, "Will you vote for Sir Henry?"

24,143. You knew that Townshend was actively engaged in getting up voters, did you not?—Yes.

24,144. And I suppose, having been actively engaged throughout the day in doing it, he was actively engaged then?—Yes.

24,145. You say you remained in your own house until between 12 and 1?—Yes.

24,146. Then your own house closed?—Yes.

24,147. Where did you go from your own house?—I and Townshend walked about the first ward.

24,148. What for?—To see who was about; that is all.

24,149. But this was between 12 and 1 at night?—Yes.

24,150. You were walking about the ward after 12 at night?—Yes.

24,151. What were you doing?—Seeing who was about on the opposite side of the question, seeing if there was anybody looking after voters.

24,152. Were you not looking after voters?—No, no further than I and Townshend were walking about.

24,153. Were you not looking after voters in your own ward?—Yes, if we had seen them we should have spoken to them.

24,154. Then you were looking after voters?—Yes.

24,155. What houses did you go to?—To the "Cupid and Bow."

24,156. Independently of the "Cupid and Bow," did you not go to the houses of some of the voters?—No, we did not.

24,157. What time did you get to the "Cupid and Bow"?—It was between 12 and 1; we were very near down there when we started.

24,158. How long did you remain in the "Cupid and Bow"?—I should think an hour, as near as I can tell.

24,159. Is that a night house?—It is a late house.

24,160. Were there voters in there?—There were some met us at the door as we came out.

24,161. You met a number of voters at the door, coming out?—I think there was only two.

24,162. Who were they?—I believe Bloomfield was one and Bloom, I believe his name is, was another; I believe those were the two men outside.

24,163. Did you talk with them?—Yes, they are neighbours of mine.

24,164. And you talked with them?—Yes.

24,165. How long did you stand talking to those two?—We might stand outside the "Cupid and Bow," and round the neighbourhood, I should think an hour.

24,166. Simply standing there talking to these two men?—Yes; there was Mr. Margetson came up at the time.

24,167. It is a very singular thing at this time of the morning, nearly half-past one, that you should be there talking to two men for an hour. Were you trying to persuade them to vote?—No, I was not trying.

24,168. What were you talking about in the open street all that time?—We were looking after the opposite party.

24,169. Who of the opposite party did you see?—Not any at all, I don't think.

24,170. Then, seeing none of the opposite party at half-past one in the morning, what induced you to remain there for an hour?—We were talking.

24,171. You did not expect they were going to commit burglary, did you?—No; we were talking and smoking.

24,172. Now, did you not go into the houses of voters?—No, I did not.

24,173. Did Townshend?—I don't mind Townshend going to the houses of voters.

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H. J. Warner.

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24,174. Did you make an arrangement with Bloomfield and the other man to go to your house early in the morning?—That was made an arrangement.

24,175. Did you not make an arrangement with a number of other voters to come to your house the first thing in the morning?—I did not myself.

24,176. But did Townshend?—Yes, Townshend did.

24,177. Did he not tell them that there would be refreshments provided for them before they went to the poll?—He said there should be a breakfast.

24,178. Then is that what you were doing all the time until you opened your own house in the morning?—Yes.

24,179. Trying to get people to come up and be prepared to go to the poll?—Yes; the men that we met out, and some that we saw before.

24,180. To get them to come early to your house to breakfast?—Some was at my house before we started.

24,181. (*Mr. Biron.*) Those you kept there, I suppose?—No we did not, they met in the morning.

24,182. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Tell me how many men came to your house in the morning, what time in the morning, and how you managed to breakfast and send them off to the poll?—There was George Bloom, Samuel Townshend, Henry Townshend, Frederick Bloomfield, Margetson, and Thomas Selfe (reading from a paper).

24,183. And you had got that piece of paper in your pocket when we were examining you originally?—Yes.

24,184. Are those all the men that came to your house?—Those are all I can recollect.

24,185. There were others, were there not, whose names you do not recollect?—I don't think there was any more.

24,186. (*Mr. Biron.*) Where does Margetson live?—He is a stonemason; he has a place at Bishopbridge, and on Bank Plain.

24,187. Thomas Selfe is a butcher, is he not?—Yes.

24,188. Where does Frederick Bloomfield live?—He lives in Palace Street; he is a butcher.

24,189. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) These were men with whom you were well acquainted?—Yes.

24,190. And they were very active partizans of Sir Henry Stracey?—The chief of them were supporters of Sir Henry Stracey.

24,191. Were there also a number of other men at your breakfast?—No, only those that I gave you a list of.

24,192. Were there not other men there?—I don't think there was any more, only what I have put on that paper that I can recollect.

24,193. What time did you open your house?—Four o'clock.

24,194. What time did you give your breakfast?—About half-past five to six.

24,195. When did your house begin to fill?—It began to fill soon after 9 o'clock.

24,196. Before nine?—Very little before 9 o'clock.

24,197. But were there a number of persons brought there by these men before 9 o'clock?—I cannot say that there was.

21,198. Were there not a number of men brought there ready to go up to the poll immediately it opened?—I don't recollect.

24,199. Now reflect. Were there not a number of men brought to your house to be ready to go up to the poll when it opened at 8 o'clock?—I cannot say that.

24,200. You cannot forget it?—I cannot recollect that now; I myself was up at the poll at half-past seven, to be there when it was opened.

24,201. Were there not a number of men that came there for the purpose of being ready to go to the poll? The polling booth was not far off your house?—No it was on Tombland.

24,202. Were not Townshend and these other persons, or some of them, giving the men beer and refreshment in your house?—Yes.

24,203. Until they went up to the poll?—I cannot say whether it was before or after they voted.

24,204. They were giving them refreshment?—Yes; I was up at the poll an hour before I polled.

24,205. Did that continue from time to time during the whole of the day?—There was people in and out of my house the whole of the day; sometimes I was out myself, and sometimes I was at home.

24,206. Were not the men who were brought there having beer and refreshment given them during the whole day?—Yes, there was a great deal of beer drunk in the day.

24,207. Were not between 50 and 60 men brought to your house during that day?—There was more than 100 men backwards and forwards at my house that day, indoors and out.

24,208. Were those four men you have mentioned, whose names are on that paper, the people who were talking to the voters, and giving or ordering them refreshment?—That I cannot say. What they had was all paid for.

24,209. But did they or some persons who supplied them with money pay for it?—Of course there was lots of drinking going on.

24,210. Was it not paid for either by these men or by Dr. Allen or some other person?—I did not see Dr. Allen in my house that day.

24,211. You did run up a score with Townshend?—Yes.

24,212. Was that for beer given to the men who went up to the poll?—At various times.

24,213. You have given us the amount of that?—Yes, about 30*s.* as near as I can tell; I never put it in a book.

24,214. Was there any other score at the end of the day which stood against any other man?—No, I had no beer scores only which I mentioned.

24,215. Was there a quantity of drink or refreshment which had not been paid for at all, and for which you had no positive debt, if I may so term it?—No, all that was sold that day was paid for with the exception of what I named.

24,216. Which of the Mr. Straceys came to your house that day?—I never saw one come into my house that day, I was told that Mr. Stracey went past my house.

24,217. Did Mr. Edward Stracey come to your house that day?—I did not see him there.

24,218. Mr. Dudley Stracey came, we are told?—Not indoors.

24,219. He pulled up outside?—Yes.

24,220. Did you see him take away men?—No, I did not.

24,221. But you know that he did?—I do not know that he did.

24,222. You have heard that he did?—I have heard that he did, but Mr. Stracey was not in my house that day.

24,223. Was there any other active supporter of Sir Henry Stracey who came and paid for things at your house that day?—Yes, there was a Mr. Townshend, a broker, had several glasses of ale; he and his friends drank with each other, but I did not see him treating anybody personally.

24,224. Who manages the bar in your house?—I do it myself; but I have no bar, only a little room with a shelf to it; mine is only a country house.

24,225. What was the entire amount which you took that day?—I don't think I had a better week that week than I had before; I don't think I took much more money than I did before.

24,226. I should like to know how much beer and how much spirits were consumed in your house that day?—I don't suppose I consumed more on that day than I do on a Saturday.

24,227. I don't care about other days.—I cannot tell you exactly what was consumed.

24,228. You opened your house at 4 o'clock in the morning?—Yes, but there was not much doing.

24,229. Was there a good deal of eating?—There was some eating.

24,230. Did you take as much as 20*l.* that day?—I wish I had.

24,231. Did you?—No, nor yet 3*l.* that day. I don't believe I took more than 3*l.* that day, if I took so much.

24,232. I mean in addition to what you were paid afterwards?—Without what I was paid afterwards.

24,233. Do you mean to say that only 1*l.* 10*s.* was paid to you that day?—Yes, I might take 3*l.*

24,234. Do you mean to say that was in addition to the score that was afterwards paid you?—Without that money.

24,235. Did you see any money handed over by Townshend or any of those other people to the voters there?—I did not.

24,236. You heard it talked of, I suppose?—Not until after the election.

24,237. When did you first hear of it after the election?—The next day I heard that there was bribery going on.

24,238. At your house?—No, I do not know that.

24,239. But did you not hear that it had been going on at your house?—No.

24,240. Not at your house?—No, I did not. All I heard was about the "Woolpack" and the "Trumpet," but I never heard anything about my house.

24,241. I wish you had been candid in the first instance; it would have saved you a great deal of unpleasantness and me a great deal of trouble.

24,242. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were any of these people in your house throughout the night?—No, not throughout the night; they were there very early in the morning and very late at night.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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James Finch recalled and further examined.

24,243. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You went to the poll?—Yes.

24,244. With Manners?—And Vines as well.

24,245. Where did you pick up Vines?—He lived next door to me.

24,246. Is that Vines the man who is called the Conservative working man?—Yes; Manners' landlord is Mr. Vines.

24,247. Did he come to get you to go up and vote?—No, he never asked me.

24,248. Did Vines promise you anything?—No.

24,249. Or give you anything?—Not a farthing; I never heard of anything of the like, and yet weren't promised anything.

24,250. How came you to say that if people were like you nobody would get anything out of the witnesses?—Well, if I said that I must have been elevated at the time, for I don't recollect upon my oath ever saying the words.

24,251. Had not something occurred which induced you to make such an observation as that?—I do not remember saying the words.

24,252. What was it that could have induced you to make such an observation?—I do not remember saying the words.

24,253. I do not ask you whether you remember saying the words, but you cannot say there was not something passing in your mind that made you make that observation?—I cannot say why I said it. I might possibly say the words when I was a little elevated.

24,254. What could have induced you to say that you would commit gross perjury?—I don't remember saying the words.

24,255. But what passed which could have induced you to make that observation?—Well, if I said so, I did so, but I say, as I said before, I must have been elevated at the time when I did say so. That is all the reference I can give you with respect to saying the words.

24,256. Are you in the habit of getting elevated?—Most chimney sweeps get a drop of something sometimes.

24,257. Did not Mr. Gedge say something which induced you to go and vote?—Yes, Mr. Gedge came and asked me to go and vote.

24,258. Did not he do something more than merely ask you?—Yes.

24,259. What did he do?—He said, "You work for "me, and I oblige you in giving you my work. Now "do come and oblige me and go and vote."

24,260. Did he say he would give you work in future?—No. That weren't mentioned on neither side. He neither said he would give me work in the future, neither he would not give me work.

24,261. Have you been in the habit of working for him?—Yes, a number of years, and I have earned a deal of money from him too.

24,262. Did he say he would not give you any work if you did not vote for Sir Henry?—No.

24,263. Did he or Vines say anything to you about beer?—Yes; there was a pot of beer each one bought previous to our going to vote, and that is all we bought.

24,264. Who paid for it?—I paid for one pot of beer, and Mr. Vines paid for one pot at the sign of the "Queen Anne."

24,265. That was for you to vote?—I had one glass, and the remainder I gave to the neighbours that were standing about.

24,266. Were they voters?—They were in my yard, adjoining my premises.

24,267. Did you see Vines pay for any more beer?—No, not a drop more.

24,268. Was anything said about 10 shillings' worth of beer?—Not a word. I never heard the word mentioned. I will take my oath before God and man.

David Brooks sworn and examined.

D. Brooks.

24,269. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

24,270. What time in the day?—It might be about a quarter to 4, I think.

24,271. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

24,272. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

24,273. What made you so late?—I did not

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make my mind up to vote at all, not just at that time.

24,274. Had you ever been asked to vote?—No.

24,275. Not by anybody?—No.

24,276. You never asked anybody to give you something?—No.

24,277. Do you work for Hart?—Yes.

24,278. What did he give you?—Nothing.

24,279. Did not he ask you to vote?—No, certainly not.

24,280. Did he stand you any beer?—No, not a glass of beer.

24,281. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where were you all the morning?—I was busy about. Sometimes I was looking after my business. I was not at work for Mr. Hart at that time. I was at work for myself.

24,282. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What were you?—A master sweep. I had two men at work for me then.

24,283. You got nothing for your vote?—Nothing.

24,284. Have you had anything since?—No, nothing since.

24,285. Is this the first time you have voted?—No.

24,286. How have you voted before?—I voted for Waters before.

24,287. What did you get then?—Nothing.

24,288. Did you vote before that?—Yes.

24,289. For whom did you vote then?—That is too far back; I cannot recollect.

24,290. What colour did you vote for?—Tory, I believe. I cannot tell you exactly now.

24,291. Who took you up to the poll this time?—No one. I went up myself.

24,292. Did not you get anything for your day's work?—No, not a farthing, nor yet a glass of beer.

24,293. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You know that Waters spent a large sum in bribery, don't you?—I don't know.

24,294. Were not you paid for your vote on that occasion?—I was not paid a farthing.

24,295. Two pounds was given for a vote by Mr. Waters, do not you know that?—Not to me.

24,296. Did you vote late in the day for Mr. Waters?—Yes, late in the day. I in general do.

24,297. Why do you generally vote late?—My business calls me to all parts of the city.

24,298. A chimney sweep has plenty of time to go and vote?—Sometimes they have.

24,299. Were you not looking out for what you could get?—No, certainly not. I never got anything in my life.

24,300. What induced you to vote for Waters, and not for the other Conservative?—Because I thought he was a good man.

24,301. Did not you think the other Conservative a good man?—Which other one?

24,302. Mr. Goldsmid, who stood with him?—I did not vote for Mr. Goldsmid.

24,303. Why?—They both stood in the same interest. I thought it would do more good voting for one.

24,304. How could you do more good to your party by voting for one only?—It was my own idea. It was no one else's idea.

J. Lamb.

JAMES LAMB sworn and examined.

24,305. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A butcher.

24,306. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

24,307. What time in the day?—Betwixt 2 and 3 o'clock.

24,308. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

24,309. Who brought you up to the poll?—Mr. Cattermole, and Mr. Salisbury, I think his name was. He keeps a public-house.

24,310. Where did you meet them?—I never met them. They came to my house.

24,311. What did they promise you if you would go and vote?—Nothing. They asked me if I would go and vote, and I said, "No." They said, "Come on."

24,312. They had been two or three times before that day, had they not?—No.

24,313. Had anybody asked you to go up?—Yes; a man for the blue party came twice that morning.

24,314. Did not anyone from the Tories come?—No, not a soul.

24,315. Why did you not vote without having people come for you?—I did not intend to go at all. I have my shop to attend to, but my missus said, "Go on," just in that manner.

24,316. Did not you get anything afterwards?—Not a farthing.

24,317. Were these customers of yours?—Yes. They sometimes send down for a piece of meat, and the like.

24,318. They were men you wanted to oblige?—Yes. That is the way I should have voted; if I intended to vote I should have voted for Mr. Stracey.

24,319. It is natural enough. I only want to know the truth of it. You would not have voted, if these men had not asked you, for Stracey?—Yes, I should have voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

W. Wilson.

WILLIAM WILSON sworn and examined.

24,320. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

24,321. For Tillett and Russell?—Yes.

24,322. What time in the morning?—About 10 minutes or a quarter before 9.

24,323. Did you not afterwards vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Certainly not. I went to my employment after then, and did not go out no more all day, only my dinner time, not till after it was over.

24,324. Were you not on the register at two places?—No.

24,325. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you a freeman?—No, an occupier.

24,326. Are you simply an occupier?—That is all.

24,327. You are sure you did not vote twice?—Quite positive of that. I know it is wrong in the poll book. I am aware it is so there, but that is incorrect.

24,328. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

24,329. Or the promise of anything?—No.

J. Lane.

JAMES LANE sworn and examined.

24,330. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a publican?—Yes.

24,331. You keep the "Pigeons" public-house?—Yes.

24,332. You took an active part in the business of the election?—Yes, I took a small active part.

24,333. Your house was full of Stracey voters the whole day?—It was full of other voters as well as Stracey.

24,334. But principally Stracey voters?—Some of Stracey's.

24,335. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) They were almost all Stracey voters?—No, several were.

24,336. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know Hulme, the chemist?—Yes.

24,337. Was he in the house that day?—Yes, in the committee room.

24,338. Was he there the whole day, in and out?—Yes, to the best of my knowledge.

24,339. Did he order any beer?—Not any beer. He ordered only what people had that had to do with him; a pint or so, and he paid me for it then and there.

24,340. Was any score run up for beer that day?—Not any score.

24,341. Was any settled for afterwards?—Nothing but merely a pint or two that his messengers had, and people that were working in the committee room.

24,342. When?—Something about a week or so afterwards. It was somewhere about 10*s*.

24,343. That was paid to you by Mr. Hulme?—That was paid to me by Mr. Hulme; about 10*s*. I was not to give beer to nobody, only people he had running about, messengers.

24,344. Do you recollect Griffiths being there that day?—I think I saw him there that day.

24,345. What did you offer him for his vote?—I never offered him anything.

24,346. Did not you hear anybody offer him anything?—Nothing.

24,347. Did not you hear any money offered?—Not any at all. It was my belief there was not a halfpenny given till after the election was over.

24,348. You knew Mr. Hulme was bribing?—I heard of it afterwards. I did not hear of it then.

24,349. When did you first hear that Mr. Hulme had been bribing?—I did not hear of it till the first of your sitting. I did not hear anything of it, not that he had any money, not till afterwards.

24,350. He was in and out of your house the whole of that day?—He was in about 7 in the morning, and I did not know that he left there myself.

24,351. Are you certain that you did not see Mr. Hulme doing business with any voters in your house?—I did not see a symptom of it.

24,352. Did you see a man named Mitchell there?—I am sure I cannot say. I may know the man, but I cannot say. There is a good many people called Mitchell.

24,353. Was Mr. Dombrain in your house that day?—No, not to the best of my belief. I never saw him.

24,354. Are you certain he was not in your house that day?—Not to the best of my belief.

24,355. You knew he was taking an active part in the election?—I do not know the man personally.

24,356. Not Mr. Dombrain, the clergyman?—I don't know him, not if I was to meet him in the street.

24,357. Was there any clergyman in your house that day?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

24,358. Are you certain there was not?—Not certain, because many people went upstairs that I did not see.

24,359. You were in the house the whole of the day?—No, not the whole day.

24,360. Nearly the whole day?—Yes, I did not go out till half-past 2.

24,361. How soon did you come back?—I came back about 4, not till after 4.

24,362. What voters did you take up to the poll?—I did not take any in particular.

24,363. Did you walk up to the poll with any voter?—I don't recollect walking up to the poll with them. When they were walking up to the poll I walked past, that's all.

24,364. Did you see any voter to the poll?—Not more than walking up to the poll, and they went and voted. I went with a brother of mine.

24,365. These were some of the voters in your house?—No, I did not go with one out of my house, to the best of my knowledge.

24,366. Which room was the committee sitting in in your house?—Right fronting the Broad Street, in St. Andrew's, directly opposite the polling place. My house was not further from the polling place than across there (*illustrating*).

24,367. Were there any other persons besides members of the committee going up to that room?—Men who had business with Mr. Hulme.

24,368. Men who had votes to sell?—They went up and down. I did not know who they was.

24,369. Men who you knew had votes to sell?—I was not aware that there was a shilling got.

24,370. Do not you know that there were many men in your house waiting for what they could get?—They did not tell me.

24,371. You knew from the style of the men?—They did not tell me. There were some to whom money would be very useful if they got it, there is no doubt about that. I attended to my own business. Many people I knew I asked, "Are you going to vote for Stracey?" If they said, "Yes," I said, "Go as early as you can." I voted myself before 9.

24,372. Did not you know that persons were loitering about your house, waiting for money?—I had business to attend to. I don't know what they were waiting for.

24,373. You knew very well what they wanted?—I might think wrong if I thought.

24,374. What did you think?—I did not think about it. That did not concern me. I had no money to give them, and no authority to give them anything. I never had money given to me for that purpose.

24,375. You knew Mr. Hulme was there?—If anybody wanted to see Mr. Hulme I introduced them to him. If persons wanted him they went and spoke to him.

24,376. Was Dr. Allen in your house in the course of the day?—I believe he came in, but I did not see him.

24,377. Who did see him?—I suppose Mr. Hulme did. I did not see Dr. Allen. I have a side door for people to go up into the room without my seeing them.

24,378. What were you doing till half-past 4?—I had a brother of mine who had a vote, and I went to ask him.

24,379. Did you offer him anything?—No, I had no money.

24,380. Did you offer him anything from anyone else?—Not a halfpenny. I did not see a halfpenny given.

24,381. Where did you go before 4 o'clock?—To this brother of mine, that is all. If I met anyone in the street, I asked them if they were going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey; if they said "Yes," I said, "Go as early as you can."

24,382. Did you offer them anything?—Not a halfpenny.

24,383. Did you see Robert Boast in your house?—Yes.

24,384. William Simpson?—Yes.

24,385. John Crotch?—Yes.

24,386. Francis Witherick?—Yes.

24,387. Did not you know that these men were looking after money?—I have no doubt they would have taken money if it was offered. I had no money to give them. I had only money of my own.

24,388. Did not you see Hulme with some money?—No.

24,389. Are you quite certain of that?—Quite certain; I was not at home.

24,390. Have you never said that you got up voters by giving them two or three shillings apiece?—I never said so at all.

24,391. You had a good deal of talk with Hulme that day?—Well, no; I should think I had as little talk with Hulme, the chemist, that day as anyone that had spoken to me at all.

24,392. Do not you recollect telling him of some men who were willing to vote?—No.

24,393. Are you quite certain about that?—No, I don't recollect that.

24,394. You told me just now that you introduced men to Hulme?—Everyone I thought was on my side, and would vote for Sir Henry Stracey, I said to him, "Have you made up your mind whom you are going to vote for?"

24,395. You told me just now you introduced voters to Hulme?—I never introduced anyone.

24,396. You said just now that you did?—If they asked for him.

24,397. Did anyone ask you for him?—Yes, people

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asked me if Mr. Hulme was there, and I said "Yes," and introduced them.

24,398. Who were they?—I cannot tell you.

24,399. Do not you know what they wanted with Mr. Hulme?—No.

24,400. At what time of the day was this?—Different times of the day.

24,401. Can you tell me what times?—No, I could not tell you any stated time. People came and said, "Is Mr. Hulme here?" Then I introduced them upstairs. It was not a private room. That was a room open for anyone that had an interest in the election.

24,402. Have you spent any money of your own?—Not a halfpenny.

24,403. Have you ever said you spent money of your own?—No, I had no money to spend.

24,404. You had your own money?—I have to work very hard, and I have a wife and family to keep. I have no money to give away.

24,405. Have you been paid since for your services?—Nothing but for the cleaning up of the committee room.

24,406. How much was that?—I think I got about 2*l.* for the days they were in the committee room, for the cleaning up.

24,407. How many days were they there?—Two or three. They hired a committee room before they came to mine, but it was a small room.

24,408. What size was it?—It was a schoolroom. They did not hire many committee rooms at first. It was not big enough, and Mr. Hulme asked me to have my room.

24,409. Had anybody been to you the day before the election?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

24,410. The committee was sitting there?—Yes.

24,411. Was Hulme there the day before?—Yes.

24,412. Were a good many people going in and out?—A great many people were going out and in.

24,413. A good deal of beer was being served?—To the best of my belief in regard to beer being served there was not a pot of beer given away in any way in the shape of bribery.

24,414. Was Mr. Stanley at that committee room?—No, I don't know that he was.

24,415. Did you see Mr. Edward Stracey on the day of the election?—Yes.

24,416. Did he come to your house?—Yes, he and Mr. Patteson.

24,417. How long did they remain?—I should think not two minutes.

24,418. Did they go into the committee room?—Yes, and the words that caused me to go out was that there was a chance then if they worked. I said to my missus, "I don't know whether my brother will go and vote;" and I went and asked him. I did it with a good feeling, and I had not a halfpenny to give.

24,419. What time was this?—Between half-past 2 and 3.

24,420. Did you see Mr. Arthur Bignold that day?—No.

24,421. Did you see him the day before?—No.

24,422. Did you see him with reference to this election?—No.

24,423. Not on any occasion?—Not on any occasion. I may have met him, but not on any occasion to speak to.

24,424. Nor after the election?—Neither after the election nor before the election.

24,425. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) There were a lot of men standing about wanting money for their day's work, or something of that kind?—A quantity. I never heard but little about that. I said to all the people that asked me about it, "My good fellow, "there is no money to be had. Go and vote as early "as you can."

24,426. Did they ask you whether there was money going about, or say that they wanted money for their votes?—I think if I recollect right I told the people to the best of my belief that there was not a halfpenny to be had.

24,427. How came you, if you did not suppose that they wanted money, to say that?—There is no doubt there was a lot of people in my house who would have been very glad to have taken money.

24,428. There was a considerable number of people in your house who you believed would not only take but wanted money?—I believe they not only would take money, but they wanted money.

24,429. How many do you think there were in your house in the course of the day?—I could not give you an idea.

24,430. There were so many?—The people came out and in. The polling place was so close to my house.

24,431. I suppose you know the class of people very well who wanted money and would take it?—There is no doubt a class of people that come to my house would have taken money if it was offered to them. There is no doubt about it.

24,432. And a large number?—I don't say a very large number, but there is no doubt they would.

24,433. You found they were hanging about when you spoke to them?—There is no doubt they would have took money if they had any offered to them. I don't doubt it.

24,434. When you tried to get them to vote and found them reluctant, the only cause of reluctance you could assign was that they wanted money?—That was the only thing.

24,435. And there were a considerable number?—No doubt there were several, because I was so close to the polling place.

24,436. Not only several, but a large number?—10 or 12 people.

24,437. Ten or 12 at a time?—No, I don't know above 10 or 12 had any idea of stopping for money.

24,438. Who were those 10 or 12?—I could not tell you the names.

24,439. You were asked about three men. They were people of that class, were they not?—There is no doubt those people you named would have taken money if they had the chance.

24,440. Did you speak to those men and ask them to go and vote?—I don't know that I did speak to those men you spoke of. I spoke to those who I thought had a feeling like myself for the cause we voted for. I had a warm feeling in regard of Sir Henry Stracey.

24,441. No doubt you acted upon that warm feeling and tried to get them to vote?—I did the best to my belief in every way.

24,442. You thought there was no money to be had?—I did really. I thought there was not a halfpenny.

24,443. Had you taken a part in Waters' election?—No, I did not take no particular warm part. I voted on Waters' election.

24,444. There was a good deal of money going then we hear?—I did not get a halfpenny.

24,445. I suppose you know very well that money was being spent then?—I heard of it.

24,446. Did you vote for Goldsmid?—No, I voted for Waters.

24,447. Why did not you vote for Goldsmid as well?—I cannot tell you why I did not vote for Goldsmid. I voted a plumper for Waters.

24,448. Was Waters' committee room at your house?—No.

24,449. Why did not you vote for Goldsmid as well as for Waters?—I cannot tell you why. I had no particular reason.

24,450. He was a Conservative as well as Waters?—Yes.

24,451. That is the reason why you supported Sir Henry Stracey?—I supported Waters in a smaller way than Sir Henry Stracey. I have known Sir Henry Stracey for many years.

24,452. Why did not you support Goldsmid?—I could not tell you why I did not now.

24,453. You support a man who spends money, but you do not support a man who wishes to win an election fairly. Have you not said since the election

that you gave money of your own to 30 or 40 voters, and that there was no harm in it?—No, I don't recollect, because I had no money of my own to give away.

24,454. You do not recollect, but have you said that?—I don't recollect saying such words, not at all. I have no money of my own.

24,455. If it never was the case, how can you say that you do not recollect?—In our houses there is a kind of chaff sometimes that you are liable to. They say, "There's so many voters might be got." I have had both parties in my house, and I might say something like that as a kind of chaff. I might have said, laughing, "I got so many voters," but it was all a matter of chaff, nothing more. One chaff one, and one chaff another.

24,456. You might have said that in chaff?—I might have said I took up so many voters, but never said I gave money, because I never had money.

24,457. I put it to you whether you did not say you had given money to 30 or 40 voters out of your own money?—No, I never said those words, because I never had the money.

24,458. I suppose you, like other people in Norwich, know that if you spend money for certain purposes you are very likely to get it repaid to you?—No, I could not see a halfpenny in the world that I was going to give. Nobody promised me money, nor I never went to ask for it.

24,459. Do not you know that it is a very common thing to pay men who have done those things on their own responsibility?—I don't know.

24,460. Have you heard of it?—I have heard of people getting money, of course.

24,461. Have you not heard that people who have done those things of their own accord have been repaid handsomely?—I never worked under those principles myself, but I have heard of it.

24,462. Of whom have you heard that?—I have heard it of people. I cannot tell you particular names now. I have heard, "So-and-so would not spend money unless he got it." I don't know the names. You asked me if I heard it. I don't know no other way.

JOHN UTTING sworn and examined.

J. Utting.

24,463. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I keep a shoe shop.

24,464. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

24,465. For whom did you vote?—For Stracey.

24,466. At what time of the day?—3 o'clock.

24,467. With whom did you go up to the poll?—No one.

24,468. Did you go up with Cattermole?—No.

24,469. You went by yourself?—Yes.

24,470. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

24,471. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes, they called, but I did not promise.

24,472. Who called?—Mr. Cattermole and Salisbury.

24,473. They are Tories, are not they?—Yes.

24,474. Why did not you promise them if you were going to vote for Stracey?—I did not promise anyone.

24,475. Were not you waiting to get something?—No.

24,476. Why did you not vote earlier?—I could not go up before.

24,477. If you were going to vote for Stracey, why did not you say, "I am going to vote for Stracey; you may depend on me?"—I did not promise to anyone.

24,478. Why should not you promise unless you had some notion of hanging back?—I never do. I please myself who I vote for.

24,479. The vote would not be a secret?—Certainly not.

24,480. Then why did you not say which way you were going to vote? Were not you waiting?—No.

24,481. Did Lamb go up with you?—No.

24,482. Do you know Lamb?—Yes. He lives next door to me.

24,483. Did not you see him that afternoon?—No, I did not come home till half-past 2, and then I voted.

24,484. Did you see him vote?—No.

24,485. Were you at home all the morning?—No; out till half-past 2.

24,486. Where were you?—I was after my business.

24,487. Whereabouts?—Several places.

24,488. Tell me one place?—Mr. Furse, in Bridge Street.

24,489. That did not take you from 8 to 3?—I was obliged to go out, and I could not vote before.

24,490. You were going about, and you passed the polling place, I suppose, to go to those places?—No, I was not that way at all.

24,491. What were you doing?—I was after my business.

24,492. You had to go to different places you told me, and according to your account it took you seven hours to do it?—Well, I gave a straightforward vote. I took no bribes and no treat. The poll was open, and I could vote or not.

WILLIAM BRETT sworn and examined.

W. Brett.

24,493. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

24,494. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

24,495. What time of the day?—Half-past 3.

24,496. What is your trade?—A master cabinet maker.

24,497. Where were you that morning?—On business.

24,498. Where were you engaged on business?—At home.

24,499. What business have you as a cabinet maker which kept you at work?—I have three men at work for me.

24,500. Yes, but they could work while you were away?—But I had no occasion to be away.

24,501. You had to vote?—I voted when my business was done.

24,502. It would not take you more than five minutes to vote?—I had not time to leave.

24,503. It would not take you more than five minutes to go to the polling place?—Very likely not, but I could not vote before.

24,504. Who came and asked you to go up?—No one. I went of my own free will.

24,505. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

24,506. By whom?—Mr. Williams I think his name is.

24,507. Had you promised your vote?—Yes, I promised it a week before.

24,508. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

24,509. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

SAMUEL SYDER sworn and examined.

S. Syder.

24,510. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

24,511. What time of the day?—About half-past 3.

24,512. What made you vote so late?—Well, I had nothing to stop me voting any other time, but I did not vote till then.

24,513. Who asked you to vote?—Nobody.

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S. Syder.

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24,514. Where were you all day?—I did not put the card in my pocket till afternoon, the card for voting.

24,515. Where were you all the day?—I was not at home all day, and I was not out all day. After dinner I did not come out till past 3.

24,516. You were about the market?—I went as far as the market.

24,517. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

24,518. Did not you ask for anything?—Nothing.

24,519. Have you had anything since?—Nothing since.

24,520. What public-houses were you at during the day?—None at all.

24,521. What were you doing the whole of the day?—I was in no public-house the whole day, not any one.

24,522. Where were you during the day?—I was out some part of the day.

24,523. Where?—I was up there towards the market, but not along with none of the parties.

24,524. With whom did you go to the poll?—Mr. James Perowne.

24,525. Who is he?—A man that lives down West Wymer Street.

24,526. Did he vote for Stracey too?—Yes.

24,527. Did he give you anything?—He gave me nothing.

24,528. Did you ask for anything?—No.

24,529. Have you heard of any money going?—No.

24,530. Were you asking to find out whether money was going?—No, I never asked that.

24,531. Have you ever voted before?—No, never voted before.

24,532. Who asked you to vote this time?—I was not asked to vote for Mr. Stracey.

24,533. Were you asked to vote at all?—I was asked previous to the election whether I would vote if Mr. Harvey came forward. I said I would not promise which way I would vote, and that is all I was talking about.

24,534. Did not you promise to vote for Stracey?—No.

24,535. You knew Mr. Hardiment?—No. I do not suppose I should know the man if you showed him me.

24,536. Which is your ward?—The third ward.

24,537. Do you know Mr. Hulme the chemist?—Yes, I knows him.

24,538. Did you get anything from him?—I never saw him that day, nor yet any other day, not since he pulled a tooth from me, and that is several years ago.

R. Green.

RICHARD GREEN sworn and examined.

24,539. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A draper I was, a carpenter now.

24,540. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

24,541. What time in the day?—Eight o'clock in the morning.

24,542. Did you get anything for voting?—Not a farthing.

24,543. Or the promise of anything?—No, nor yet the promise of anything.

24,544. Did you give any money to anybody else to vote?—Not a farthing.

W. T. Wilson.

WILLIAM THOMAS WILSON sworn and examined.

24,545. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

24,546. What time in the afternoon?—About 11 in the forenoon.

24,547. Where did you vote?—The eighth ward, St. Mary's.

24,548. Who came to fetch you?—Not anyone.

24,549. Had you been canvassed before?—Yes.

24,550. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Wiseman.

24,551. Did he promise you anything for your vote?—No. I told him he did not need to come to me at all.

24,552. That you would vote of your own accord?—Yes.

24,553. Had you ever had a vote before?—Yes.

24,554. At the election before?—Yes.

24,555. Did you vote Conservative then?—Same as I did this time.

24,556-7. Those are your principles, are they?—Yes.

24,558. You are sure you got nothing for your vote?—Not anything, not a farthing.

24,559. Were you not promised something?—No.

T. Wilkinson.

THOMAS WILKINSON sworn and examined.

24,560. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

24,561. What time in the day?—Betwixt 2 and 3.

24,562. What made you vote so late?—I had not an opportunity to go before.

24,563. What are you by trade?—A shopkeeper.

24,564. On your own account?—Yes.

24,565. Who helps you in the shop?—Only my wife.

24,566. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

24,567. Were you promised anything?—No.

24,568. Did you give or promise anything to anybody else?—No.

24,569. Did you get any beer?—No, only what I paid for.

24,570. Did you give any beer to any voter?—No, I did not.

24,571. Who took you to the poll?—A man of the name of Burridge, a baker.

24,572. Have you voted before?—No.

W. Bunn.

WILLIAM BUNN sworn and examined.

24,573. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An iron moulder.

24,574. In whose employment are you?—Riches and Watts.

24,575. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

24,576. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

24,577. What time in the day?—Betwixt half-past 3 and 4.

24,578. What did you get for voting?—Not anything.

24,579. Why did you not vote sooner?—I did not leave off not till 1 o'clock, and I came away with the impression of not voting at all.

24,580. How came you to vote at last?—During the forenoon a lad was sent in to know the state of the poll, and came in with such flying colours about the other side. So that touched me up. I went up and cleaned myself and changed my clothes, and passed through. When I got out, well, sir, I heard different. Mr. Stracey was about 50 behind.

24,581. You wanted to be on the winning side?—No. I was with Mr. Stracey from the time he first issued.

24,582. Sir Henry Stracey was picking up in the afternoon?—That is the reason I voted.

24,583. You would not vote for the losing side. You wanted to be with the winning side?—I voted for Mr. Stracey because that was my principles.

24,584. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You did not want to vote unless you would be of use, I suppose?—That was my colour and my party.

WILLIAM MANN sworn and examined. *W. Mann.*

24,585. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—I did.

24,586. What time of the day?—Between 3 and 4.

24,587. Where had you been all the morning?—Very ill with the rheumatics. I could not get out of bed. It was past 2 o'clock when I got up.

24,588. You had promised to vote for Tillett?—I did not make any promise.

24,589. Do you know Mr. Ramm the chemist?—I know Mr. Ramm the chemist.

24,590. Did not he come before the election and canvass you for Mr. Tillett?—He did.

24,591. And did not you say to him that you would vote for Tillett?—I did not.

24,592. Did you say you would not vote for him?—I did not say I would vote for him or anyone else.

24,593. Why did you not tell him that you would not vote for him if you were inclined not to do it?—I did not feel inclined to tell him that.

24,594. What did you mean?—I gave him this answer, "I don't think I shall vote for Mr. Tillett or Mr. Stracey."

24,595. You had made up your mind?—No, not in any way.

24,596. Did you wait for your mind to be made up?—Of course I did.

24,597. Who gave you anything to make up your mind?—I had no one particular to canvass me, only Mr. Ramm, and I did not ask him any particular questions, and I never saw Mr. Stracey, and no one of their party.

24,598. Who was it fetched you up?—Not anyone.

24,599. Did not you go up in a gig?—No, certainly not. I walked up, I and my wife.

24,600. Mr. Ramm came up to you several times that day to get you to vote?—He came several times. He said, "Will you go and vote?" I said, "No, I shall not, Mr. Ramm."

24,601. What made you afterwards go when you told Mr. Ramm you would not?—My brother-in-law comes and asks me if I would go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and he had been a very good friend to me. I had been ill nine months. He said, "Will you oblige me?" and I said I would.

24,602. Did he give you anything to vote?—No, not the slightest.

24,603. What is the name of your brother-in-law?—Robert Cook. He is dead since then.

24,604. He had been a good friend to you?—He had during my illness, and he asked me to oblige him.

CHARLES DANIELS sworn and examined. *C. Daniels.*

24,605. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

24,606. At what time in the day?—About half-past 2, as near as I can tell.

24,607. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

24,608. Did you promise your vote?—No. No one ever came and asked me.

24,609. Have you ever voted before?—No.

24,610. Have you had anything for your vote?—No.

24,611. Were you treated that day?—No.

24,612. Where were you the whole day?—At work.

24,613. What is your trade?—A gasfitter.

24,614. But you could have been out sooner than that to vote?—I was kept in the shop all day. I could not get out till I went to dinner.

24,615. Were you at any public-houses that day?—No.

24,616. Are you quite sure of that?—Quite sure.

24,617. Have you had anything paid since?—No.

24,618. Did you give anyone else anything for voting?—No.

EDWARD JOHN AMES sworn and examined. *E. J. Ames.*

24,619. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A cordwainer.

24,620. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

24,621. For whom?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

24,622. What time in the day?—As near as I can recollect the time, between 2 and 3. I had work to do in the morning. I was obliged to get it done by 2 o'clock to go away by the train. I went home and got my dinner, and then I went and voted.

24,623. Did you ever vote before?—Yes.

24,624. For which side?—Well, sir, I voted for the Conservative party several years.

24,625. Did you get anything for voting this time?—No.

24,626. Or the promise of anything?—No, not a penny.

MATHIAS FULCHER sworn and examined. *M. Fulcher.*

24,627. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

24,628. What time in the day?—About a quarter past 3.

24,629. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all, nor yet never asked for anything, and never had anything offered to me. I never got the worth of a pin.

24,630. Did you get any beer?—No, not a drop. I never had the worth of anything.

24,631. Do you know a man of the name of Cunnington?—I do.

24,632. Did he offer you anything?—No.

24,633. Or promise you anything?—No.

24,634. Have you been a voter before?—Never.

24,635. How came you to vote so late in the day?—Because I could not leave my work before. I worked for Mr. Geldart of Thorpe.

24,636. Which way did your employer vote?—I cannot say.

24,637. Who asked you for your vote?—Two of each party; but not that day, for I never see anybody that day.

24,638. Did you promise your vote?—Never.

24,639. Why did you not promise?—Because I was asked by the Whig party at the first, and I am a Tory; and I told them that I would not give it to Mr. Tillett on that account.

24,640. When you were canvassed by the Tories why did not you promise them your vote?—I promised them I would not vote against them, if I did not vote for them.

24,641. Why did not you promise to vote for them, being a Tory?—Because it did not suit my fancy. I did not know I should vote at all.

24,642. Were you looking out for what you could get?—No. I never thought about anything.

24,643. Then why did not you promise your vote?—Because I did not think I should vote at all; but when I came home to dinner it was late, and I thought then, "I will vote after all." There was no one never asked me, and I had nobody at home.

24,644. Why did you think that you would keep from voting upon this occasion, you being a Tory?—Oh, I don't know. There's many people that did not vote at all. There was no interest particular in voting. I did not trouble about voting.

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JAMES FORDER sworn and examined.

J. Forder.

24,645. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

24,646. What time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

24,647. What made you vote so late?—Because I was at work.

24,648. What is your trade?—A blacksmith.

24,649. For whom do you work?—Mr. Farmer, of All Saints Green.

24,650. Had you been out that morning before you voted?—No.

24,651. Were not you out for dinner?—Yes.

24,652. Were you out for breakfast?—No.

24,653. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—No, I always did vote that side.

24,654. How many times have you voted?—Once before this.

24,655. For whom did you vote then?—Waters.

24,656. Did you get anything for your vote then?—No.

24,657. Or any promise?—None.

24,658. Any beer?—No.

T. Finch.

TIMOTHY FINCH sworn and examined.

24,659. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labouring man.

24,660. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

24,661. At what time in the day?—Betwixt 2 and 3.

24,662. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

24,663. No money?—No.

24,664. No drink?—No drink.

24,665. Or anything after you had voted?—No. I voted of my own accord and free good will, and nobody with me.

R. Sherringham.

ROBERT SHERRINGHAM sworn and examined.

24,666. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

24,667. What time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

24,668. How came you to be so late?—I did not leave off work till 1 o'clock. Then I came home to dinner, and I did not go out of the house till 2.

24,669. Where did you go after dinner?—I went to the market and had a glass of ale.

24,670. Where?—A public-house in the corner of the market.

24,671. From that public-house did you go to any other?—No, I then went and voted.

24,672. Were you there the whole of the time till you went to vote?—No, standing about the market.

24,673. Looking for what you could get?—No.

24,674. Why did not you go and vote?—I did not want to make a muddle. I knew there was time enough.

24,675. If you were a voter and wished to vote, you knew it was of importance to your candidate that he should have your vote?—I thought if I voted before the poll closed it would do.

24,676. Although you knew your candidate was behind up to that time?—I did not know anything about that. I did not study that particular.

24,677. Did not you get anything for your vote?—Nothing, not a glass of ale.

24,678. Were you not promised anything?—No, nothing by nobody.

24,679. Although you were standing about in the market?—Certainly.

24,680. Did you hear men say there was something going?—No, I did not hear anything of the kind.

J. Eaglen.

JOSEPH EAGLEN sworn and examined.

24,681. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote this time?—Stracey.

24,682. You had promised to vote for the other side, had not you?—Well, as far as promising went, there was a man by the name of Ramm asked me if I would promise for Mr. Tillett. I said I had no objection, as far as that went; but I changed my mind.

24,683. You had placards about Tillett in your window?—That was only the children playing.

24,684. You had promised to vote for Tillett?—It was only a piece of a placard.

24,685. What time in the day did you change your mind?—About 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

24,686. Some of Stracey's people came to you then?—Well, I don't know that there was anyone come.

24,687. Who came to you on the day of the poll?—There was a man of the name of Ramm I see. That was in the forenoon time, before dinner.

24,688. On the day of the poll, on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey, some people came to your place; who were they?—I suppose they belonged to Sir Henry Stracey; some man, he appeared to be a German, or something of that sort; I could not understand what he said.

24,689. Was Hulme the chemist one?—No, I don't know.

24,690. Who was it?—I don't know; he appeared to be a foreigner, or something of that sort.

24,691. Tell me who they were?—I don't know the man at all myself.

24,692–3. After that you went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—After that I went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

24,694. Was it Heinrich who came?—I don't know any more than Adam. I never saw the man before.

24,695. Do you keep a public-house?—No.

24,696. A beerhouse?—No, I am a labouring man myself.

24,697. What did they give you for your vote?—Nothing at all.

24,698. What did they promise you?—Nothing.

24,699. What have you had since?—Not anything.

24,700. What was it that made you change your mind at 3 o'clock, having promised to vote for Tillett?—I will tell you. The reason I changed my mind was this. My neighbour came to me. I see him and I said, "Have you voted yet?" "No, I aint," he said.

24,701. Who is your neighbour?—A man by the name of Edwards, and he said, "No, I aint, have you?" I said, "No, I don't know much use of voting, "as far as that go." I said, "Are you going to vote?" "Yes," he said. Then he said, "We'll go together." I said, "All right." As we were going along I said, "Who are you going to vote for?" "Well," he said, "I shall vote a plumper for Stracey." "Will you?" I said. "Yes," he said. I said, "I thought of voting for Tillett." He said, "I am going to vote for Stracey, never mind Tillett," he said. You know what election times are, so I said, "I shall vote for Stracey too," and we did. I gave a plumper.

24,702. What did you get for voting?—Not a farthing any way.

24,703. Who was the man that took you to the poll?—No one ever took me there.

24,704. With whom did you go to the poll?—Along with Edwards, my neighbour.

24,705. No one else?—No one else was along with me and him.

24,706. Did you walk up or go in a cart?—Walked up.

24,707. Do you mean to tell me that you changed

your mind simply because of what this neighbour of yours said to you?—That's it exactly.

24,708. Did not you try to get something for voting?—No.

24,709. Did you see anybody else but your neighbour?—No, I wern't connected with any parties or anything.

24,710. But who came and spoke to you about election matters that day besides your neighbour?—Nobody said anything to me.

24,711. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The foreigner did?—Yes, he come, but I don't know nothing about the man.

24,712. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What did he tell you about Stracey?—He said, "How are you," shook hands, and made himself very free. He said, "Are you not going to vote?" I said, "I don't know; there is time enough." He said, "Go and do it at once." I said, "All right, I am going by-and-bye," and the man went away.

24,713. What did he give you?—Nothing at all. Nobody gave me a farthing.

24,714. Why did you change your mind, having promised to vote on the other side?—I told you, on account of my neighbour going up with me. He was hot for Mr. Stracey, and I did not trouble which way I voted, although I said to Mr. Ramm, "I have no objection to oblige you." After going with my neighbour, I said to him, "I shall vote the same way you do." They were rallying round the poll then.

24,715. After you had seen the foreigner you changed your mind?—That was after I see the foreigner that I changed my mind, because I did not see my neighbour not till afterwards.

24,716. Did you get any beer that day?—Yes, I got some beer, but I had to pay for what I had.

24,717. Did nobody give you any beer?—No one was free enough to treat me to anything.

24,718. Did not the foreigner give you anything?—No.

24,719. Nor yet your neighbour?—No.

24,720. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you not go and have a pot with your friend afterwards?—Yes. We had several pots afterwards. We went and messed about in places same as we do at elections.

24,721. He stood something?—No.

24,722. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you stand a pint and he a pint, or did he pay for it all?—No, we paid our own share, so far as I know. There was nobody give us anything. What we had we had to pay for.

William Tuck Goreham sworn and examined.

W. T. Goreham.

24,723. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

24,724. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

24,725. What time in the day?—Between 1 and

24,726. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

24,727. Are you sure about that?—Quite certain. I never lost five minutes the whole day.

24,728. What were you doing in the morning?—Whitewashing the house.

24,729. Did anyone take you to the poll?—No.

24,730. Had you promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

24,731. Had you ever voted before?—No.

24,732. This was the first time?—Yes.

24,733. Did you get anything after you voted?—No.

24,734. Did anybody promise you anything?—No.

24,735. Did anybody canvass you?—I did not see them at all.

24,736. You went up of your own accord and voted?—I don't know how it was at all. I was a Tory.

24,737. You are a Tory?—Yes.

Thomas Ward sworn and examined.

T. Ward.

24,738. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

24,739. What time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

24,740. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not anything.

24,741. Were you promised anything?—Nothing.

24,742. How came you to vote so late?—My business called me to other parts.

24,743. What was your business?—I am a bootmaker, a master bootmaker.

24,744. But you know the polling place was close by?—Yes.

24,745. You passed the polling place in the morning and at dinner time?—No, I was not out in the morning at all. I could not canvass.

24,746. Why did not you vote earlier?—I could not vote before. I did not go out till after dinner.

24,747. But you could go to the poll, you know. That was only about 200 yards off?—I could not spare the time.

24,748. Had you any custom promised you?—No, not any.

24,749. Did anybody canvass you?—No.

Arthur James Berry sworn and examined.

A. J. Berry.

24,750. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A solicitor's clerk.

24,751. In whose office?—Messrs. Miller and Son's, of this city.

24,752. Were you manager for Sir William Russell, of one of the wards, at this last election?—Yes.

24,753. Of which ward?—The eighth ward.

24,754. Are you a voter?—I am.

24,755. Did you vote?—I did.

24,756. Have you taken any part in the canvassing?—Not any, except sending the books out.

24,757. Did you make no personal canvass?—I did on the day of the election.

24,758. Did you get up any voters?—Not any. I was not successful.

24,759. What did you do?—I was about the ward after 11 o'clock. Up to that time I was at the committee room seeing things were right.

24,760. Had you canvassed previous to the election?—Not at all.

24,761. Who had canvassed in that ward?—Several parties. Mr. Baldwin the baker was one, and Mr. Osborn, and several others.

24,762. You took no part but keeping the books in the committee room in that ward?—Not before the election.

24,763. Where do you live?—Pottergate Street, the third ward.

24,764. Do you know of any money passing at this election?—Yes, to a small extent.

24,765. What do you know of?—About 11 o'clock on the morning of the election a card was brought up into the eighth ward committee room, and Mr. Gilbert who was keeping the poll with me said, "That man is "bribed. He never votes at any election without "being bribed." I think his name was Blanchflower. He said that we should see two or three more, and on the next card there were two names on. I went up to the central committee room and saw Mr. Coaks.

24,766. At what time of the day was it that you went there?—About half-past 11; when I saw Mr. Coaks he said, "Keep your eyes open." I went back to the committee room about 1 o'clock, and one of our messengers came up and said he had heard there were 40 men cooped in a place called the "Buck," in St. Martin's. I then went again to Mr. Coaks, and he

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said, "Take a man with you, and plant him there to see what is going on." Mr. Tilson, the auctioneer, of Bungay, went with me to Mr. Coaks, and Mr. Coaks said, "Tilson, do you go with my clerk, take a man with you, and see what is going on." We went from there to the "Buck;" we went into the "Buck," and called for a glass of ale; the landlady was rather communicative; she asked us if we came from Stracey's, and we did not make any answer. She said, "How is the election going on?" We said, "All right, it is not lost yet." She said, "We have done all we can; "Mr. Hardiment has been here to-day and taken "several men to the poll."

24,767. What time was this?—Two o'clock. While we were there Tilson said, "Here comes Hardiment, he knows me, we had better go," and he walked across into Sussex Street; I waited, and Mr. Hardiment came in.

24,768. Alone?—Alone; I should say he drove up, and he went into the back room. There was a boarded partition between him and me, and he went in there. I followed him and saw two labouring men go there. I went back to the bar and drank something, and then Mr. Hardiment came from the back room and said, "Give these fellows half a gallon, they will not go without."

24,769. Did you find out these men's names?—I did not, I could not; I will tell you directly what happened; I went to the bar and saw Wiseman coming up the street; Wiseman knows me perfectly well, in fact he was a personal friend of mine at one time.

24,770. Which Wiseman?—Young Wiseman, and being very hot I thought I might get something I had not bargained for. I went across to Sussex Street and joined Tilson there, and a few minutes after we saw Hardiment take one of these men in his cart down St. Martin's Street, and Wiseman took the other. From there we went up Sussex Street, and heard some singing in the "Spread Eagle," in the middle of the street. We went into the room, where there were some 30 or 40 men singing, dancing, and drinking; some people had white colours, and some orange and purple; we got in; they said, "Hurrah, Stracey for ever, drink his health," and we drank Stracey's health. While we were there the landlord came in and touched me on the arm, and called me into a room across the passage; he said, "What are you come for, have you got some money"? I said, "No, I have not;" he said, "If you had, I know 30 or 40 men that I could get;" I said, "What are they likely to go for?" And he said, "A shilling apiece;" but directly he had gone back I went and called Tilson to be a witness, because I did not want to hear it all myself. Tilson went with me and heard the conversation. While the man was telling me the names—one of them was Paul—he gave me two or three, and I put them down on the back of a letter, but unfortunately it is lost.

24,771. Do you recollect any of them?—Paul was one. While he was telling me his wife came and touched him, and he held his tongue, and said if I came in an hour he could get these men.

24,772. At a shilling apiece?—At a shilling apiece, so he said; I did not pay any attention to that, and these 40 men I thought might be three or four.

24,773. You did not offer to do any business with him?—Not at all; I said possibly I might come in the hour; I wanted to get out of the house.

24,774. Did you go anywhere else?—To the "Prince Alfred," but saw nothing there. About 10 minutes to 4 in my ward we went to the polling booth and saw Hardiment come up with his cart and four or five voters, and Wiseman in a cab with three or four more.

24,775. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know who the voters were that came up?—No; I am a stranger in the ward, it is not my ward.

24,776. I did not know whether you might have inquired who they were?—No, because Mr. Gilbert knows all the men.

24,777. Where was this?—I think this was in No. 3 compartment, but I know it is next St. Martin's Chapel.

24,778. How long before the close of the poll?—About five minutes; but they were prevented from voting there, and they went on to St. George's Plain, as I am informed by Mr. Bacon, another of my messengers, and they were stopped from voting there, so that they did not vote at all.

24,779. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is that all you know?—That is all I know.

24,780. Of bribery or treating on the day of the election?—That is all; it is not much.

24,781. Was there any money going on your side?—No, not that I am aware of.

24,782. Have you ever heard of any?—Not of any.

24,783. Have you ever heard of any money going amongst Mr. Tillett's partizans?—No, not at all.

24,784. Have you ever heard of any money being offered on either side?—No, I have not.

24,785. Nor of treating on that side?—Nor of treating.

24,786. Was there any treating for Sir William Russell that you know of?—Not any.

24,787. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you heard of any?—No, I have not heard of any; I went into the "White Horse," in St. Martin's Lane; I had forgotten that. There were two voters there, one of them a man of the name of Wilsey; we tried to persuade him to vote. The other was a man of the name of Hewitt, who keeps a public-house; they said they would not vote; they were not waiting for money, and did not wish to vote. I went three or four times, and Tilson went with me, and when I came back the last time Tilson was with me, and Mr. Osborne Springfield was in our committee room. I said one of these men worked for him, and would he go and try to get them to vote; he went with me to the "White Horse," but we were unsuccessful. I saw Wilsey five minutes past 4, and asked him if he had voted; he said, "What is that to you?" and I left him. He was waiting opposite the polling booth.

24,788. Where does he live?—He resided in the eighth ward; his name is Wilsey, I believe; but Mr. Gilbert will be able to tell you all the names, he knows every person in the ward, and has done for many years; he was my co-manager, as it were.

24,789. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) That was all you heard about the town that day?—Yes.

24,790. Did Mr. Springfield offer any beer to these men to get them up?—Not at all.

24,791. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you give the name of the gentleman at the committee room who called your attention to these suspicious voters?—Mr. Gilbert, junior.

24,792. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) There is nothing more that you can tell us?—No, nothing more.

24,793. I think you told us you were a paid canvasser?—I was paid for my services, and I got six guineas for being manager.

24,794. When were you paid?—Some time after that.

24,795. After the trial of the petition?—Some long time after that. Mr. Coaks paid me, I was in his office at that time.

S. W. Corsbie.

SAMUEL WEBSTER CORSBIE sworn and examined.

24,796. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A solicitor's managing clerk.

24,797. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

24,798. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

24,799. At what time in the day?—At about five minutes after 8 in the morning.

24,800. Were you employed at all in the election?—Not in the election at all. I was upon the petition.

24,801. You were not manager or clerk in any of

the wards?—No, not at all; I took an active part in the election as a staunch Conservative.

24,802. Did you give anybody anything for his vote?—I did not.

24,803. Or did you promise anybody anything?—No, I did not. I canvassed, I am happy to say, if not the most, certainly one of the most, respectable districts in the city of Norwich, and I have my canvass books here.

24,804. Was yours a successful canvass?—Yes, it was very successful. (*The canvass books referred to are handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*)

24,805. Did you find any men who were unwilling to say in what way they would vote?—I believe that with the exception of one man they voted as they had promised in my district; one gentleman promised to vote for Sir William Russell alone, and voted for Russell and Tillett.

24,806. Do you know a man named Metcalfe?—Yes.

24,807. A rent collector?—Yes, and a very respectable man he is.

24,808. He was a warm supporter of Sir Henry Stracey, was he not?—He is a staunch Conservative, and a most respectable man.

24,809. Had you a conversation with him on the Sunday before the election?—Certainly not; not on the Sunday, certainly.

24,810. Or the day before the election?—No, not that I am aware of. I do not remember having any special conversation with him; I saw him several times as one of our ward men, but I had no special conversation with him. Are you speaking of William Metcalfe?

24,811. I am speaking of a person named Metcalfe, who is a rate collector in your district—Yes, he lives in Bedford Street.

24,812. Did you give him any money?—No, certainly not.

24,813. I do not mean to bribe him, but did you give him any?—No, not a penny; I gave him nothing on any occasion. I did not give him a halfpenny or any coin of any description for any purpose whatever.

24,814. Did you give him any parcel?—No, not any. I should be the last man that the party would ask to take charge of such a thing. I have always advocated the contrary, and would not consent to give a halfpenny or a glass of ale.

24,815. You gave nothing to any person?—No, nothing of any kind.

24,816. Had you any conversation with Mr. Metcalfe about the voters for whom he collected debts?—None whatever.

24,817. Had you no conversation with him with a view to find out what men would find money convenient?—Not the least, not a word of the kind.

24,818. But he is a sort of man who would know that, is he not?—I should say not. I should not think he would touch such a thing.

24,819. I do not mean bribing, but he would be likely to know, would he not, what men were hard up?—No; he is not a very extensive collector; he collects 300*l.* or 400*l.* a year for me or for my firm.

24,820. You gave him no money and no parcel?—No, nothing of the kind, and there was no conversation about any such thing.

WILLIAM BEYZANCE sworn and examined.

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24,821. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

24,822. At what time in the day?—I cannot tell exactly; I should think about 3, a little over or under. I am not sure as to the exact time.

24,823. How came you to vote at so late an hour?—I was very busy at my work.

24,824. What is your business?—I am a shoeing smith and farrier.

24,825. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not the least; I was not even asked for it.

24,826. Were you promised anything for your vote?—No.

24,827. Neither custom nor money?—Not the slightest in any shape whatever.

24,828. Were you canvassed for your vote before?—No.

24,829. You were not asked for it?—No, not by anyone.

24,830. Had you been a voter before?—No, that was my first vote.

24,831. You are a Conservative, are you?—Yes.

24,832. You had no inducement given to you to vote?—No, not the slightest.

ROBERT GOFFIN sworn and examined.

R. Goffin.

24,833. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

24,834. At what time in the day?—At half-past 3.

24,835. What made you vote so late?—I had work to do, and could not finish it before that time.

24,836. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

24,837. Who asked you to vote?—I do not know that anybody asked me to vote. I had some cards sent me by both parties.

24,838. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—No.

24,839. Had you ever voted before?—No.

24,840. With whom did you go to the poll?—I went all alone.

24,841. Did you get any beer that day?—No; I do not drink beer.

24,842. Was nothing paid to you that day?—No.

24,843. And was nothing promised you that day?—No.

24,844. You are quite certain that you had nothing for your vote?—Not a halfpenny, nor yet a promise of anything.

ROBERT WILLIAM COOPER sworn and examined.

R. W. Cooper.

24,845. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you manage one of the wards for Sir William Russell at the last election?—Yes.

24,846. Which ward was that?—The second ward.

24,847. Are you a voter?—I am a voter now; I was not then. I have claimed since.

24,848. In the course of the day did anything occur in your ward to arouse your suspicions that bribery was going on?—There is one thing I may mention. Just at the latter part of the day I heard Mr. Copland come up and say that there was a man below waiting to be bribed, who said that if they did not make up their minds to give him something directly he should go to the other side. That was the only thing that led me to believe that there was any bribery at all.

24,849. Did you know who he was?—No.

24,850. As the names of the voters who had polled came in, did you observe at all that any suspicious names had not voted?—I observed that several who we had marked as having promised for us had voted for Sir Henry Stracey. A great many who had promised, according to the canvass books that had been given in, to vote for Russell and Tillett had voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

24,851. Do you mean according to your canvass books, or according to the canvass books of the organisation?—The books of the organisation.

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24,852. Do you know of any money having been given for the purpose of bribery or treating, or do you know of any improper practices on the part of Sir William Russell?—No, none whatever.

24,853. Or on the part of Mr. Tillett?—None whatever.

24,854. Have you since heard of anything having been done in the way of bribery by the Stracey party?—No, I have not heard anything particular mentioned. I have heard, of course, that there was supposed to have been bribery.

24,855. But you have heard nothing beyond vague rumours?—No, or I should be most happy to tell you.

S. N. Berry.

SAMUEL NEAVE BERRY sworn and examined.

24,856. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a manager in the third ward?—Yes.

24,857. For Sir William Russell?—Yes.

24,858. Did you vote at the election?—No.

24,859. Do you know of any money having been given or promised on the part of Sir William Russell at the last election?—None whatever.

24,860. Or do you know of any money having been provided?—None at all; I never heard of anything of the sort.

24,861. Or on behalf of Mr. Tillett?—No, not on his part either.

24,862. Were you conducting the business of the election at your committee room on that day?—Yes.

24,863. Were you there all day?—Yes. I was about the ward, of course, some part of the day.

24,864. You pursued the ordinary conduct of a person managing in the ward?—Yes, I had the entire management, as Mr. Tillett's manager could not be there.

24,865. Did anything occur in the course of the day to make you suspect that bribery was going on?—Yes.

24,866. What was that?—About half-past 2, or a little earlier, I knew that there were a great many people in that ward who were looked on as suspicious parties, and I took a note of the names of those parties.

24,867. Have you got that list here?—No. Sir William Russell had got in, and I did not pay any further attention to the matter. Had he lost his election I should have looked into the cases, but as he got in I paid no further attention to the matter.

24,868. How many men should you say there were?—I should think I had the names of 30 or 40 people who had not promised. I asked different people if they knew anything about them, and I was told that they were men who were sure not to vote unless they had money. About half-past 2 o'clock I saw that some of those people had been up, and I had said I thought that bribery was going on, as I had reason to believe that they were people who would not vote without money. I then watched four or five cards, and seeing the same thing I sent a message up to the central committee room to say that it appeared that money was being spent, and desiring to know, in fact, whether anything was to be done.

24,869. Was that in any particular part of the ward?—Yes, in Wellington Lane and in Tinkler's Lane. I have been looking to see if I could find the paper containing the names of these parties, but I could not find it.

24,870. Did you find that those doubtful parties were still voting up to the time of the closing of the poll?—Yes, and there was another thing that I thought was very suspicious: we polled comparatively a small number after 2 o'clock, whereas the Conservatives were bringing their men up in waggonettes and cabs during that time. There was Mr. John Abel and Mr. Hibbett, a stonemason; they were very active.

24,871. That is, they were active in bringing up voters?—Yes; he did it in rather a quiet manner, not so openly as the others. I watched him about once or twice, but I could not get hold of anything.

24,872. Did you see anything done by Abel that attracted your attention?—Nothing except bringing up these men. I was told near the "Grapes" that there are plenty of men here, and if you have the money you can have 20 or 30 at half-a-crown apiece.

24,873. Who made that statement?—One of my messengers.

24,874. Was that past 3 in the day?—About 3 o'clock. Mr. Bunn, who keeps the "St. Giles' Gate" stores, immediately opposite the "Grapes," I should think was a very active man; and one thing I thought very suspicious was this: the night before the election as it was getting dark his shutters were partly closed; they slide up so that one shutter covers half of the window; the shutter that covers the lower part of the window was shut up as soon as the gas was lighted; the house was full of people, and they were very noisy. I sent somebody in there to watch, but when he went in they were very quiet; the shutters were up the whole of the evening. Charles Victor Bunn is the man's name.

24,875. Do you know of your own knowledge of any act of bribery?—No.

24,876. Did you hear any man say that he had received a bribe?—No, no one.

24,877. Neither before the election nor since?—No.

24,878. Your instructions were that there should be no bribery?—My instructions were not to expend a penny, and I expressly gave Clarke, the landlord of ths "Grapes," orders not to let anybody have even a glass of beer without paying for it, and I do not think that our bill for the whole week we were there amounted to more than 3*l.* for refreshments for myself and other clerks who were employed.

J. Thaxter.

JOHN THAXTER sworn and examined.

24,879. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you a blacksmith?—Yes.

24,880. And do you live at St. Benedict's?—Yes.

24,881. Is that in the third ward?—Yes.

24,882. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

24,883. At what time in the day?—I should say about half-past 2, or something like that.

24,884. Had you been canvassed before for your vote?—I had had the canvassers about both for Mr. Tillett and for Sir Henry Stracey too.

24,885. What did you say when you were canvassed?—I never said anything at all about it.

24,886. Did you say that you had not made up your mind?—I had not made up my mind at all about it. I had been laid up with the rheumatics, and I had only just begun to get about, and I had just got into my shop when they came down on the morning I voted and asked me two or three times if I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

24,887. Can you give me the names of the persons who asked you to vote?—Young Mr. Buttifant and Mr. Colston, and I told them I could not walk; I could only just hobble, and they said that if I would go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey they would carry me there and bring me back, and so I took and went, and I never had anything or saw anything.

24,888. Did either of them give your wife anything before they started with you?—No.

24,889. Are you sure of that?—I am certain of it; there was nothing to be seen, neither money nor yet beer; I would take my oath of that at any time.

24,890. Was there a man named Willis?—No, he never came into my yard and never came near me at all.

24,891. Had you ever voted before at any other election?—No, that was my first vote.

JOHN CLARKE sworn and examined. *J. Clarke.*

24,892. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election, did you not?—Yes, I did.

24,893. You are coachman to Dr. Johnson?—Yes.

24,894. You know Dr. Masters, do you not?—Yes, I know him quite well.

24,895. You breakfasted on the morning of the election at Dr. Masters', did you not?—Yes, and I have had breakfast there since.

24,896. Were there about 30 or 40 persons besides yourself breakfasting there?—I cannot say.

24,897. How many will you say there were there?—There were about five in when I was there.

24,898. There was a large breakfast laid out, was there not?—I saw a piece of beef and some bread on the table.

24,899. There was breakfast there for all who liked to come, was there not?—There was no particular display; there was a hearty welcome.

24,900. There was plenty there, and a hearty welcome for all who liked to come?—I do not know about that.

24,901. As long as they voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—I believe that three men breakfasted there who did not vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

24,902. But all the rest did?—Yes, for what I know.

24,903. Were you invited to the breakfast?—No; I knew nothing of it till I went on to the Plain, though I am with Mr. Johnson.

24,904. You were on the Plain?—Yes, with many others.

24,905. And you were met on the Plain and told to go to breakfast at Dr. Masters'?—No, not exactly that. I went there for my card, and I was asked in and asked to sit down.

24,906. How came you to go in unless you were told?—I frequently do go in; my master and Dr. Masters are partners, and I frequently go in there.

24,907. But there were other people going in as well as you?—Yes.

24,908. Who was guiding them in?—There was no particular guide that I saw.

24,909. Who told those people to go in?—I do not know.

24,910. Do you not know?—No; and I could not tell who was sitting at the table when I went in. I know there were five.

24,911. Was Dr. Masters there helping the people to breakfast?—I believe he did help one or two of them.

24,912. And when he cut a piece of beef did he say "There is a plumper for Stracey"?—I do not believe that I heard those words.

CHARLES STEBBINGS sworn and examined. *C. Stebbings.*

24,913. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A dyer.

24,914. At what time did you vote?—About 3 o'clock, or a few minutes after.

24,915. Will you swear that it was not three minutes to 4?—Yes. I did not vote so late as that.

24,916. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

24,917. Who asked you for your vote?—Mr. Stracey.

24,918. When?—A quarter of an hour before I did vote.

24,919. Where did he ask you?—Near St. Giles' Gate, at the sign of the "Gates."

24,920. What did he give you for your vote?—Nothing at all.

24,921. What did you get for it?—Nothing at all.

24,922. You only got a glass of beer?—I never got a drop of beer.

24,923. Did you ask for anything?—No.

24,924. Did you ever vote before?—No, not for a general election; for a town council election I did.

24,925. Which way did you vote?—Always Tory.

24,926. Was anybody with Mr. Stracey when he asked you to vote?—I did not observe anybody.

24,927. There were a good many people standing about there, were there not?—Yes.

24,928. And a good many of them wanted something for their votes?—That I do not know. I did not ask for anything.

24,929. But you wanted something?—Well, I should have been glad of it if there had been anything, but I never asked for anything.

24,930. How much would you have liked?—I should have liked to have anything he thought fit to give, or anybody else. I did not ask for anything.

24,931. You would have been glad, would you not, to have taken 5*s.*?—Yes.

24,932. And you would have taken it if it had been offered to you?—Yes, if it had been offered to me.

24,933. You had not even a promise from Mr. Hulme?—No, not the least promise.

JAMES RACKHAM sworn and examined. *J. Rackham.*

24,934. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.

24,935. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

24,936. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4; a little after 3.

24,937. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

24,938. Nothing at all?—No.

24,939. Why did you not vote earlier in the day?—Because my business kept me at home.

24,940. You were attending to your business?—Yes.

24,941. Were there men at your house who were voters?—No.

24,942. Were there not people at your house?—Only country people; mine is a country house.

24,943. Whereabouts is it?—In St. Benedict's; the "Bee Hive."

24,944. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

24,945. Had you promised your vote to anybody?—No.

24,946. And you got nothing for voting?—No.

24,947. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

24,948. Did you get anything after you had voted?—No.

GEORGE TATTAM sworn and examined. *G. Tattam.*

24,949. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

24,950. At what time did you vote?—At half-past 3.

24,951. How came you to vote so late?—I was in the country, and did not get home till 3 o'clock.

24,952. What are you?—A waiter, and go about extra waiting.

24,953. Did you get anything for your vote?—No; I never saw anyone.

24,954. Or were you promised anything?—No, nothing.

24,955. Were you promised employment, or anything of that kind?—No, nothing.

24,956. Had you ever had a vote before?—No.

TWENTIETH DAY.

1 Oct. 1869.

E. W. Daynes.

Edward William Daynes sworn and examined.

24,957. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

24,958. At what time in the day?—At 2 o'clock; my dinner hour.

24,959. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.

24,960. To whom had you promised it?—Three came to me and canvassed me.

24,961. What did they give you?—Nothing.

24,962. What did they promise you?—Nothing.

24,963. What have you had since?—Nothing. They canvassed me three or four days before the election took place.

24,964. Did you try to get any money?—No.

24,965. Did you hear that any money was going?—No, not on either side.

24,966. Have you had anything since?—No.

24,967. Did you get any beer on the day of the polling?—No.

24,968. Where were you the whole day?—At home.

24,969. Were you not out at all?—No.

24,970. Not till you went to the poll?—Not till I went to the poll, and then I went home and kept home till eventide.

24,971. Did anybody go up to the poll with you?—No.

24,972. Did nobody come and fetch you?—No.

F. Cossey.

Frederick Cossey sworn and examined.

24,973. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker.

24,974. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

24,975. What time in the day?—About 2 o'clock.

24,976. What did you get for voting?—Not anything.

24,977. Nor the promise of anything?—I never was promised anything; in fact I never was asked by anyone, and I saw no one.

24,978. You went and voted of your own accord?—Yes.

F. Witherick.

Francis Witherick sworn and examined.

24,979. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

24,980. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

24,981. You were at the "Pigeons" on the day of the election?—No, I was not at the "Pigeons."

24,982. Where were you then?—At Mr. Andrews' some part of the day.

24,983. At what time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock. I cannot say exactly the time, but it was about that time.

24,984. What did you get for voting?—10*s*.

24,985. Who paid you that?—Mr. Andrews.

24,986. Which Mr. Andrews is that?—Mr. Charles Andrews.

24,987. Where does he live?—At the "Cirque Unique."

24,988. Did anybody else get any money besides yourself?—A man named Boast I think got it; we were together; that is two.

24,989. You both stood in together, and both got the same sum?—We were both out together and both in together, and got that sum.

24,990. Who sent you there?—No one; it is a house I use.

24,991. No one told you that there was something going there?—No, I never heard a word of it till I got in there.

24,992. (*Mr. Biron.*) Which Boast was it?—Robert Boast.

S. Baker.

Samuel Baker sworn and examined.

24,993. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

24,994. At what hour in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

24,995. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

24,996. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

24,997. Had you promised to vote before?—No.

24,998. Had you ever voted before?—Yes, I have voted ever since 1831.

24,999. Have you always voted Tory?—Yes.

25,000. Have you ever had anything for your vote?—No, never in my life.

25,501. Did you get any beer?—No.

25,002. Were you promised anything?—No, and nobody ever asked me for my vote.

W. Clarke.

William Clarke sworn and examined.

25,003. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shopkeeper.

25,004. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

25,005. At what time in the day?—About a quarter before 4.

25,006. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

25,007. Were you not a member of the Liberal organisation?—I do not know what you mean.

25,008. The Liberal organisation for the return of Mr. Tillett?—I had a paper sent to me; perhaps that was what it meant.

25,009. Your name was put down?—Yes, there was a card I had sent. I suppose that was what it meant.

25,010. How came you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, having signed that paper?—I did not know anything about the paper that was sent to me. A man in the yard asked me to put my name down. I did not know what it was.

25,011. Do you mean to say that you did not know what the paper meant?—No, that I did not.

25,012. Was it not stated on the paper you received that it was an organisation to secure the return of Mr. Tillett?—I did not know what was on it; the fact is I cannot read.

25,013. But the man who gave it to you told you what it was, did he not?—No, he did not; he asked me if I would put my name down, and I said "Yes."

25,014. But when he asked you to put down your name he asked you to put it down as a member of the organisation for returning a Liberal candidate; do you mean to say you did not know what it meant?—No, I did not.

25,015. Do you mean to say that you put your name to the paper merely because a man asked you to do so, not knowing at all what the paper meant?—No, I did not know what he meant.

25,016. Why did you not vote till a quarter to 4?—My business would not allow me to do so.

25,017. What business?—I am a shopkeeper, and I could not leave.

25,018. Do you mean to tell me that you are a shopkeeper and cannot read?—I cannot read.

25,019. Nor write?—Nor write.

25,020. How do you keep your books?—I have a little boy that can read and write.

25,021. Your son?—Yes.

25,022. Was there anything given you for voting at a quarter to 4?—No.

25,023. Nor the promise of anything? — No, nothing.

25,024. Who brought you up to vote?—No one; I went up myself.

25,025. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

25,026. By whom?—Mr. Abel and Mr. Lane.

25,027. Did you promise them to vote?—I did not promise anyone; they asked me if I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and I said I thought I should vote for him when I had done my work.

25,028. Was that on the day of the polling?—I think it was, or the day before.

25,029. Were you not hanging back for what you could get?—No, I was not.

25,030. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you ever had a vote before?—No.

ROBERT BOAST sworn and examined. *R. Boast.*

25,031. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes, I voted for him.

25,032. Did you get half a sovereign from Andrews to vote?—Yes.

25,033. Did anybody else get it besides you?—No, I never saw anyone else.

25,034. Did you see him talking to other people about voting?—Not particularly, no more than talking to his customers, that is all.

25,035. Did you see any men there besides Witherick?—I saw Witherick.

25,036. Besides Witherick?—I cannot remember that I did.

25,037. Surely there were some other people there?—There were other customers in his shop, but I did not know the men; I knew Mr. Witherick; I was with him the whole day.

25,038. Did you not know anybody else that was in there?—No, I cannot say I did.

25,039. Try and remember whether there were no other people there?—There were other people there, but I did not know them; Mr. Witherick I knew quite well as a neighbour.

25,040. How came you to go there?—I merely go there of an evening after I have done my day's work. I go in for a glass of ale.

25,041. How came Andrews to give you this money? Did you ask for it?—He had it to give away, so I thought I might as well have it as anyone else.

25,042. Did he say that he had got it to give away?—Yes.

25,043. How much did he say he had got to give away?—He did not tell me how much he had got to give away; he gave me half a sovereign, that is all I know.

25,044. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did he ask you to go and pick up anyone?—No.

25,045. Or look after anyone else?—No.

JOHN GREAVES sworn and examined. *J. Greaves.*

25,046. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

25,047. At what time in the day?—About 20 minutes before 4, as near as I can come at it.

25,048. How much did you get for your vote?—Nothing; I lost my day's work through it.

25,049. Did you not get paid for your day's work?—No.

25,050. Did you ask for it?—No.

25,051. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

25,052. Did you not want it?—I wanted more than my day's work.

25,053. Did you look out for it?—Yes.

25,054. Where did you go to look out for it?—I went walking about.

25,055. Were you promised anything?—No.

25,056. Had you any hint that you might get something anywhere?—No.

25,057. Where were you walking about in the hopes of getting something?—All about the city—every street.

25,058. Could you not hear of any money going?—No.

25,059. That is what you were looking after?—Yes.

25,060. How much would have satisfied you?—About 5*l.*

25,061. Have you ever voted before?—No.

25,062. And you expected to get 5*l.* this time?—Yes.

25,063. You really got nothing at all?—No, I got nothing; it cost me money out of my own pocket.

25,064. Why did you vote if you got nothing?—I was always that way inclined.

25,065. You would have been too glad to take money from that or the other side, of course?—I did not ought to walk about for nothing.

25,066. Were you willing to take money from either side?—Yes, from either side I would have taken money.

25,067. And you would have voted for the side that paid you?—Yes.

25,068. Did you get any beer that day?—No beer at all; all the beer I had I paid for myself.

25,069. Had you promised your vote?—No.

25,070. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

25,071. When you were canvassed did anyone tell you there might be something going if you looked about well?—No, I was never promised at all.

25,072. Did you not hear of something?—No.

25,073. (*Mr. Biron.*) It was a bad speculation?—I was money out of pocket by it.

25,074. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you ever heard of 5*l.* going for a vote in this city?—Yes, 50*l.*

25,075. Which raised your hopes?—In Stormont and Scarlett's election I recollect that.

25,076. Did you hear the price at Waters' election?—No.

25,077. Was there as much as 5*l.* going then?—I do not know; I never had anything.

25,078. You failed to get anything?—Yes.

25,079. You find it is not worth 5*l.*?—I got nothing.

25,080. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) When you got the franchise you thought you were in for a considerable sum of money?—I was out of pocket this time. I lost my day's work, and never got anything for it. I think everyone ought to be paid for his day's work; both parties.

25,081. (*Mr. Biron.*) Five pounds apiece?—Yes.

25,082. A very comfortable sort of election for the candidate; 5*l.* you put as your day's work?—No, 4*s.* 2*d.* is my day's work.

25,083. You think every voter ought to be paid 5*l.*?—No, some would get more.

25,084. Some would get more, but a man like yourself ought to get 5*l.*; is that your idea?—I think everyone ought to be paid for his day's work.

25,085. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is your measure of yourself that you are worth 5*l.*?—I did not ought to lose my day's work.

DANIEL KEEGAN sworn and examined. *D. Keegan.*

25,086. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,087. For whom?—Sir Thomas Stracey.

25,088. At what time in the day?—A quarter to 2 I voted.

25,089. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

TWENTIETH DAY.

D. Keegan.

1 Oct. 1869.

25,090. Were you a member of the organisation?—No, I was not.

25,091. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

25,092. Had you promised to vote for Stracey?—No, I had not; never.

25,093. You went up and voted of your own accord?—Yes.

25,094. This was the first time, I suppose, you voted?—Yes.

25,095. Did you get anything, or the promise of anything, for it?—No, nothing.

25,096. Did you vote during your dinner hour, or what?—About a quarter to 2, after I left my work.

25,097. What are you?—I am a labourer.

25,098. Had you been in any of the public-houses that day?—I had been in a house upon the top of the Walk about 9 o'clock.

25,099. Was there any talk of money there?—No.

25,100. Or beer going?—No, nothing of the sort.

W. Baldry.

WILLIAM BALDRY sworn and examined.

25,101. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a publican?—Yes.

25,102. What is the sign of your public-house?—"The Prince of Wales' Feathers."

25,103. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,104. At what time?—Between 3 and 4.

25,105. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,106-7. Why did you vote so late?—Because I had not the opportunity of coming before.

25,108. Were you so very busy that you could not vote before?—I had a good many in from the country, and I wanted to attend to my business. I came as soon as I could come.

25,109. You had a good many customers in your house that day?—I had a good many country people up.

25,110. Were there voters in your house that day?—No.

25,111. Not a single voter?—There might be so.

25,112. Were there not a number of men there who wanted a day's pay?—No, and I never heard of one.

25,113. Did you hear them talking about a day's pay?—No.

25,114. Or money?—No.

25,115. Nothing of the sort?—Nothing of the sort.

25,116. Did you see any money given to any men that day?—No, not a halfpenny.

25,117. Was any beer paid for?—Not a glass, only what the men paid for.

25,118. Did you yourself get anything for your vote?—No.

25,119. Were you promised anything?—Not anything.

25,120. Where did you deal for your beer?—Steward and Patteson.

25,121. Did they canvass you for your vote?—No.

25,122. Is yours a free public-house?—No, a tied house.

J. Rout.

JOHN ROUT sworn and examined.

25,123. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

25,124. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

25,125. What did you get for your vote?—A sovereign.

25,126. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Hardiment.

25,127. Where?—In a back yard at Mr. Mackley's. I went round, and he gave it to me private; he gave to me deliberately a sovereign.

25,128. And you went and voted?—Yes.

25,129. What are you by trade?—A shopkeeper.

25,130. What sort of a shop is it?—A business.

25,131. What sort of a shop?—Commercial.

25,132. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you know other gentlemen who had the advantage of getting a sovereign from Hardiment?—No.

25,133. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Some of your mates got a sovereign too?—No, I took mine and took my hook.

25,134. Have you not heard of other men getting sovereigns?—No.

25,135. None of your friends?—Yes, Mr. Hodgson; I heard he got a sovereign. I never see him take it. I took mine private.

25,136. Was there anybody else that got his sovereign?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

25,137. Have they not been talking about it since?—Well, I have heard people say, but I do not believe in anything.

25,138. (*Mr. Biron.*) You held your tongue until to-day?—I was always speechless.

25,139. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you believe that nobody tells the truth in Norwich?—Well, I can hardly believe myself.

S. Cooper.

SAMUEL COOPER sworn and examined.

25,140. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,141. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey,

25,142. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock, as near as I can guess.

25,143. What did you get for voting?—Nothing. I never got anything given me.

25,144. Have you voted before?—Yes, lots of times; 26 years.

25,145. And never got a farthing?—Never a farthing, or a drop of beer.

25,146. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

25,147. Why did you not vote earlier?—I was after my business.

25,148. What is your business?—I was building up a chickens' place, and did not think it proper to go; they always knew I vote that way, and did not trouble me; and the other people did not trouble me because they know it is no use.

25,149. You are a strong politician?—Yes, I am a strong Tory, and I will not vote any other way as long as I have any breath in my body.

H. Cullum.

HENRY CULLUM sworn and examined.

25,150. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes, and Mr. Russell.

25,151. What time in the day?—As near as I can tell about 3 o'clock.

25,152. Did you see either of the Mr. Straceys upon the day of the election?—No, nor ever had one of his papers sent to my house.

25,153. Did you get anything for your vote?—Nobody came to ask me to vote.

25,154. Did you get anything?—No, not so much as a glass of beer. I was not well that day. I went out twice to go for to vote and turned back and went indoors. I voted right against my house. Nobody asked me so much as to vote.

25,155. Did anybody promise you anything that day?—No, nor did they come to ask me to vote.

25,156. You did not get a bottle of anything?—No.

25,157. Nothing at all?—No, I never got anything. Three days before Tillett's folks came and asked me if I would vote for them, and I told them no; they

might make themselves easy I should not vote for Mr. Tillett. Mr. Stracey's people never came nigh me.

25,158. None of the young Mr. Straceys came to ask you to vote?—They never came nigh my door.

25,159. You did not speak to them that day?—I do not know that I ever spoke to them in my life, and I should not know them if I were to see them.

25,160. Have you had a vote before?—Never.

25,161. Who induced you to vote?—No one ever asked me.

25,162. You went up and voted of your own accord?—I went of myself. I had been twice before with the intention to vote, but I had not been well, and I went back and sat by my fire.

JAMES DEBBAGE sworn and examined. *J. Debbage.*

25,163. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Tillett and Russell.

25,164. At what time in the day?—Nine o'clock in the morning.

26,165. Had you promised your vote?—No.

25,166. Were you a member of the organisation?—No.

25,167. Were you about the town much that day?—I was about the town a great deal.

25,168. Were you down at the "Pigeons"?—I was in at the "Pigeons" two or three times.

25,169. Did you get any beer?—I got what I paid for.

25,170. Did you see anyone get beer without paying for it?—No.

25,171. What was going on at the "Pigeons"?—I never see anything going on.

25,172. There were a great number of people there?—Yes.

25,173. That was a Stracey house?—Yes.

25,174. Did you see any money going?—I never saw any going.

25,175. Did you hear anything about it?—No.

25,176. Did you hear of men getting treated?—No.

25,177. Did you not see a great number of men calling for beer, and not paying for it?—No, I never saw anything of the sort.

25,178. Did you not hear of men going upstairs and getting a little money paid them for their votes?—No.

25,179. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

25,180. Have you never heard of it since?—No.

25,181. How long were you at the "Pigeons"?—I was in half an hour at one time.

25,182. What time in the day was that?—11 o'clock.

25,183. There was a good deal of drinking going on?—Yes.

25,184. Did you see anybody pay for their drink?—I never saw no one pay for any drink except what they ordered themselves.

25,185. Did you not see jugs of beer coming into the room?—No.

25,186. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

25,187. Did you not get a drop of the Stracey beer?—No.

25,188. Not after you had voted for Tillett?—No.

25,189. Did you try to get some?—No.

MILES DEBBAGE sworn and examined. *M. Debbage.*

25,190. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,191. For whom?—For Mr. Tillett.

25,192. At what time in the day?—Somewhere about 12 o'clock.

25,193. Did you get anything for voting for him?—No; nor yet was I asked to vote for anyone, nor yet canvassed by anyone.

25,194. Were you at the "Pigeons"?—No.

JOSEPH MIDDLETON sworn and examined. *J. Middleton.*

25,195. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A weaver.

25,196. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,197. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,198. At what time in the day?—A little after 3.

25,199. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

25,200. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes, I am quite certain of it.

25,201. Why did you not vote sooner?—I was busy in the forenoon, along with my son.

25,202. Did you get the promise of anything for voting?—No. I never had anything mentioned to me; nothing of the kind.

25,203. No beer and no money?—No.

JAMES COLDHAM sworn and examined. *J. Coldham.*

25,204. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,205. At what time in the day?—A quarter to 4.

25,206. What made you vote so late?—I was very busy all that day.

25,207. Had you been asked to vote?—No, neither Tory nor Whig never asked me to vote at all.

25,208. Who took you up to the poll?—I went up in my own cab.

25,209. Did you take up anybody with you?—Not all day; not one person, and was not asked.

25,210. Have you voted before?—Yes. I have always had a vote.

25,211. Have you always voted Tory?—Yes.

25,212. You keep a public-house, do you not?—Yes.

25,213. Had you many people there during the day?—I had not a soul hardly all the day, and was not asked for my vote at all.

25,214. Was no money taken?—No, I never see no money from either party.

25,215. You would make it appear to be rather a bad trade to keep a public-house?—I do not know anything about that. I never see nothing at all.

25,216. Did you pay anything to anybody to vote?—No.

25,217. Was any score run up at your place for beer supplied that day?—No, nothing at all.

25,218. Have you had anything since paid to you?—No, nothing at all.

25,219. Had you anything paid to you before?—No, I have never been paid anything in my life, and I would not take it.

WILLIAM HARRIS sworn and examined. *W. Harris.*

25,220. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A coal porter.

25,221. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

25,222. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Tillett.

25,223. At what time in the day?—I should say it was 3 o'clock.

25,224. Why did you not vote earlier?—I did not leave my employment till 2. I walked from my employment up to the poll from that time.

25,225. Did you get anything for your vote?—I got nothing.

25,226. Or the promise of anything?—Not anything. It was my intention to vote for Mr. Tillett.

TWENTIETH DAY.

1 Oct. 1869.

ARTHUR RACKHAM sworn and examined.

A. Rackham.

25,227. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,228. At what time in the day?—About 12 minutes after 3.

25,229. What are you?—A coachman.

25,230. In whose service?—Captain Crow's.

25,231. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

25,232. Were you promised anything?—No.

25,233. Were you in Captain Crow's service at that time?—Yes.

25,234. How came you not to vote earlier?—It was not convenient to get away.

C. Mace.

CHARLES MACE sworn and examined.

25,235. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,236. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

25,237. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

25,238. Did you ask for anything?—No.

25,239. Where were you all the day?—At work.

25,240. What do you work at?—Cabinet-making.

25,241. Do you know Buttifant?—I know several Buttifants.

25,242. Did you see a man of the name of Buttifant on the day of the election?—Not that I am aware of.

25,243. Did you see him the day before?—No.

25,244. Are you quite certain you did not see him upon the day of the election?—Yes.

25,245. Will you swear it?—Yes.

25,246. Will you swear you did not see him the day before?—Yes.

25,247. Or the day after?—Certainly not.

25,248. How much money did he give you?—Nothing.

25,249. How much did Cunnington give you?—I do not know him.

25,250. Will you swear you do not know a man of the name of Cunnington?—Yes.

25,251. Were you at the "Eagle" public-house on the day of the poll?—Yes.

25,252. Who was with you?—Various people. I cannot say who they were exactly.

25,253. Were you there with a man of the name of Carver?—Not on the day of election.

25,254. Do you know Carver?—Yes.

25,255. Do you know that he got some money?—Not that I am aware of.

25,256. Were you not saying you got some money when you were at the "Eagle"?—Certainly not.

25,257. Will you swear you did not get any money?—I will swear that I did not.

25,258. Were you not promised any?—No, certainly not.

25,259. Have you got nothing since?—No.

25,260. You got some beer at the "Eagle"?—Yes, at my own expense though.

25,261. You were there the whole day?—No, I was at work all day pretty well.

25,262. You went there after you voted?—Yes.

25,263. What men were there?—I cannot say.

25,264. Do you not know the name of any one of them?—I cannot say I do, barring the landlord. I knew him perfectly well; that is all.

25,265. Did you know nobody else?—No; I stayed there only a few minutes.

25,266. Have you ever been at the house before?—Yes.

25,267. Often?—Yes; I go there every evening after work.

25,268. You go there regularly?—Generally.

25,269. There must have been a number of men that you knew who were there?—There were many about that day, strangers tumbling into public-houses.

25,270. Tell me the names of the men who were in the "Eagle"?—I do not know one.

25,271. Try and recollect.—I do not recollect. If I do not know them of course I cannot say.

25,272. How much beer did you get there?—I might have a glass or two occasionally, and nothing more.

25,273. Who treated you?—No one.

25,274. Will you swear that no one gave you any beer there?—Yes, I will.

25,275. Will you swear you have had no money paid you since for voting?—Yes.

25,276. To whom did you promise your vote?—I did not promise my vote to anyone.

25,277. Were you asked to vote?—No.

25,278. Not during the day of the poll?—No.

25,279. Who took you up to the poll?—I went myself.

25,280. Who were you with on that day?—With lots of folks; I cannot say who they were—strangers. It is a very exciting day, and I cannot tell who I met with.

25,281. You do not recollect the names of any of the persons you were with that day?—No.

B. W. A. Tallowin.

BENJAMIN WILLIAM ARTHUR TALLOWIN sworn and examined.

25,282. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a timber merchant.

25,283. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,284. For whom?—For Mr. Stracey.

25,285. At what time in the day?—About 11 o'clock, as near as I can tell.

25,286. Had you ever voted before?—No.

25,287. This is your first time of voting?—Yes.

25,288. Did you get anything for voting this time?—No.

25,289. Or the promise of anything?—No.

25,290. Had you been canvassed?—No.

25,291. You went of your own accord and voted?—Yes.

W. Drane.

WALTER DRANE sworn and examined.

25,292. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,293. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

25,294. What time in the day?—A little after 3 o'clock.

25,295. What are you by business?—A gas lighter.

25,296. Were you canvassed?—There was a man came to my house the night before the election.

25,297. Who was that?—I do not know who he was.

25,298. On which side?—On the blue side.

25,299. Did anybody come on the other side?—No.

25,300. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

25,301. Were you promised anything?—Nothing at all.

25,302. Have you ever voted before?—No.

25,303. Did anybody take you up to the poll?—No.

25,304. Did nobody come and fetch you?—No.

ABEL RICHARD CHAPMAN sworn and examined.

25,305. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,306. At what hour in the day?—Between 1 and 2.

25,307. Are you certain you did not vote later?—I am quite sure of that.

25,308. Who asked you to vote?—Not anyone.

25,309. Have you ever voted before?—No.

25,310. What did you get for your vote?—Not anything.

25,311. Did you get any beer?—No.

25,312. Did you give anything to anybody?—No.

25,313. Have you had anything paid to you since?—No.

25,314. Have you paid anything to anybody since for voting?—No.

GILBERT SAMUEL COOK sworn and examined.

25,315. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,316. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

25,317. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

25,318. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

25,319. How was it you did not vote earlier?—I was engaged up to noon time.

25,320. How?—At my business.

25,321. What is your business?—A brushmaker.

25,322. Could you not leave it?—No.

25,323. Had you been canvassed?—Yes, by the Conservatives.

25,324. By whom?—By young Mr. Stracey and another gentleman I do not know.

25,325. When?—Two or three days before the election.

25,326. Did you promise to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

25,327. And you kept your word?—Yes.

25,328. As soon as you could on the day of the polling?—Yes.

JOHN ABLE sworn and examined.

25,329. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,330. What did you get?—5*s.*

25,331. From whom?—Mr. George Keddington.

25,332. Where does he live?—Hampshire Hog Yard, St. Swithin's.

25,333. Did anybody get anything with you?—Cubitt Page.

25,334. What did he get?—The same money.

25,335. Do you know where Keddington got the money from?—I believe he got it from William Houghton.

25,336. Did he get the money for any besides you?—No, not that I am aware of.

25,337. Have you heard of any other men receiving money?—Not that I am aware of.

WILLIAM BYGRAVE sworn and examined.

25,338. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

25,339. What time in the day?—I voted at about a quarter to 4. I had not been up long. I am a captain of one of Mr. Brookes' wherries, and I had been at work all the night.

25,340. Did you get anything for your vote?—I did not take it; Mr. Houghton gave it to my wife.

25,341. How much?—Half a sovereign.

25,342. Was that all you got?—Yes.

25,343-4. Did you get any beer?—No, only what I bought myself.

25,345. Do you know of anybody else getting money?—No.

25,346. Have you been told of it since?—I did not see anyone else.

25,347. Did you ever have any money before for voting?—Yes, I had once.

25,348. Was that at Waters' election?—Yes.

25,349. How much did you get then?—4*l.*

25,350. Who gave it to you?—John Houghton.

25,351. Did you ever get anything else but that?—No.

25,352. Was that the only time you ever voted?—Yes.

25,353. How was it you took so little as 10*s.*?—I do not know; because they did not give me no more.

25,354. Did you ask for more?—No, I did not ask for anything.

25,355. Did you hear that 10*s.* was the best price going for a vote?—No, I did not hear anything. I was in a public-house, and Mr. Houghton came after me.

25,356. Which public-house?—The "White Rose," on St. Margaret's Plain.

25,357. There they were talking about what was going on?—I was not; I was playing at nine-pins.

25,358. Were you not making inquiries?—No.

25,359. Where did you first learn that this 10*s.* was to be had?—Mr. Houghton came to me and offered me, or rather my wife, 10*s.*

25,360. Did you hear about it at any other public-house?—No; I did not go into no other.

25,361. You were satisfied with your 10*s.*?—Yes, and I should like to have had one again to-day if I could have got it.

25,362. When Houghton came to you, did you not make any bargain with him about your vote?—No; he came to me, and offered my wife 10*s.* He said, "I will make a present to your wife of 10*s.* if you will go and vote;" and I said, "All right, I will go."

JOHN HORACE HUGGINS sworn and examined.

25,363. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

25,364. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,365. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

25,366. At what time in the day?—I was first man in the first ward for Sir Henry Stracey.

25,367. You were summoned here many days ago.—I have been here every day.

25,368. We have called you every day, and you have not answered.—I was here on Wednesday and Thursday.

25,369. We have called you over and over again—I can prove I have been here by other people that have been here.

25,370. What time did you come here to-day?—I came here at 10 o'clock, and I had to go to the Guildhall to establish my vote for the municipal election. I have established my vote for that affair, and I came back immediately.

25,371. You were summoned here for Tuesday last.—I did not receive this summons until 4 o'clock on the Tuesday afternoon, and I came here immediately, and the court was closed.

25,372. Did you come on Wednesday, the 29th?—It was on Wednesday that I did not receive it till 4 o'clock.

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J. H. Huggins.

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25,373. How long have you been here at one time?—I was here the whole of yesterday, and I was here an hour on Wednesday.

25,374. What did you get for voting?—Nothing for voting.

25,375. What did you get to distribute amongst the other men?—2*l.*, from Mr. Furse.

25,376. How many men did you get for it?—To explain that matter I must go into particulars, you know.

25,377. Those are the particulars I am asking for.—Well, on the afternoon of the election day I was appointed as one of the persons to get up voters in St. Helen's parish. There were three persons appointed; myself and Mr. Traxton, and Mr. Brooks, the carpenter, were appointed.

25,378. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who appointed you?—The first ward committee. On that morning I voted about three minutes past 8. I went on purpose to get up these people, but the lists were in Mr. Traxton's hands, and Mr. Traxton went from the polling booth immediately after me to Mr. Pearce's at the "Compasses," and was there till 2 o'clock in the afternoon; consequently I had not the list at all, and could not get up the voters until he came back again. He came back again at 2 o'clock, and left the worse for drink—I will not say the man was inebriated at all. We went directly to three men in the old men's hospital.

25,379. Did you go to Allen?—Yes, I did, immediately. I never knew the man before. I went there upon Mr. Traxton's recommendation. I went there to him, and he says, "There is ten or a dozen men sitting "about there, and they want their day's pay. They "have been offered their day's pay for the Liberal "side of the question."

25,380. Tell me what occurred?—I had no money at that time whatever, and I went home and borrowed 6*d.* of my wife on purpose to treat Mr. Traxton. He said he had no money. I went to the men, and they said, "We shall not go up, because we have been "offered so much for our day's work from the other "side of the question." I went back again directly to my house and got my dinner, and went back to the committee room, where I see Mr. Furse about 20 minutes past 3. I do not know whether it was 20 minutes or half-past 3, but it was as near half-past 3 as could be, and he gave me 2*l.* I directly went up, intending to give these men their proper day's pay, and going across Tombland, running along, I met Mr. Taylor, and got into his gig, and he drove me there, and I went to Mr. Allen's. When I got there there was no man there, only his self, and I said to him, "Where are these men?" and he says, "These men are gone to vote for the other side of the question."

25,381. Did you give Allen half a sovereign?—No, I did not give him half a sovereign, or even offer him half a sovereign, although he has said so. I distinctly deny it.

25,382. What did you do with the money?—If you will allow me, I will tell the tale in my own way.

25,383. We cannot let you talk for an hour.—I will be as quick as I possibly can.

25,384. Did you give away any of that 2*l.* or not?—Oh yes, to a lot of people.

25,385. Who were they?—I went to Mr. Allen, and he says, "I will not vote unless you give me 1*l.*;" and I says, "I will not give you 1*l.*;" and I went away, and when I got into St. Martin's Palace Plain, Mr. Taylor says, "I will not have you any longer in my gig;" and I got out and went into the seventh ward, where I see several people, and the first person I met was Mr. Womersley, who seemed to be in a great hurry——

25,386. I will not have any more of this nonsense,—I am telling you the truth.

25,387. I put to you a question, and you will answer it. To whom did you give any of that 2*l.*?—To several men in the seventh ward.

25,388. Give me the name of one.—I do not know one name. I did not wish to know their names.

25,389. To how many did you give it?—They did not vote.

25,390. You go and sit in the dock till the rising of the court, and then if you do not tell us the truth without hesitation you will go to gaol.

G. White.

George White sworn and examined.

25,391. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you the manager at one of the wards at the last election?—I was one of the managers for the third ward.

25,392. Paid manager?—No.

25,393. A volunteer?—Yes.

25,394. Have you never been paid for any of your services?—Not a farthing.

25,395. How many managers were there in the third ward?—There were three.

25,396. Who were the other two?—Mr. Berry and Mr. Runacres.

25,397. Were they volunteers like yourself, or were they both paid?—They were both paid, I believe.

25,398. I suppose you were at the committee room the greater portion of the day?—I was at the committee room the whole of the election day.

25,399. Do you know of any money which was provided or paid on the part of the Liberal interest that day?—No, not any for unlawful purposes.

25,400. Had you any reason to suppose there was any provided or paid?—Not a farthing.

25,401. Did anything occur which led you to suppose that money was being spent on the other side?—I had reports brought to me from about 12 o'clock in the day, that it was believed money was going in several directions in the third ward.

25,402. In what directions was it said to be going?—One place mentioned was the "Bull and Butcher," on Grapes Hill. It was said Mr. Stanley was there with a number of voters. I at once sent a number of volunteers to the house, but they could not get in; the house was full, and there were no means of access at all. I believe it was a committee room; it was closed as a public-house, and used by the Conservatives as a committee room.

25,403. Of what other place did you hear?—The "Derby Arms" was another.

25,404. What did you hear about the "Derby Arms"?—A similar statement, that a large number of voters were there; a man stood at the door, so that there were no means of getting in. To one or two of these places I sent off parties whom I thought would not be known, to see if they could get in, but in no case could I get any direct information.

25,405. Whom did you send to the "Derby Arms"?—I think it was a man of the name of Lincoln. I am not quite certain; he is not in the city now.

25,406. Could you get any reliable information as to anything that was going on?—No, I could not. One place I sent to they said the report was not true at all, there was no one there; but in two or three cases they came back with the conviction that money was being spent, but they could get no direct information; they could not get into the house in fact.

25,407. Had you, from your own observation, any cause to know that money was being spent, or was it merely from these reports?—I had nothing more direct than the fact of there being several late voters who from my little knowledge of the ward I believe would not vote without money.

25,408. Was it their voting late which excited your suspicion?—Yes, voting late, coupled with the character of the men.

25,409. Until the latter part of the day had you any cause to suspect that there was money being spent?—No, not any. I do not remember noting any names in the early part of the day. We noted about noon time a great absence of activity on the part of the Conservatives; the committee room was empty, and there seemed to be nothing going on; several of us concluded

that they had almost given up the election as lost, but in the course of an hour or two after that there was much more excitement than there had been in the early part of the day; they were driving about in all directions, and quite resumed their activity, and the committee room from that time was full.

25,410. You yourself did not go down to any place for the purpose of observing anything of the kind?—No, I did not; I was not able to leave for long together.

25,411. Did either of your colleagues, the gentlemen you have named, do so?—No. Mr. Runacres took very little active interest in the election, and I do not think he was much interested in the success of Mr. Tillett; he took very little interest in the whole affair. I should like to make one remark in reference to the canvassing. Evidence has been given on several occasions that there were large numbers of doubtful voters. It may be explained, so far as my connexion with the third ward is concerned, and I have had a great deal to do with the canvassing, even before the coalition, that a large number of voters were not marked almost entirely because they were not found at home. These men were all volunteers who canvassed, and could only go at certain hours, and they found a great number absent; also there were a great number of voters who remained doubtful, because they were employed by Messrs. Barnard and Bishop. Every one of them declined to give any promise, though we knew a great many of them were Liberals in politics.

25,412. Who are Barnard and Bishop?—Large iron-founders.

25,413. Are they Tories?—Yes. We found in every case that we canvassed one of their men they declined to promise; some of them said if their votes were wanted they would vote, but they preferred not to promise at that stage. I had at the "Grapes" several applications for money. I have noticed by the evidence of Trumbetta, that he has stated he did not leave his house till five minutes to 4 on the polling day and went to poll, and was too late; that man came to me at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and asked me for a sovereign to vote. I told him I should not give him a halfpenny. I said he could get it over the way, and I sent some one of the men about me to watch him and see if he did get anything. He went over there and found nothing, and came back again about an hour after and said he could get some dozen who would vote if I would give them *5s.* each. I said they would not have a farthing, and it was no use their waiting whatever. That was the only direct application I had for money the whole of the day.

25,414. Did you hear of any application being made to your colleagues?—No, I do not think they would be likely to have any application made to them. I was the most active of the three, and took the greatest interest in Mr. Tillett's success.

25,415. Do you know where Trumbetta went after he left you?—It is quite true he did not vote. When I found him stating that he had a number of men whom he could influence, I asked two or three parties to keep him there if possible, so that he did not vote or did not communicate with his colleagues, because I thought it possible, as I had heard money was stirring, the whole dozen might sell themselves to the other side. He kept about the "Grapes" committee room evidently with the intention of getting something, though I am quite certain no hopes were held out to him.

25,416. How do you mean you kept him there?—Talked to him; I talked to him myself to keep him there, and set one or two men to watch him, when I heard him state that he had a dozen men whom he could influence.

25,417. You cajoled him a little?—No, I did not cajole him. I was with him a very few minutes, and I persuaded him to go and poll like a man. I knew him; he was the only man I did know out of the several who were waiting about for money, and I spoke to him in a more direct way than I did to any of the others.

25,418. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Can you explain why this canvass of the organisation is said to be so inaccurate?—So far as the organisation members themselves are concerned, I totally disagree with the evidence of Mr. Bryant Allen and one or two others. My instructions were on no account to mark persons for Mr. Tillett simply because they were members of the organisation, but to canvass them and obtain their opinions. The books of the organisation will show that the majority polled as truly as it was possible for such a number of men to do. There was a majority of the members who voted for Tillett.

25,419. It ought to be a great deal more than a majority, it ought to be an overwhelming majority?—From what I understood from the secretary, they would not be likely to find more than 200 names who did not vote out of 2,000 members, and if you will allow me to remark, there was no money fee whatever for entrance; anyone was allowed to join, so that there was nothing to test their principles whatever.

25,420. There was something in the way of benefit, was there not?—No, no benefit whatever; the whole of the organisation committees worked perfectly free; they gave all their time voluntarily; I know of no one who got anything at all.

25,421. Not the members?—No, not one of them; it was a perfectly free organisation got up by working men who were interested in the success of Liberal politics in the city. It was afterwards proved that the bulk of them were favourable to Mr. Tillett's candidature, though when the organisation was started nothing was stated about Mr. Tillett being the candidate.

25,422. You believe nine out of 10 voted for Tillett?—Yes, I believe so. Some of them did not vote for some reason, and some were Barnard and Bishop's men; not one of those men would promise. Nine out of 10 who voted, I believe it could be proved voted for Tillett.

JOSEPH LINDSEY sworn and examined.

J. Lindsey.

25,423. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—For Stracey.

25,424. At what time in the day?—About 3, I suppose.

25,425. What made you vote so late?—Because I chose my own time.

25,426. For whom did you promise to vote?—No one.

25,427. Had you been asked to vote?—No.

25,428. Not by anyone?—No.

25,429. With whom did you go up to the poll?—No one.

25,430. Where were you all day?—At home, at my work.

25,431. Did anybody come to your house that day?—No.

25,432. Did you not speak to anybody before you went to the poll?—No, not a soul.

25,433. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

25,434. Have you been paid anything since?—No.

25,435. Have you been promised anything?—No, I never heard of anything.

25,436. Have you ever voted before?—No.

25,437. Do you know of any money going at this election?—I never heard of any at all.

25,438. Were you not trying to get some money?—No, I never tried at all.

25,439. Did you not know money was going?—No, I never heard of any.

25,440. What are you by trade?—A butcher.

25,441. On your own account?—Yes.

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A. Beckett.

ALFRED BECKETT sworn and examined.

25,442. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A gardener.

25,443. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

25,444. You got 10*s.* for it?—My wife took 10*s.*, but I did not know anything about it.

25,445. She got it, and told you to vote?—Yes, afterwards she did.

25,446. Who gave it to her?—William Houghton.

25,447. What time of the day was that?—Some time in the afternoon, I cannot say when, because I was not at home.

25,448. When you got home she told you you must go and vote?—No, I did not get home till night; I had voted then.

R. Whall.

ROBERT WHALL sworn and examined.

25,449. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Tillett.

25,450. What time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

25,451. Had you promised your vote?—No.

25,452. Had you been asked for your vote?—No.

25,453. Had you not been canvassed by Sir Henry Stracey's friends?—I do not know about his friends. Mr. Williams came and visited me, and two or three other gentlemen.

25,454. They wanted you to vote for Stracey?—Yes.

25,455. Did you say you would vote for Stracey?—No, I did not say anything about it.

25,456. Did you give no answer?—No.

25,457. Did you say your opinions were the other way?—No; they said they were going to call again, and I did not give any particular answer.

25,458. Did they call again?—No.

25,459. What made you vote for Tillett?—Them is my principles.

25,460. Did you get anything for it?—No.

25,461. Did you get a glass of beer?—No.

25,462. Was there no beer going on that side?—I had not any that day, not at my own expense or anyone else's.

25,463. I suppose you would have been glad to have had a glass of Tillett beer?—No; I am not a beer drinker myself.

25,464. Did you hear of any money going?—No.

25,465. Did you not give anybody else some money or beer to go and vote?—No. I did not go amongst them; I was busy at work.

25,466. What are you?—A match and blacking manufacturer.

25,467. Were you not out and about during the day?—No, I was busy after my work; I had some folks that were waiting for work. I have several hands at work for me, boys and girls; and I did not vote till after I had got them to work.

25,468. Did you go back directly you had voted?—Yes.

25,469. You did not go to any of the public places?—No, that I am sure I did not.

C. Page.

CUBITT PAGE sworn and examined.

25,470. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carpenter.

25,471. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,472. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

25,473. At what time?—It might be 3 o'clock.

25,474. Why did you not vote earlier?—I do not know.

25,475. What did you get for voting then?—A crown.

25,476. Who gave it to you?—John Keddington gave it to me through Mr. Houghton.

25,477. Which Houghton, William or John?—William I think it is, but I do not know one from the other.

25,478. Did you see anyone else get money?—There was Keddington, I, and Able.

25,479. Do you know what they got?—A crown each I think.

25,480. From Houghton?—Yes.

25,481. Then you went to the poll?—Yes.

H. Barker.

HENRY BARKER sworn and examined.

25,482. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,483. At what time in the day?—Three o'clock.

25,484. What made you vote so late?—I was down in the city; I thought any time would do to vote.

25,485. Are you sure it was not later than 3 o'clock?—Yes, it was not later than 3.

25,486. Had you promised your vote?—Yes, to Sir Henry Stracey.

25,487. To him personally?—To his son, on the Saturday evening before the election.

25,488. Do you know which of his sons it was that you promised?—I do not know which it was.

25,489. Did he give you anything?—No.

25,490. Did he promise you anything?—No.

25,491. Have you had anything since?—No.

25,492. Did you get any beer on the day of the poll?—No; I am not a public-house man.

25,493. You might have beer for all that?—No, I did not.

25,494. Do you know of anybody getting anything?—No, not anyone.

25,495. Is this the first time you voted?—No, I voted for Mr. Waters.

25,496. What did you get then?—Nothing.

25,497. Did you vote before that for anyone?—No, that was the first vote.

J. Keddington.

JOHN KEDDINGTON sworn and examined.

25,498. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A master shoemaker.

25,499. You got 5*s.* for voting for Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

25,500. From whom?—From Mr. Houghton.

25,501. William Houghton?—Yes.

25,502. What time in the day was that?—About 20 minutes before 4.

25,503. You were the paymaster?—Yes.

25,504. You got 15*s.* from Houghton, and gave two other men 5*s.* each?—Yes.

W. Parsons.

WILLIAM PARSONS sworn and examined.

25,505. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Stracey.

25,506. At what time in the day?—About half-past 11.

25,507. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.

25,508. To whom?—Mr. Buttifant.

25,509. Did he give you anything for it?—No.

25,510. Did he promise you anything?—No.

25,511. Have you had anything since?—No.

25,512. Did you go about the town during the day of the poll?—No.

25,513. Did you get any beer?—Not anything.

25,514. Nowhere?—No.

25,515. Did anybody come with you along with Mr. Buttifant?—Yes, Mr. Cunnington.

25,516. Anybody else?—No.

25,517. How much did Cunnington give you?—Not anything.

25,518. Did you not try to get something from him?—No.

25,519. Have you ever voted before?—No.

25,520. What did you expect to get at this election for your vote?—I did not expect to get anything.

25,521. Did you not try?—No.

25,522. Did you not want?—No.

25,523. Was nothing said to you about money this time?—No, not anything.

25,524. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes, quite certain.

25,525. You knew Mr. Cunnington was about giving money?—He never gave me any, nor said anything about any.

25,526. You knew there was money going?—I never axed for any, and never was offered any.

25,527. Was there anybody else besides Cunnington that canvassed you along with Buttifant?—No.

25,528. Did you promise them to plump for Stracey?—They asked me whether I would oblige them with my vote for Stracey, and I said, "Yes," I would; and I went and voted between 11 and 12 in the day, as soon as I had an opportunity.

25,259. Was that all that passed between you and them?—Yes, that is all.

25,530. Did they try to persuade you to vote, or were you ready to vote without persuasion?—I did not want any; I promised to vote, and I went and voted.

25,531. Was there any reason why you should vote for Stracey more than anybody else?—No. I never had a vote before.

25,532. Was Buttifant known to you before?—Yes, I have known him a long time. I do a little business with him at times.

25,533. In what way?—I buy a few things of him at times, nails and paint; a few things I want in his way.

25,534. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you get any allowance or credit?—Not any.

25,535. Did not Mr. Buttifant say he would give you credit?—No.

25,536. Or that he would let you have something cheap?—No, nothing of the sort.

25,537. He did not promise you any accommodation?—No, not any. I never axed for any, and he never promised any.

25,538. Did you ever have anything to do with Mr. Cunnington?—No.

25,539. He was a stranger to you?—No, he was not a stranger. I have lived close to him for years past.

25,540. You have never had any transactions with him?—No, not any.

25,541. Mr. Buttifant was the person who you wanted to oblige?—They came round and canvassed my vote, and I promised them my vote, and I went and voted.

WILLIAM MALLETT sworn and examined.

W. Mallett.

25,542. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A scavenger.

25,543. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,544. For whom?—For Mr. Stracey.

26,545. At what time in the day?—About half-past 8 in the morning.

25,546. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

25,547. What did you get afterwards?—Nothing.

25,548. Nothing all day?—No.

25,549. Did you not get a shilling from somebody?—No.

25,550. Did you get anything to eat or drink?—No, not even the smell of a beer glass.

25,551. Did Masters invite you to breakfast?—No.

25,552. Did you go there without being invited?—I did not go at all.

25,553. You did not get anything for your vote?—No.

FRANCIS METCALF, junior, sworn and examined.

F. Metcalf, junr.

25,554. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,555. Have you voted at elections before?—No.

25,556. Never?—No, never; this was my first vote.

25,557. At municipal elections you have voted, have you not?—No.

25,558. At what time did you vote?—About a quarter or 20 minutes past 9 in the morning. I wanted to vote before, but I could not get near the poll.

25,559. Had you been canvassed?—No.

25,560. Did anybody ask you for your vote at all?—No.

25,561. Nobody came to you that morning?—No.

25,562. Did nobody speak to you the night before?—A man asked me which way I was going to vote, and I said I shall plump for Stracey.

25,563. What was the man?—I do not know the man's mane.

25,564. Where was it?—In a public-house; the "Tuns."

25,565. That was the night before?—Yes, the night before the election. The election took place the next morning.

25,566. Did he say he would give you some beer if you did?—No.

25,567. Or some money?—No. I never received a farthing; I voted independent of anybody.

25,568. Did you receive no beer from anyone?—No, not half a pint, nor yet a glass of beer. I should have voted earlier if I could have got near the poll. I went twice.

JAMES BURRELL sworn and examined.

J. Burrell.

25,569. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A plasterer.

25,570. For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,571. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

25,572. Who asked you to vote?—Not anyone.

25,573. Had you promised your vote?—To no one.

25,574. What did you get for voting?—Not anything.

25,575. Did you get any beer?—No.

25,576. Where were you all day?—At business.

25,577. Is that the first time you got out during the day?—No, I went about 8 o'clock in the morning.

25,578. Where did you go to?—To work.

25,579. Between that time and voting did you get out?—No.

25,580. Not at all?—No, not from 8 till half-past 3.

25,581. Then you went straight to the poll?—Yes.

25,582. Did anybody go with you?—No one.

25,583. Did you talk to nobody?—No.

25,584. Did you go up by yourself?—I went up by myself. I know what I say.

25,585. Did you see Cunnington that day?—I do not know him.

25,586. Do you mean to say you were not asked by anybody for your vote?—I was not asked by anyone; neither Conservatives nor Liberals came to my house.

25,587. Did you try to get any money for your vote?—No.

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25,588. Did you hear any money was going ?—No.

25,589. Did you go to any public-house that day ?—No.

25,590. Not before you voted ?—Not before I voted, nor yet afterwards.

25,591. Did your master speak to you about voting ?—No.

25,592. You are quite certain about that ?—Yes ; if he had it would not have been for Mr. Stracey.

25,593. Do you mean to tell me nobody spoke to you about voting ?—No.

25,594. And you did not speak to anyone as to how you were going to vote ?—No.

25,595. You never mentioned how you were going to vote ?—No, I voted according to my own principles.

25,596. You must have spoken to somebody about it ?—No, I did not.

25,597. You never spoke to anyone at all ?—No, not anyone.

25,598. Was anything promised to you ?—Not anything. I had no one from either side come to my house, neither canvassing nor anything else.

25,599. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where did you breakfast that morning ?—At home.

25,600. At what public-house were you the night before ?—I do not think any. I do not remember any.

25,601. Were you not at a public-house the night before ?—No.

25,602. Will you swear you were not ?—Yes.

25,603. Did not anybody make you an offer ?—No.

W. Dunn.

WILLIAM DUNN sworn and examined.

25,604. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A shoemaker.

25,605. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—I voted for Mr. Stracey.

25,606. At what time in the day ?—Half-past 3, or thereabouts.

25,607. What did you get for doing it ?—I got nothing ; nobody ever asked me to vote for Mr. Stracey.

25,608. You did it of your own head ?—I did it of my own head.

25,609. Did you get anything, or the promise of anything ?—No, nor the promise of anything. I was making a pair of lady's boots, and finished them before I went to vote.

W. Dawson.

WILLIAM DAWSON sworn and examined.

25,610. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Yes.

25,611. At what time in the day did you vote ?—About half-past 3.

25,612. Where had you been all the day ?—At work.

25,613. For whom ?—Myself.

25,614. At what ?—Coopering.

25,615. You could have got away from coopering ?—I could not leave off.

25,616. Why not ?—I had an order to make a tub, and I was forced to get it in.

25,617. Who came to you and asked you to vote ?—No one.

25,618. Were you never canvassed at all ?—No.

25,619. Did nobody ask you for your vote ?—No.

25,620. Either before or on the day of the election ?—No.

25,621. Did you vote of your own head entirely ?—Yes.

25,622. Without any request from anybody ?—Yes.

25,623. Did anybody come to your house that day to get you to vote ?—No.

25,624. Did you receive any money for voting ?—No.

25,625. Were you promised any money ?—No.

25,626. Were you standing about the streets ?—No.

25,627. From where did you go to vote ?—I came from my own house.

25,628. Were you not walking about the streets before you voted ?—No.

J. Bridges.

JOHN BRIDGES sworn and examined.

25,629. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A butcher.

25,630. Did you take any part in this election ?—No, not any.

25,631. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Yes.

25,632. What time in the day ?—Just after 2.

25,633. What made you so late ?—I was detained at home at my business.

25,634. Did you pay any money to anybody to vote ?—No, not a farthing.

25,635. Did you give any beer ?—I never see any.

25,636. You did not give any beer to other people ?—No, not a drain.

25,637. And you got none yourself ?—No, none.

25,638. Have you voted at other elections ?—Yes.

25,639. Have you always voted Tory ?—Not always; the last few years I have.

25,640. At which election did you change ?—It may be 10 years back.

25,641. Did you get anything for voting then ?—No.

25,642. Has anything been promised to you this time ?—No, nothing at all.

R. Bacon.

ROBERT BACON sworn and examined.

25,643. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A publican.

25,644. Did you vote at the last election ?—I did not vote at all that I am aware of.

25,645. Did you get any money from anybody ?—Yes, I believe I did.

25,646. How much was it ?—30*s.*

25,647. From whom did you get it ?—A man of the name of Bunn.

25,648. What did he give it to you for ?—To lay out, I believe.

25,649. Did you lay it out ?—Yes.

25,650. How many people did you get for it ?—Three or four ; I am sure I do not know which.

25,651. Was it three or four ?—I cannot say. I know there was three, but I think there was a fourth ; but I was intoxicated.

25,652. Tell me the three ?—Two Barkers and a man of the name of Scott, I think.

25,653. Where do the Barkers live ?—At Heigham.

25,654. Do they both live there ?—I cannot say ; I believe they do.

25,655. Where does Scott live ?—I think he lives in Heigham also.

25,656. At what time in the day did you get the money ?—Three or 4 o'clock, I suppose.

25,657. What did you give those men each ?—*5s.* each.

25,658. Cannot you recollect the fourth man, if there was a fourth ?—There was a fourth ; but I was the worse for drink, and I do not know who it was.

25,659. You did not vote yourself ?—Not that I am aware of.

25,660. Had you a vote ?—I believe so.

25,661. Do not answer in that way; you know whether you had a vote or not?—I believe my name is on the register, but I never tried it.

25,662. Had you a vote, or not?—I believe I had.

25,663. Did you vote?—I believe not. I do not recollect voting.

25,664. Do you mean to say you were so drunk towards 4 o'clock that you do not know whether you voted or not?—Yes.

25,665. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you sober enough to recollect you got 10*s.* out of the 30*s.* for yourself?—No, I spent it.

25,666. On yourself?—Amongst friends.

25,667. In treating other people?—Yes.

25,668. In treating voters?—I do not know whether they were voters or not.

25,669. Do you know who they were who you treated?—I had a house full of people.

25,670. Who were these people; you must recollect some of them?—I recollect those three persons I have told you of.

25,671. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Besides those whom did you treat?—Anybody I see. I was not at home all the day.

25,672. Did you not employ some of that money in giving beer to voters in your house?—I think most likely I did. I asked several people to drink that day, not only in my house but in other houses.

25,673. You did not get this money till past 3 o'clock?—No, I believe not.

25,674. Were you in such a hazy state that you cannot recollect anything about it?—I recollect some of it. I went to bed at 6 o'clock at night I believe.

ANDREW THOMPSON COCK sworn and examined. *A. T. Cock.*

25,675. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,676. At what time?—Just before 4.

25,677. What did you get for voting?—Not anything.

25,678. Are you a Conservative?—Yes.

25,679. Why did you not vote before?—Why, because I had not time before.

25,680. The polling place is only a few hundred yards from your house?—I was not going to leave off work on purpose for voting.

25,681. What is your business?—A shoemaker.

25,682. A shoemaker's time is not so extraordinarily valuable that he cannot go out of his house to vote?—I thought that would be the best time for me.

25,683. Were you not waiting back in order to see what you could get?—I was not.

25,684. Did you ever vote before?—Yes, several times.

25,685. Did you ever get any money for it?—Never yet.

25,686. Not at Waters' election?—Never.

25,687. Or at Schneider's election?—I never got a farthing at no election.

25,688. Did nobody promise you anything for voting at this election?—No.

25,689. Or give you anything?—No.

25,690. Either before, since, or on the day?—Never before, nor yet since, nor on the day.

WILLIAM FREEMAN sworn and examined. *W. Freeman.*

25,691. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

25,692. At what time of the day?—Half-past 3.

25,693. What made you so late?—I could not get out on account of my business.

25,694. What is your business?—A cabinet-maker.

25,695. Have you ever voted before?—Yes.

25,696. Have you always voted Tory?—Yes.

25,697. For 20 years?—Yes, and hope I always shall.

25,698. Have you ever had any money for it?—No.

25,699. Have you had nothing promised you on any occasion?—No, nothing at all.

FRANCIS METCALF sworn and examined. *F. Metcalf.*

25,700. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A fish hawker.

25,701. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,702. For whom?—For Stracey.

25,703. At what time of the day?—A quarter to 4.

25,704. What did you get?—Nothing.

25,705. Why did you not vote sooner?—Because I had not done my rounds.

25,706. You were near the polling booths before that?—Yes; but I had my baskets, and could not get at any then.

25,707. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

25,708. Had you promised anybody to vote for Stracey?—No.

25,709. Did you go up entirely of your own accord?—Yes.

25,710. When did you make up your mind to vote for Stracey?—I made up my mind the whole of the day.

25,711. What did you do with your baskets when you did go at last?—I left them at home.

25,712. Had you ever voted before?—No, never.

25,713. Were you at any of the public-houses during the day?—No.

25,714. Were you not in one?—No.

25,715. Did you get anything after you had voted?—No.

WILLIAM ALLEN sworn and examined. *W. Allen.*

25,716. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

25,717. What time in the day?—About 3.

25,718. What are you?—A master printer.

25,719. I believe you determined not to vote unless you were paid for it?—No, sir.

25,720. Did you not say you would not vote unless you were paid?—No; two or three gentlemen called upon me, and I told them I should not vote at all.

25,721. But did you not also say to other people that you were determined not to vote unless you were paid?—No.

25,722. Do you know Mrs. Vincent?—I know Mrs. Vincent quite well.

25,723. On the Monday before the election did you not say you would not vote unless you were paid?—No.

25,724. And well paid for it?—No.

25,725. Did some people call upon you for your vote?—Yes.

25,726. Who were they?—Mr. Rix.

25,727. That was on the day of the poll?—The day of the election.

25,728. Mr. Rix and Mr. Huddart came to your house on the day of the election, did they not?—Yes.

25,729. What did they give you for your vote?—Nothing.

25,730. What time did they come to your house?—They came at first at 10 o'clock in the morning.

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25,731. You would not be persuaded to vote then ?—No.

25,732. Why should you not be persuaded to vote at 10 o'clock in the morning ?—Simply because I had some things to go off by the train at 4 o'clock, and I was forced to finish those things, or else they would have been thrown on my hands.

25,733. Did you not say to them that you would not vote until there was some money forthcoming ?—No.

25,734. They came again after you, did they not ?—Mr. Rix called three or four times, and I told him I should not go out until I had finished my things.

25,735. Did you not tell him you would not vote until you got some money ?—No ; and there was no money mentioned either between me or between him.

25,736. If it was not mentioned, what did pass ?—There was not a word mentioned about money whatever.

25,737. Did Huddart mention something about money ?—Mr. Huddart never spoke.

25,738. They took you up to the poll, did they not ?—Mr. Huddart walked behind me when I went to the poll.

25,739. To see that you polled ?—I don't know whether he saw that I polled ; I left him at the corner of the "Pigeons." I went and voted, and Mr. Huddart went into the "Pigeons."

25,740. Do you mean upon your oath to say that you got nothing for voting ?—I got not a farthing for voting.

25,741. Nor was anything promised you ?—Nor a promise of anything.

25,742. Were you afterwards treated ?—I left the poll, and I went to work again directly.

25,743. How did Mr. Huddart and Mr. Rix prevail upon you to vote ?—Mr. Huddart I don't think mentioned a word to me.

25,744. But how did Mr. Rix persuade you to vote ?—I don't think I saw him after 12 o'clock, and I told him I should not leave until I had finished the things I was about ; I told him the position I stood in.

25,745. How did he persuade you to vote when you had finished the things ?—Mr. Huddart did not persuade me to vote ; I don't think he ever spoke.

25,746. But how did Mr. Rix persuade you to vote ?—Mr. Rix did not persuade me to vote, because he was not there at the time when I voted.

25,747. You say that you had told him you would not vote until you had done your things ?—I told him that I should not vote until I had done those things.

25,748. How came you then to go up with Mr. Huddart ?—Mr. Huddart, and two or three gentlemen that I don't know anything at all about, came and asked me if I would go and vote, and I went and voted.

25,749. What made you go up and vote at all ?—I don't know what made me go and vote at all ; I went the same as another man would go and vote, because I thought I would go and vote.

25,751. Had you ever voted before ?—Never, only at the municipal elections.

25,750. Which way have you voted then ?—I have always voted on the Tory principle ; I was brought up in it, and my father always voted that way ; I was brought up in that and nothing else.

JAMES BULLOCK sworn and examined.

J. Bullock.

25,752. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—No.

25,753. For whom did you vote ?—Nobody.

25,754. Have you a vote ?—Yes.

25,755. Why did you not vote ?—Because I was in the country ; I was at Lowestoft at the time.

25,756. You are quite certain that you were away ?—Quite certain.

25,757. I suppose nothing was offered to you for your vote this time ?—Certainly not.

25,758. Have you ever voted at elections in this city ?—I never voted at all in this city in my life. I never had a vote in my life, and never voted for anybody in my life.

25,759. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know that they voted twice in your name ?—I do not know.

25,760. Did you not hear it ?—No.

25,761. Well, someone went and voted in your name twice.—I don't know it.

25,762. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you registered in one or two places ?—I have a vote only as a ratepayer, that is all.

25,763. You may go ; you have the credit of having helped to return a member to Parliament.—All right, sir.

CHARLES BURCH sworn and examined.

C. Burch.

25,764. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—An omnibus conductor.

25,765. Did you vote at the last election ?—I did.

25,766. For whom ?—Stracey.

25,767. At what time in the day ?—Half-past 3 in the afternoon.

25,768. Did you get anything for doing it ?—No.

25,769. Why did you not vote earlier ?—Because I had not an opportunity.

25,770. Were you with your omnibus all day ?—I was on a cab then.

25,771. Were you promised anything for voting ?—Nothing at all.

25,772. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—I had.

25,773. Did you promise it ?—I promised I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

25,774. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you taking up Stracey voters to the poll all day ?—No.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN sworn and examined.

W. Chapman.

25,775. (*Mr. Dowdeswell,*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

25,776. For whom ?—Mr. Stracey.

25,777. What time in the day ?—Half-past 1.

25,778. Were you in the "Ribs of Beef" on the day of the election ?—No.

25,779. Not at all ?—I never went in.

25,780. What public-houses were you at ?—I went to several that day.

25,781. How many ?—I don't know ; perhaps 30.

25,782. Pretty nearly every public-house in your ward, I suppose ?—I went round with my basket.

25,783. What are you ?—I am a fish hawker and fish curer.

25,784. Were you drinking in any public-house that day ?—Yes, I drank a good many glasses at my own expense.

25,785. Did you not get some beer at other people's expense ?—Not a glass.

25,786. You had none given you ?—No, not that day.

25,787. You were offering your fish for sale ?—Yes.

25,788. Were you yourself to be bought ?—I bought a lot of fish that day ; I bought a lot of oysters and things.

25,789. Did you have some money to pay voters ?—Not a farthing.

25,790. Did you get any voters to vote ?—No, not one.

25,791. Were you yourself paid for voting ?—No, sir ; that is what I wanted, but I could not get nothing.

25,792. Could you not hear where it was to be found ?—No, I could not tumble on to none.

25,793. Did you not come across Hardiment?—No, I did not; I never saw him that day; I did see him the night before.

25,794. Did you ask him whether you could have a little money for your vote?—I saw him, but did not speak to him.

25,795. Could you not find where the money was to be had?—No, and I did not want; I had got plenty of my own in my pocket.

25,796. Then did you get nothing at all for your vote?—No, not a halfpenny; I did not want it; I voted on principle.

25,797. (*Mr. Biron.*) But you said a minute ago that you did not want money?—Yes; but I said I could not tumble on to anything. I always want it; but I had plenty in my pocket.

25,798. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What would you have taken?—All I could get; 5*l.* if I could have got it.

25,799. However, you did not get any?—No, I never got a farthing.

25,800. Or the promise of anything?—No.

25,801. Nor any beer?—I had plenty of beer all day, and I paid for it.

GEORGE FREEMAN sworn and examined. *G. Freeman.*

25,802. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,803. At what time in the day?—Three o'clock.

25,804. Why did you not vote earlier?—I had not time; I was at work.

25,805. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

25,806. What did you get to vote?—Nothing.

25,807. No beer?—No.

25,808. Have you had anything since?—No.

25,809. Have you ever voted before?—Yes, twice.

25,810. Have you always voted on the Tory side?—Always Tory.

EDWARD BURRAGE sworn and examined. *E. Burrage.*

25,811. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker.

25,812. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,813. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,814. At what time of the day?—As near as I can say, about half-past 12.

25,815. Had you ever voted before?—No.

25,816. This was the first time?—Yes.

25,817. Had you promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

25,818. Did you get anything for it?—No.

25,819. Did you take up any voters?—I took up one.

25,820. What did you give him?—Nothing at all.

25,821. Who was he?—Thomas Wilkinson.

25,822. Did he want anything?—No.

25,823. He went up with you and voted?—He went up and voted in the afternoon, about half-past 2.

25,824. You did not give or promise him anything?—No.

JAMES LOVEWELL sworn and examined. *J. Lovewell.*

25,825. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

25,826. At what time in the day?—As near as I can tell, about half-past 1.

25,827. Later than that, I think?—It was between 1 and 2; it was not 2.

25,828. Who came to you to go up to the poll?—Nobody. I walked up by myself.

25,829. Did not someone come and ask you to go up?—No.

25,830. Had you been canvassed before for your vote?—Yes.

25,831. On which side?—Mr. Stracey's.

25,832. Had you promised your vote?—I never saw him myself. I was not at home when he came.

25,833. Did nobody ask you for your vote on the day of the election?—No.

25,834. Did anybody give you anything for your vote?—No.

25,835. Or did anybody give you anything that day?—No, not a farthing.

25,836. Or the promise of anything?—No.

25,837. No money, no beer, nor anything else?—No.

25,838. Did anybody promise you any custom?—No.

WILLIAM FROST BOON sworn and examined. *W. F. Boon.*

25,839. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A carpenter.

25,840. Did you vote at this election?—Yes.

25,841. Have you voted before?—Yes, at other elections.

25,842. On which side did you vote this time?—For Stracey.

25,843. Have you always voted Tory?—Yes.

25,844. Without exception?—Yes.

25,845. Have you ever had any consideration or promise for your vote?—Nothing of the kind.

25,846. Neither this time or any previous occasion?—Not on any occasion.

25,847. Has any money ever passed through your hands to influence other voters?—Not any.

25,848. Have you ever made any promise to other voters to secure their votes?—Not any.

25,849. Have you ever treated people with beer?—No, I have had nothing to do with it whatever.

25,850. You have not taken an active part?—All I have done in it has been to give my vote.

25,851. That has been your practice?—That is all I have done.

THOMAS PETTETT sworn and examined. *T. Pettett.*

25,852. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A boot and shoe maker by trade; in business for myself.

25,853. And you voted at the last election?—Yes.

25,854. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,855. What time in the day?—About half-past 3.

25,856. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

25,857. Why did you not vote sooner than that?—My business compelled me. I was working at the time for commercial travellers, and I could not vote.

25,858. Do I understand that you were at your business all the day?—Yes.

25,859. And could not vote before?—No.

25,860. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

25,861. Had you promised to vote for Stracey?—No, I had not promised either. I could not get the work done before that time, and I should not have voted if I could not have finished the work by that time.

25,862. Did you not say, "I have got this work, and if I can get it finished I will vote for you"?—No, I did not, because I did not intend to vote.

25,863. You were trying what you could get?—No. I was never offered anything, and never asked for anything; it is not my principle.

25,864. You were waiting to see whether anything would be offered?—No, I was not, sir.

TWENTIETH DAY.

H. Buttifant.

1 Oct. 1869.

HENRY BUTTIFANT sworn and examined.

25,865. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were a member of one of Sir Henry Stracey's committees, were you not?—I was put down as such, but I did not act.

25,866. You were down upon the list of the committee, were you?—I was told so.

25,867. In which ward?—The third.

25,868. When were you first told that you were upon the list of the committee of Sir Henry Stracey?—Perhaps, about two days before the election; something like that.

25,869. Did you upon the election day go out with a person of the name of Cunnington for the purpose of collecting votes?—No.

25,870. Were you not out with Cunnington upon that day?—No, I was not out all day, sir. I had to attend to my business, and that is why I declined acting. I went out at 8 o'clock in the morning, voted at five minutes past 8, and did not go out all day, even to get a glass of beer with a friend.

25,871. Do you know Cunnington?—Yes; but I do not consider myself an electioneering man.

25,872. (*Mr. Biron.*) Is there another man of your name?—Oh yes.

25,873. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you an ironmonger?—Yes.

25,874. Is there a Josiah Buttifant?—That is my brother.

25,875. Was he active on the day of the election?—I did not see him all day. I believe he was in another committee room at the top of the hill. I did not go out all day myself; I understood that he was at the "Tuns."

25,876. Your brother was at the "Tuns"?—So I was told; he was engaged there. I did not go out myself even for a glass of ale; I simply voted.

25,877. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you take no active part in this election at all?—No.

25,878. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you do nothing more than vote?—That is all. I voted and went into my shop, and did got go out all day; we do not shut up till late at night.

25879. Did you give or promise money to any voter,?—No, certainly not.

25,880. Either before or since the election?—No.

25,881. Or take any active part in it?—No. I do not consider myself an electioneering man at all, but the name is sufficient for the city for people to say that I am. There was a Mr. Edwards next door, a jeweller, that my son asked whether he would vote, and he said he would vote for anyone that bought a watch of him; so my wife being an electioneering one said to the boy, "Go in and tell Mr. Edwards that if he will vote I will buy a watch of him;" but he had already voted. She merely did that to gammon him up, so I considered.

25,882. (*Mr. Biron.*) She had her bit of chaff with him?—Yes.

J. H. Huggins.

JOHN HORACE HUGGINS recalled and further examined.

25,883. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you prepared to answer that question I put to you?—What question is that?

25,884. What did you do with that 2*l.*?—Well, I spent a great deal of it in the evening after the election.

25,885. Do you mean to say you bought no voter with it?—No, not one.

25,886. How did you spend it?—Well, I went into, I should think, ten or a dozen public-houses, and people that I had canvassed two or three days previously came up to me and asked me what I would stand, and so on, and I treated them independently of whatever position they were or anything about it; in fact I wanted to get rid of the money. Mr. Furse would not have it again, and I wanted to get rid of it.

25,887. Did you offer it to Furse?—I told him I had not got rid of the whole of it, and he said, "I dont "want to have anything to do with it; I know "nothing about it;" and I intended to get rid of it, because, to tell you the truth, when I came to get rid of the excitement of the thing, I was rather disgusted to think that I had had anything to do with it.

25,888. You spent it in this way?—I spent it in the evening; in the morning I had only 9*d.* left.

25,889. You spent it in several houses?—Yes, I spent it in different Conservative houses; there was a lot of people in every house.

25,890. Why could you not tell us that before?—I had no idea I was asked the question.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Saturday, 2nd October 1869.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

J. Dombrain.

2 Oct. 1869.

JAMES DOMBRAIN sworn and examined.

25,891. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—I was.

25,892. Did you vote?—I did.

22,893. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

25,894. Did you take an active part in the promotion of the election of Sir Henry Stracey?—It depends upon what you consider an active part.

25,895. Surely you understand what is meant by taking an active part in promoting the election of a member of Parliament?—If you mean canvassing, I did not canvass. I certainly asked two or three people in the market-place whether they had voted, and I advised them to vote for Sir Henry Stracey; but I did nothing further.

25,896. That was all you did?—That is all I did.

25,897. Were you at the "Pigeons" that day?—I have never even seen the "Pigeons," nor do I know except from hearsay that there is such a place.

25,898. Do you know Mr. Hulme, the chemist?—I have called on him since the election; I did not know him before.

25,899. Did you not see him on the day of the election?—Never.

25,900. Did you not speak to Mr. Hulme on the day of the election?—I did not. I did not know Mr. Hulme.

25,901. Although you might not have known him you might have spoken to him?—Very possible, indeed—no, it is not possible. I have seen him since, therefore I know I did not.

25,902. Did you go into any of the committee rooms on the day of the election?—No, I did not.

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J. Dombrain.

2 Oct. 1869.

25,903. Were you in any committee room that day?—No, I was not.

25,904. Were you in any public-house that day?—No, I was not.

25,905. Nor any inn?—Nor an inn.

25,906. Or beershop?—Or beershop.

25,907. How long did you remain in the market-place asking people to go up and vote?—I was at the market-place when the second return was made; I think it was the second.

25,908. That would be about 10 o'clock in the morning?—About 10 o'clock in the morning. I was at the "Chronicle" office, and I remained in the "Chronicle" office from 10 o'clock in the morning till 6 o'clock in the evening with very little intermission, and I am quite ready to give you an account of my time.

25,909. You were waiting in the "Chronicle" office merely to hear the result of the poll?—I took my little child down with me to the "Chronicle" office, knowing the people there, and it was for the purpose of leaving him there; and I was so interested in the second return that I remained for the third, as is very often the case, and then I stopped to hear the later ones.

25,910. You remained in the "Chronicle" office the whole day?—With very few intermissions.

25,911. When were those exceptions?—I will give you an account of those exceptions. Upon several occasions, I suppose two or three, between the half hours, I walked out of the "Chronicle" office and walked just in front amongst three or four market stalls.

25,912. Were you not very anxious about the election, and were you not active in getting up voters for Sir Henry Stracey?—Decidedly not. I asked several people in the market-place; that I acknowledge; but I think I can say upon my oath, that I did not ask another single individual.

25,913. Did you offer nobody money that day to vote?—No, I did not.

25,914. Nor promise them money?—Nor promise them money. I had none either to offer or promise.

25,915. Did you confine yourself simply to asking them to vote?—I did, most decidedly.

25,916. Were they people whom you knew?—No, and I do not know whether they were voters. I said, "Have you voted?"

25,917. Did you confine your attention entirely to the market-place?—I did, most decidedly.

25,918. Is there no foundation whatever for the suggestion that you were influencing people to give their votes by means of money that day?—I declare that there is no foundation whatever, most distinctly and emphatically; and I regard the suspicion as most injurious and harmful to a clergyman, even when he is innocent.

25,919. Or that you were at several public-houses during that day?—It is utterly false.

EDWARD TRAXTON recalled and further examined.

E. Traxton.

25,920. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know Huggins?—Yes.

25,921. Did he tell you that he was furnished with a list of voters to bribe?—I believe he had a list.

25,922. Did he tell you he had a list?—I am almost certain he had one, and I had one as well.

25,923. How came you to know that he had?—Because we went up in the room. There was a list of voters to go and search, and tick them off. He had his list, and I had mine. I should say he had. I had mine, I know.

25,924. Who gave you your list?—You pick the list out yourself. You go in and see who have not voted; and you say, "I must try and get those men to come." I said, "It's no use going after these men if you have not money." I said, "It's folly to go after them. You can do as you like, Huggins." I went and looked out, but it was of no use. I gave it up afterwards as a bad case. If I had had money I should think it was perfectly right. I only make that statement because Huggins said about my being in the "Compasses." He said I was in the "Compasses" drunk. I was not.

25,925. Did you furnish any list to Huggins yourself?—Of voters?

25,926. Yes?—I took the list from the marked off one.

25,927. Did you give any list to Huggins?—No.

25,928. Who did?—He took them off himself, the same as I did.

25,929. Were you present?—Yes, in the room when they were marking off.

25,930. He had a list of voters?—He had a list of voters there is no doubt about it, because I went one way and he another.

25,931. Did you tell Huggins that there were men who wanted a day's pay?—Yes, many of them.

25,932. How many of them?—Everyone you came in contact with almost. I cannot tell you the names.

25,933. Are you sure he had a list of the people?—I am sure he had a list.

25,934. And he went out for that purpose?—Yes, that's all. He had nothing to do with it.

CHARLES WADE sworn and examined.

C. Wade.

25,935. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a licensed victualler.

25,936. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

25,937. What time in the day?—As soon as I could in the morning; as soon as the poll was opened. I was about number 6, I think.

25,938. You went about the city doing what you could to get up voters?—I went home and got my breakfast.

25,939. And after that you went out again, did you not?—At that time I lived close by where I voted; and now I live at the "Mitre Tavern," in the market-place.

25,940. After breakfast you went about the city trying to get up voters?—I did not go out of my own ward.

25,941. Who was with you?—A young man of the name of Howes. I went home once or twice. I went home and had a snap of dinner.

25,942. How many men did you take up?—I do not think I took up more than one directly. I went and called upon 14 or 15. They preferred going alone. I met them, and I looked at the list in our committee room to see who had voted. Those that had not voted I took the trouble to go up the road and see after. I left a message at the "White Horse," but I did not take but one man up.

25,943. What is your parish?—South Heigham, Rupert Street.

25,944. You found some of these men rather disinclined to vote?—No, I did not.

25,945. All went readily?—I may say the majority of them.

25,946. The others out of the 14 or 15 you mentioned were disinclined to vote?—I don't think there was one.

25,947. Not one?—I could not swear there was one disinclined to vote. There was one man who did not vote till late. It was simply because he could not vote till he came back from his work.

25,948. Who was that?—I will tell you directly. James Berry, when I called upon him the night before he was not at home. I left a card. I saw him in my public-house a day or two after. He said, "I don't want to make a noise, but I shall vote for Sir Henry Stracey." He did not, like some out of these little houses that are in this road. The others were extreme party people.

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C. Wade.

2 Oct. 1869.

25,949. Did you get up a man of the name of Nathaniel Townsend?—No.

25,950. Did you see him that day?—I don't know him. I don't remember one of that name in my street at all.

25,951. Did you give any of these men money on that day?—Not a farthing.

25,952. Or promise them money?—Not a farthing.

25,953. Or give them beer?—I did not. I guarded myself very much on that day. The election day was a dry day as far as regards myself; that is, I had to pay for my own beer, if I could not get it in my own house.

25,954. That is not usual at election times?—It's what I call usual. I don't say other people did not give it. I never gave nothing.

25,955. You gave nothing to any man?—I did not, nor yet promised him anything.

25,956. Were you about with Hardy?—Not on that day. I saw him during the day.

25,957. Did you see anybody else give any money?—I did not.

25,958. Or hear of any money having been given?—I heard it from the opposite side, not from my own party.

25,959. What did you hear from the opposite side?—That they knew we had bought. It did not refer personally to me.

25,960. Did you see Hibbett about that day?—Yes, he was riding about.

25,961. He was an active man on your side?—Yes; we were terribly short-handed at the time. It is a very large ward.

J. Mallett.

JOHN MALLETT sworn and examined.

25,962. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,963. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,964. At what time of the day?—About half-past 9.

25,965. Had you promised your vote before?—No.

25,966. Had anybody asked you for your vote?—No.

25,967. Did anybody come to you that morning?—No.

25,968. Were you at the "Horse Shoes" that morning?—No.

25,969. Had you breakfast anywhere besides your own house that morning?—No.

25,970. Then you went up and voted without being asked in any way for your vote?—Yes.

25,971. Had you ever had a vote before?—No.

25,972. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

25,973. Were you promised anything?—No.

G. Chambers.

GEORGE CHAMBERS sworn and examined.

25,974. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey and Tillett.

25,975. What did you get?—Nothing at all. I did not expect anything.

25,976. At what time in the day did you vote?—About 9 in the morning.

25,977. Something was promised you?—No.

25,978. Do you know Hibbett?—No, I don't know him.

25,979. Did not anybody come to you to get you to vote?—No.

W. Bensley.

WILLIAM BENSLEY sworn and examined.

25,980. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A fly driver.

25,981. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,982. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

25,983. What time in the day?—A little after 2.

25,984. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing.

25,985. Or the promise of anything?—Not anything.

25,986. Why did not you vote sooner?—I went a time or two, and I see they were full at the place. I came when it was most convenient.

25,987. You tried to vote early?—Yes.

B. Coman.

BENJAMIN COMAN sworn and examined.

25,988. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey and Russell.

25,989. At what time in the day?—I believe it was between 2 and 3. I know it was.

25,990. What did you get for your vote?—I never got nothing.

25,991. Was not something promised you?—Nothing.

25,992. Who got you up to vote?—Well, I got myself up.

25,993. Did not somebody come to you and ask you to go up and vote?—No one.

25,994. Do you know Mr. Hibbett?—No, I don't know that man. I think not.

25,995. Did you see a person who called himself Hibbett that day?—Not that I know of.

25,996. What made you so late in voting?—I could not get away from my work.

25,997. What was your work?—Overlooker at a factory.

25,998. Was your factory at work that day, then?—Yes.

25,999. You were home at the breakfast hour?—No, I did not go home to breakfast.

26,000. Did you go home to dinner?—No, I got my dinner at the factory.

26,001. Did your factory close on that day at all?—We did not close till about 4 o'clock.

26,002. Did you get anything whatever for your vote?—No.

26,003. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

26,004. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you ever voted before?—No.

26,005. Which are you, Whig or Tory?—I voted for both of them.

26,006. How came you to vote for both of them?—That was my own opinion.

26,007. Had you promised anybody to vote?—No.

26,008. Had you not been asked?—No, I have not been asked.

W. T. Armes.

WILLIAM T. ARMES sworn and examined.

26,009. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,010. What time of the day?—Close to 1 o'clock.

26,011. Who asked you to vote?—Not anybody.

26,012. Did not Hibbett?—No.

26,013. Had not you been asked before the day of the poll?—Yes, I had, several days before. Mr. Sparrow asked me.

26,014. For which side?—He came with Mr. Russell.

26,015. Did anybody ask you for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, Mr. Sparrow.

26,016. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

26,017. Was anything promised you?—No.

26,018. Have you had anything since?—No.

26,019. Were you treated to any beer?—No.

26,020. With whom did you go up to the poll?—Nobody at all.

26,021. What are you by trade?—A cabinet-maker.

26,022. On your own account, or a journeyman?—Journeyman.

26,023. Have you ever voted before?—No.

26,024. Was no inducement offered to you to vote?—None at all.

26,025. Did you get anyone else to go up to the poll?—No.

26,026. Were you at any public-houses during the day?—Yes, I went into one or two.

26,027. Which?—I went into the "City Arms."

26,028. Any other?—I am sure I cannot tell. I don't think I did. I don't recollect any other.

26,029. Were you at any of the Tory committee rooms that day?—No.

CHARLES COPPERWHEAT sworn and examined. *C. Copperwheat.*

26,030. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

26,031. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Russell and Stracey.

26,032. What time in the day?—About half-past 10.

26,033. How came you to vote for Russell and Stracey?—Because I look upon Mr. Tillett as an unmitigated humbug, and I would not support him under any circumstances.

26,034. Were you active in looking after voters?—Yes.

26,035. Were you out with anybody?—Yes.

26,036. With whom?—With various people; any chance acquaintance I met in the streets.

26,037. You were not trying to influence voters to vote?—I was not influencing any person, nor no one tried to influence me.

26,038. Were there voters in your house?—I was not at home much. I was out almost all day. I was very much interested in the election.

26,039. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing whatever.

26,040. Or the promise of anything?—Or the promise of anything.

26,041. Did you give anything to anyone for voting?—I did not interfere with money matters; I neither gave nor promised anything.

26,042. Or treated anybody?—I never treated anybody, nor accepted anything.

26,043. Who managed your business that day at home?—My wife.

26,044. Did you hear from her that people were treated in your house?—Not anyone; such a thing might occur the same as it might to-day; one man might come in and treat another to a glass, but not anything about electioneering matters.

WILLIAM BARLEY sworn and examined. *W. Barley.*

26,045. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,046. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,047. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

26,048. Did you receive anything for your vote?—Nothing.

26,049. Was anything promised you?—Nothing.

26,050. Neither custom nor anything else?—Nothing at all.

26,051. What are you by business?—A gasfitter.

26,052. Had you promised your vote beforehand?—No.

26,053. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

26,054. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Hardy, I believe, but I was not at home.

26,055. Were you solicited by any persons on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

26,056. Did anybody come and fetch you upon the day of the poll?—No, I went alone.

26,057. You went of your own accord?—Yes.

WILLIAM ABRAHAMS sworn and examined. *W. Abrahams.*

26,058. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,059. What time in the day?—About three minutes before 4, I think.

26,060. What made you so late?—Because I did not intend to vote at all that day.

26,061. Had you promised your vote?—I never promised anyone.

26,062. What made you change your mind?—I will tell you. When I was at one of these houses in St. Benedict's, I was a special constable, and I was employed at the polling booth, and there was a radical, Mr. Betts, who kept that house. There was a lot drinking about, and about 10 o'clock the state of the poll was so many ahead for Mr. Tillett——

26,063. But what made you change your mind at three minutes to 4?—Because I had not seen no account of the poll from 11 o'clock till I left off with the work. I thought I was entrusted with a vote, and I determined I would give it to the best of my judgment.

26,064. What time did you leave off?—At the close of the poll nearly.

26,065. What public-houses were you at?—None.

26,066. Have you ever voted before?—No. I did not want to vote this time. I had confidence in the Government—in the Tories. I did not want to give a vote to Tillett. I thought I should be doing wrong in voting for a man like him.

26,067. Who took you to the poll?—No one.

26,068. Who asked you to go?—No one. A man came from Tillett's lot, a snob, a weaver, came to my house and insulted my wife. I said I would push him out.

26,069. What did you get for your vote?—I never got anything, and did not want. Don't ask me that. When you look at me you will look at an honest man.

26,070. Have you had anything since?—No, and I don't want anything. I have my living to get. I am independent of everyone. I don't want to be paid or bribed. I have too much respect for my Queen and country. I am an Englishman, and a thorough-bred one, and no mistake.

26,071. Had you ever promised to vote for Tillett?—No. I should be very sorry to vote for such a man as that.

26,072. Nor for Russell?—No. I don't like the class at all. I have got a good drop of blood in me. I am a thorough Tory.

26,073. Why did not you intend to vote?—I was at the polling booth all day. I did not feel inclined to vote.

JAMES MINNS sworn and examined. *J. Minns.*

26,074–5. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A coal dealer.

26,076. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

26,077. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

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J. Minns.

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26,078. At what time in the day?—I think it was about half-past 3 in the afternoon.

26,079. Did you get anything for voting?—I did not.

26,080. Why did not you vote earlier?—My business called me another way.

26,081. Where did you go upon business?—All over the city, selling coals.

26,082. You must have gone by the polling place, then?—I did not, not till after I come home. I was at the outside of the polling places, but I did not go near any one till after I left off.

26,083. Did anybody canvass you to vote?—I was canvassed on the 26th of October by the Liberals; I told them plainly I should not vote for them.

26,084. Had you ever voted before?—Yes.

26,085. For the Tories?—For the Tories; but I have not had a vote before for the city, not since 1831.

26,086. Then it was at the municipal election that you voted for the Tories?—Yes, and I voted for the Tories at the general election; I think it was in 1831, just before the Reform Bill.

26,087. You have not changed your opinions from 1831 till now?—I have not.

P. Pentin.

PAUL PENTIN sworn and examined.

26,088. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,089. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,090. What time in the day?—About 2 o'clock, I think.

26,091. How came you to vote so late?—I was very unwell, and have been so ever since.

26,092. Did you receive anything for your vote?—Never in my life.

26,093. Or were you promised anything?—No.

J. Forster.

JOHN FORSTER sworn and examined.

26,094. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

26,095. What time in the day?—As nigh as I can guess, about half-past 10.

26,096. Had you promised your vote?—No, I went and voted of a free and good will.

26,097. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—No.

26,098. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, certainly not.

26,099. Have you had anything since?—No.

26,100. Did you ever vote before?—Yes.

26,101. On which side have you voted?—Generally for the Liberal party; but I thought Mr. Stracey being a very clever man, I thought proper to vote for him.

26,102. Was there no other inducement except the cleverness of Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

26,103. Was that the only thing that weighed upon your mind?—Yes.

26,104. Did not you get beer even?—Not a glass of beer, nor yet offered a glass, nor see a glass offered.

26,105. You did not get any voter up?—No.

26,106. What public-houses were you in that morning?—No public-house at all.

26,107. Not during the whole of the day?—I was in the evening; I went and got a pint of beer for my supper in going home.

26,108. Did anyone treat you?—No.

26,109. Are you quite sure of that?—Quite sure of that; not a glass from nobody.

26,110. Were you asked by anybody to vote this time?—No.

W. Burton.

WILLIAM BURTON sworn and examined.

26,111. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a boot-maker.

26,112. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

26,113. For whom did you vote?—Russell and Tillett.

26,114. What time in the day?—Breakfast time; about 9.

26,115. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing.

26,116. Nor the promise of anything?—Nor the promise of anything; and I was not even asked or solicited.

J. C. Case.

JOHN CUBITT CASE sworn and examined.

26,117. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

26,118. What time in the day?—Between 2 and 3 o'clock.

26,119. How many times did you vote?—Once.

26,120. Are you a freeman?—No.

26,121. Are you not upon the register in two places?—No.

26,122. You are sure you did not vote twice?—Yes, quite sure.

26,123. How came you to vote so late in the day?—I don't know; I was at work.

26,124. Where?—In St. Benedict's.

26,125. You voted just before 4 o'clock?—Begging your pardon, I voted between 2 and 3.

26,126. I am told it was just before 4?—No.

26,127. Where were you the whole day, up to the time you voted?—In St. Benedict's, the "Stag" yard, working.

26,128. Were you at no public-house?—Yes, I went into the "Stag" two or three times.

26,129. Were there other voters there?—No, I don't think there was.

26,130. What time in the day were you at the "Stag"?—I was in perhaps at about 11.

26,131. Being able to go to the "Stag," why did not you go and vote?—I stopped there to get my dinner, and I got my dinner, and then I went and voted.

26,132. Did anybody come and ask you to go and vote?—Not anyone.

26,133. Had you promised your vote beforehand?—Not to anyone.

26,134. You went up entirely of your own accord?—Yes.

26,135. Did you get anything for voting?—Not a halfpenny.

26,136. Nor anything to drink?—No, only at my own expense.

26,137. Were you promised anything?—No.

J. Abel.

JOHN ABEL sworn and examined.

26,138. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,139. What time of the day?—10 o'clock; a little after 10.

26,140. Had you promised your vote to anybody?—No, I always voted that way.

26,141–2. How often have you voted?—A good many times.

26,142. And have you always voted Tory?—Yes.

26,143. Did you get any money for voting?—No.

26,144. Nor any beer?—No.

26,145. Were you promised anything?—No.

26,146. Have you had anything since?—No, nor yet had no promise.

26,147. Are you a freeman?—No, a freeholder.

26,148. What are you by trade?—A weaver.

26,149. Who took you up to the poll?—Nobody. I always go up by myself.

26,150. Did anybody walk up with you?—No.

26,151. None of your friends?—No.

26,152. Did you talk to anybody about this election?—No.

26,153. You swear that you never talked to anybody about which way you were going to vote?—No, they know which way I should go.

JAMES LORD sworn and examined.

J. Lord.

26,154. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

26,155. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,156. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,157. What time in the day?—Between one and two.

26,158. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

26,159. Nor the promise of anything?—No, I am a freeman.

26,160. Have you voted before for the Tories?—I have voted for Stracey.

26,161. I asked you whether you had voted on former occasions?—No.

26,162. Was this the first time?—The first time.

JOHN BUSH sworn and examined.

J. Bush.

26,163. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

26,164. At what time in the day did you vote?—Between two and three.

26,165. What is your business?—A builder.

26,166. How came you to vote so late in the day? My business detained me till then.

26,167. Are you a master builder?—Yes.

26,168. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

26,169. Or the promise of anything?—No.

JAMES DANIELS sworn and examined.

J. Daniels.

26,170. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A bricklayer.

26,171. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,172. At what time in the day?—About 2 o'clock or a few minutes afterwards.

26,173. Had anybody asked you to vote?—Yes, I was asked.

26,174. By whom?—I do not know the gentleman.

26,175. Did you ever promise your vote?—Not before the election day, but I promised on that morning.

26,176. Who did you promise then?—I do not know the man.

26,177. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, not a farthing, not even a thank.

26,178. Did you get any beer?—No.

26,179. Were you in any public-house that morning?—No, I was at my work till dinner time, and then I went and voted.

26,180. Did you get treated afterwards?—No, not even a glass of beer I had not.

26,181. Have you had anything since?—Not a halfpenny.

26,182. Was this the first time that you had voted?—Yes.

WILLIAM BARNACLE sworn and examined.

W. Barnacle.

26,183. (*Mr. Biron*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,184. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,185. About what time in the day?—About 3 o clock, or between 3 and 4.

26,186. You got some money for it, did you not?—I got 2*s.* 6*d.*

26,187. Who gave it to you?—That was for my loss of time.

26,188. You may call it what you like. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Taylor.

26,189. Which Taylor is that?—I do not know only one.

26,190. Where does he live?—In St. Martin's-at-Palace.

26,191. Did he give it to you just before you voted—He gave it to me in the street just before I voted.

26,192. Did any other men get money from him besides you?—I do not know. I was not there many minutes. I never saw any money pass.

26,193. Do you know any man who gave money?—No, I am a stranger here. I do not know much of anybody.

HORACE BYGRAVE sworn and examined.

H. Bygrave.

26,194. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted, I believe, at the last election for Russell and Tillett?—Yes.

26,195. Did you receive anything for voting?—I did not.

26,196. Were you offered anything to vote the other way?—No.

26,197. Have you not stated that you were offered money three times by the Conservatives to vote for them?—No, I have not.

26,198. Do you know Mr. Vassar?—I do.

26,199. Have you not told him that you were offered money by the Conservatives?—No.

26,200. Do you know a person of the name of Jeremiah Smith?—I know a person named Smith, but whether his name is Jeremiah or not I must leave.

26,201. Were you spoken to by Dr. Masters on the day of the election?—Yes, I was.

26,202. Did he offer you any money?—He did not.

26,203. Or did he promise you any money if you would vote?—No.

26,204. Then is it untrue that you ever made any such statement to Mr. Vassar?—It is quite untrue respecting Mr. Vassar saying that I told him I was offered money.

26,205. Did you tell him that you might have had some money?—I told Mr. Vassar that I fancied there was a chance of getting something. I never told him I was offered any money. That is a misunderstanding.

26,206. Where were you on the day of the election?—I was at home till about 20 minutes past 3.

26,207. What made you fancy that there was a chance of your getting money?—Because I had heard during the day that there was money going about, and as I was looked after by the party I thought very likely the observation was right.

26,208. You say you were looked after by the party; who looked after you?—When I came out

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first of all a person met me, and asked me if I had voted. I came out to have a little air. I had been ill that day and for a fortnight previous, and I was lame and could not go about.

26,209. Who was the person who spoke to you?—Mr. Winter; he asked me if I had voted. I said no, and that I did not think about voting.

26,210. If you did not then think of voting for Russell and Tillett, how came you afterwards to vote as you did?—Because when I went out Mr. Masters met me; I had told this man that I had not voted, and by that Mr. Masters asked me had I voted, and I said "No, I have not, and I do not think I am going to vote."

26,211. But what made you go up and vote for Russell and Tillett afterwards?—I came out, as I have observed to you, to take a walk and get a little air not intending to vote for either party.

26,212. But having no intention to vote at that time of the day, what made you make up your mind afterwards to vote; Mr. Vassar had asked you to vote?—Yes, and Mr. Masters asked me if I had voted.

26,213. Did Mr. Vassar promise you anything?—He did.

26,214. What did he promise you?—He never named any amount.

26,215. But he promised you something?—He promised me something.

26,216. Did he say when he would give it to you?—No, he stated no time.

26,217. Did he say "If you vote for Russell and Tillett I will give you something"?—No, it was not in that way. He asked me "Have you voted?" I said "No." He said, "Are you going to vote?" I said, "No, I do not think of voting for either party." "Well," he said, "I think you will go and vote for Russell and Tillett." I said, "Very well, I am of no "particular party, and I would as leave vote for one "as the other, for I believe that, as regards the working "class it does not signify at all who sits, because all "the good that they do to the working people might "be put into a nut shell."

26,218. What did Vassar say?—He said, "Look at what So-and-so, and So-and-so have done," and I said, "Well, if I go and vote for either party I shall "not vote unless I am paid for it. I have been ill, "and a little money would be very acceptable to me, "and if I go at this late hour I must be paid." Mr. Vassar said, "I dare not give you anything now, but "if you will promise to vote for the party I will go "with you and make it all right with you afterwards."

26,219. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) And has he made it all right with you?—No, and he never will.

26,220. Have you ever asked him to make it right?—I have asked him since.

26,221. When?—I went to him just after I came from polling; in fact, I came from the poll with him.

26,222. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you ever gone to Vassar since and asked him to give you what he had promised you?—Yes.

26,223. How long was that after the election?—The same night.

26,224. Did you then tell him which way you had voted?—No, he went up with me and told me who to vote for.

26,225. What did he say when you went to him to ask him for what he had promised you?—I said, "Of "course you know I voted for you according to my "promise, and now what are you going to do?" He said, "Well, I will see you again;" and that passed off that night, and I might not see him again for three weeks, but then he took no heed of the affair, and I considered it a mean and unmanly trick. I said "Have you forgotten the promise you made to me?" He said, "Oh, I did not think about giving you any "money." I said, "What did you mean when you "promised me that if I would vote for your party you "would make it all right?" He said, "I did not "think of giving you any money, but of doing you "good."

26,226. Did you see him after that?—Yes, he keeps a shop, and I am in the habit of going in there to get half-an-ounce of tobacco or anything that I require.

26,227. How often have you applied to him to give you what he promised?—Two or three different times.

26,228. But you have never been able to get it?—No.

26,229. Have you heard of Mr. Vassar having promised anything to anybody else?—No, I have not.

26,230. Was Vassar active on the day of the election?—I never saw him till a late hour, and therefore I cannot say.

26,231. When did you hear that there was money on the Conservative side?—I heard it when I came to a house where one or two parties were standing together, and I heard the word drop. I believe that there was money flying about; in fact, that it had been flying about all day.

26,232. That was merely general talk?—Yes, that is all.

26,233. And you mentioned it to Vassar?—Yes, I did.

H. J. Turner.

HENRY JOHN TURNER sworn and examined.

26,234. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Russell and Tillett.

26,235. At what time in the day?—At half-past 8.

26,236. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—No.

26,237. Had you anything to do with the organisation?—Yes.

26,238. Were you a member of it?—Yes.

26,239. Have you had anything for your vote?—No.

26,240. Were you promised anything?—No.

26,241. Were you treated on the day of the election?—No, not by any one.

26,242. Do you know of anybody having been bribed or treated?—No.

26,243. Did you vote a second time that day?—No.

26,244. Are you registered in two places?—Not that I know of.

26,245. Is there anybody else of the same name as yours?—I understand there is a man named Henry John Turner, but my name is Henry Turner only, though John is put to it.

26,246. Was your card accurate?—I gave the card in Russell and Tillett when I voted. I understand since that they have got my name in the poll book for Stracey.

S. Savory.

SAMUEL SAVORY sworn and examined.

26,247. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

26,248. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,249. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,250-1. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

26,252. Why did you not vote earlier?—I went between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, but there were so many people there that I could not wait.

26,253. Were you at work all day?—No, I was part of the time.

26,254. What were you doing the rest of the time?—Walking about.

26,255. Walking about looking for money ?—No.

26,256. Did you get any money ?—No.

26,257. Or the promise of any money ?—No.

26,258. What public-houses did you go into ?—The "Grapes," in St. Giles'.

26,259. Was nothing said to you about money there ?—No.

26,260. But there was beer going there, was there not ?—I never had any, only what I paid for out of my own pocket.

WILLIAM SPOONER THOULES sworn and examined. *W. S. Thoules.*

26,261. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election ?—Yes.

26,262. At what time in the day ?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock.

26,263. What is your business ?—A shoemaker.

26,264. Are you on your own account or a journeyman ?—On my own account.

26,265. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No; I never saw anything or heard of anything.

26,266. Did you get anything promised to you ?—No, I never saw anybody.

26,267. Were you about in any public-houses that day ?—Yes; I was at the "Derby Arms," in Derby Street, previous to my voting.

26,268. There were a good many people there, were there not ?—The most I saw at one time I should say was six.

26,269. How long were you there ?—I should suppose about an hour. I should say I did not see more than six there at any one time.

26,270. What time in the day was that ?—I was going home to dinner and they called me in.

26,271. Who called you in ?—My father.

26,272. How came you not to vote earlier ?—I thought there was plenty of time before 4 o'clock; my vote was just as good a little before 4 as it was a little after 8.

26,273. Did your father say anything to you to induce you to vote ?—No.

26,274. Who asked you to vote ?—Nobody.

26,275. Did your father vote ?—Yes.

26,276. For Sir Henry Stracey ?—Yes, and Russell.

26,277. Do you know whether your father got anything for his vote ?—That he did not, I know.

26,278. Was anything given to you at the "Grapes" in the way of beer or refreshment ?—No.

26,279. Do you know any of the persons who were in the "Grapes" ?—No.

26,280. Were they all strangers to you ?—I went there the first thing, before I voted, for the number of my register, and two gentlemen were there, one of them was a youngish man and the other an elderly gentleman; they were both strangers to me.

26,281. Was the committee room at the "Grapes" ?—I hardly know one house from the other. I do not know the sign. I think it was the "Tuns;" it was the public-house on the left as you go to the gaol. I think it is the "Tuns."

26,282. How came you to get into the "Grapes" ?—I did not go there. I made a mistake; it was the "Tuns" I went to. I went there for the number of my register.

26,283. The "Tuns" was the place where the committee room was ?—To the best of my knowledge; that is where I was directed.

26,284. You are sure that you were not at the "Grapes" ?—No, I never went near the house the whole day, no nearer than I was at the "Tuns."

26,285. Did you see a considerable number of people congregated at the "Grapes" ?—I did not notice them.

JEREMIAH WHALL sworn and examined. *J. Whall.*

26,286. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A pianoforte tuner.

26,287. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

26,288. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,289. Had you ever voted before ?—Yes.

26,290. On which side ?—Tory.

26,291. Have you always voted Tory ?—Well, I believe I have voted on the other side, but it is some years back.

26,292. Have you ever had anything for your vote ?—No.

26,293. Never at any time ?—No, not at any time.

26,294. Were you treated this time ?—No, not at all.

26,295. Who asked you to vote ?—No one.

26,296. Were you not canvassed ?—It was when I was not at home.

26,297. Have you never at any time had anything for voting in this city ?—No, never.

26,298. Did you vote for Mr. Waters ?—No.

26,299. Did you not vote at that election at all ?—No, I did not vote at all.

26,300. Did you vote at the election before that ?—No, nor yet at the one before.

26,301. Did you vote on the Whig side for Lord Bury or Bury and Schneider ?—No, I cannot remember the name.

26,302. What time in the day did you vote this time ?—After 3.

26,303. What made you vote so late ?—I had business; I could not get home before.

26,304. Were you at any public-house that day ?—No, none at all.

26,305. With whom did you go up to the poll ?—With no one.

26,306. Was any inducement offered to you ?—No, I never saw anyone.

26,307. Had you spoken to anybody about the election ?—No, I never had any conversation with anyone.

26,308. Had you never told anybody how you were going to vote ?—No, I could not do that.

26,309. But you did talk about the election ?—No, I never talked about it.

26,310. Not at all ?—Well, I cannot say that I never spoke about it.

26,311. But did the people to whom you spoke know which way you meant to vote ?—No.

SAMUEL MARTIN sworn and examined. *S. Martin.*

26,312. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A rivetter.

26,313. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

26,314. For whom did you vote ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,315. At what time in the day ?—Some time after 3.

26,316. Why did not you vote earlier ?—Because I had my work and employment to seek after.

26,317. Were you at your work up to 3 o'clock ?—Yes, I was at my work up to 3 o'clock, and then went straight to the poll and voted.

26,318. Were you canvassed before ?—No.

26,319. You voted of your own accord ?—Yes; I had not even a voting card.

26,320. Who do you work for ?—Mr. Gosling.

26,321. Was he a supporter of Sir Henry Stracey's ?—No.

26,322. Did you get anything for voting ?—No, not one farthing.

26,323. Nor the promise of anything ?—No, not a farthing.

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Dennis Ransome, junior, sworn and examined.

D. Ransome, jun.

26,324. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you keep the "Blackhorse" public-house?—Yes.

26,325. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,326. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,327. At what time in the day?—Ten o'clock.

26,328. Were there a good many voters in your house that day?—No, a very few indeed; two or three at the most at any time.

26,329. Was anybody there with them?—No.

26,330. Were they treated in your house in any way?—No, not at all.

26,331. Was no beer paid for that was supplied to them?—No.

26,332. Was there no money given to them in your house that you know of?—No.

26,333. Who were the two or three who you say were in your house?—I do not recollect now who they were; they were strangers. An old chap named Picken came in after he had voted.

26,334. Were there not a good many voters taken from your house to the poll?—No, there was not one.

26,335. Did anybody come to your house on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey that day?—No.

26,336. Did you go up of your own accord?—Yes.

26,337. Did nobody ask you to come?—Mr. Cunnington was coming past in a cab, and he asked if I would go up with him, and I rode up with him.

26,338. Mr. Cunnington was very active in getting up voters for Mr. Stracey, was he not?—I believe so. He took an active part.

26,339. Did he offer you any money?—No.

26,340. Did he talk to you about money?—No.

26,341. Did you ask him whether any money was going?—No.

26,342. Did you see him afterwards in the latter part of the day?—No.

26,343. You only saw him then?—That is all.

26,344. Did you offer money to anybody in your house or anywhere else that day?—No.

26,345. Or did you promise any money?—No.

26,346. Or did you give them any beer?—No.

26,347. Had you promised your vote before?—Yes, a day or two before.

26,348. Who had canvassed you?—Mr. Dudley Stracey asked me for my vote, that is all, and I promised him a day or two before the election.

James Berry sworn and examined.

J. Berry.

26,349. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

26,350. At what time in the day?—At half-past 2.

26,351. Who asked you to vote?—I was not asked at all.

26,352. Had you promised your vote?—No.

26,353. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

26,354. What public-house were you in that day?—Not any.

26,355. Were you at work?—Till dinner time.

26,356. What is your trade?—A carpenter.

26,357. What became of you after you had voted?—I was at home shortly after. I was at home at tea time.

26,358. Have you had anything paid to you since?—No, nothing.

Benjamin Cannell sworn and examined.

B. Cannell.

26,359. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A porter.

26,360. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,361. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,362. At what time in the day?—At a quarter past two.

26,363. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

26,364. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

26,365. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—I did not see anybody.

26,366. Had you promised anybody to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

26,367. Did you vote of your own accord?—Yes.

26,368. Who is your employer?—Mr. Jolley.

Henry Covell sworn and examined.

H. Covell.

26,369. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

26,370. At what time in the day?—At about five minutes past 2, as near as I can tell.

26,371. Who came to you?—Not any one.

26,372. Had nobody canvassed you before?—No; I had cards from each of the three different members, and circulars sent to my house.

26,373. Nothing more?—No.

26,374. How came you to go up so late?—I went after my dinner hour.

26,375. Had nobody asked you for your vote?—No further than the cards that had solicited it, which were sent round.

26,376. What is your business?—A master sawyer.

26,377. For whom do you work?—For Mr. Morris, and several people jobbing about. I work for Mr. Newall part of the time.

26,378. Were you at work all the morning?—No, I was out in the morning. I went to Diss. I went to work in the afternoon.

26,379. At what time did you return from Diss?—The train came in, I think, about 1 o'clock.

26,380. At what time did you go to Diss in the morning?—At 10 minutes before six. I went by the parliamentary train.

26,381. Did you get or were you promised anything for your vote?—No.

Thomas Ashen sworn and examined.

T. Ashen.

26,382. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,383. At what time in the day?—At a quarter past 1.

26,384. Who went with you to the poll?—There was a man called—I do not know his name—to know if I had voted, and I said I was going to vote as soon as I had got my dinner.

26,385. Did he give you anything?—No.

26,386. Did he offer you anything?—No.

26,387. Have you had anything since?—No.

26,388. Did you get any beer?—No.

26,389. Had you ever voted before?—No.

26,390. And you had nothing this time for voting?—No.

26,391. Did that man come to your house?—Yes.

26,392. Were you at work then?—No; I was then going to get my dinner.

26,393. Had you been at any public-houses during the day?—No; I do not use such as that.

JOSHUA BULLARD sworn and examined. *J. Bullard.*

26,394. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A greengrocer and fruiterer.

26,395. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,396. At what time?—At half-past 3.

26,397. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

26,398. Or the promise of anything?—No.

26,399. Did you see Hardy that day?—No.

26,400. Who asked you to vote?—Nobody.

26,401. How was it that you did not vote sooner?—Because my business called me away, and I could not get away sooner.

26,402. What were you about all that day?—I was about my orders, and I had to go into the country to Melton.

26,403. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No; I never saw anybody, nobody ever asked me for my vote at all.

26,404. Had you ever voted before?—No.

CHARLES MERRY sworn and examined. *C. Merry.*

26,405. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,406. At what time in the day?—About 10 minutes to 2.

26,407. You voted later than that did you not?—No, from 10 minutes to a quarter to 2.

26,408. Were you canvassed for your vote?—No.

26,409. Did anybody come to you to take you to the poll?—No.

26,410. Or get you to go to the poll?—No.

26,411. Did you vote without anybody asking you?—Yes.

26,412. What is your business?—A baker and confectioner.

26,413. Are you a master or a journeyman?—A journeyman.

26,414. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

26,415. Were you promised anything?—No.

26,416. Were you at any public-houses that morning?—No.

26,417. Did you work all the morning?—I worked up to 1 o'clock and then went home to dinner, and then I went and voted.

GEORGE COOPER sworn and examined. *G. Cooper.*

26,418. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,419. At what time?—About 3 o'clock.

26,420. Was anything offered to you?—No.

26,421. Where were you all day?—I was at home at work till nearly 3 o'clock.

26,422. What are you by trade?—A tailor.

26,423. Did you promise to vote for anyone?—No.

26,424. Were you asked to vote?—Yes.

26,425. By whom?—By Mr. Hardy, and Mr. Walker called in the morning and asked if I would vote for them. I told him that I did not know that I should go out at all, but I did about 3 o'clock.

26,426. Did you see them again?—No.

26,427. What made you determine at 3 o'clock to go and vote?—I found that Sir Henry Stracey was getting in, if he was not I should not have went and voted, because that was my party.

26,428. Did anybody come to fetch you?—No.

26,429. What did you get for your vote?—Not anything.

26,430. Have you had anything since?—No.

26,431. Was anything promised to you that day?—No.

26,432. Was this the first time you had voted?—Yes.

THOMAS MOSS sworn and examined. *T. Moss.*

26,433. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,434. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,435. At what time in the day?—About 2, or five minutes before 2.

26,436. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

26,437. Or the promise of anything?—No, nobody came after me.

26,438. Who do you work for?—Curtis and Ball.

26,439. Who are they?—Builders.

26,440. Did they support Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, I think they did.

26,441. Were you at work on the day of the election?—Yes, all day, till half-past 6 at night.

GEORGE FIRMAN sworn and examined. *G. Firman.*

26,442. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,443. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,444. At what time?—About 2 o'clock.

26,445. What is your business?—An oil miller.

26,446. In whose employ are you?—Mr. Kitton's.

26,447. Did anybody come and ask you to vote?—No.

26,448. Neither before nor on the election day?—No.

26,449. Did you go up of your own accord then to vote?—Yes.

26,450. Had you been at any public-house that day?—No.

26,451. Where had you been all day up to the time of your going to poll?—I had been in bed.

26,452. Had you been ill?—No, I had been on work at night.

26,453. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

26,454. Were you promised anything for it?—No.

26,455. Did you go to vote as soon as you got up?—Yes.

JOHN PRATT sworn and examined. *J. Pratt.*

26,456. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,457. What time in the day?—Between 1 and half-past.

26,458. Had you promised your vote?—No.

26,459. Had you been asked?—No.

26,460. Not by either party?—I had been asked two or three days before, or a couple of days, by Mr. Tillett, whether I would oblige him with my vote, and I told him no.

26,461. What did you tell him?—I told him I was not going to vote for him because I am not a Whig, and therefore I made up my mind to vote as a Tory, and I voted for Mr. Stracey.

26,462. Was anything offered you for your vote?—No, not a halfpenny.

26,463. Have you had anything since?—No, not a single halfpenny, nor yet anything said about it.

26,464. Were you treated that day by anyone?—No.

26,465. Was this your first time of voting?—Yes, that was the first time.

26,466. No promise of any sort was made to you?—Not a bit in the world.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

W. Wright.

2 Oct. 1869.

WILLIAM WRIGHT sworn and examined.

26,467. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A master bootmaker.

26,468, Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,469. For whom?—For Stracey.

26,470. At what time in the day?—Between 1 and 2.

26,471. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing.

26,472. Nor the promise of anything?—No; I was never solicited by either party. I always vote one way.

26,473. You went and voted of your own accord?—Yes.

W. Pearson.

WILLIAM PEARSON recalled and further examined.

26,474. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are sworn.—Yes.

26,475. And sworn to tell the whole truth.—Yes.

26,476. You said when you were examined here before that you were promised 10*s.* by Mr. Furse, of Queen Street.—So I was.

26,477. Did Mr. Furse put down the money in your house?—No.

26,478. Did you see no money produced by Mr. Furse?—No.

26,479. Did your wife receive any money?—Well, I suppose you want the truth.

26,480. Yes?—We were in the "Duke" public-house, on Tombland, when Mr. Furse asked me for my vote; I axed him what he was going to give me, and he said he would give me 10*s.* if I went and voted, and I went and voted, and I asked when I came out for the 10*s.*, and he said, "That is all right," and when I went back into the "Duke" my missus she said that Mr. Furse had given her 10*s.*

26,481. You knew your wife had received it when you were before examined, and you were bound upon your oath to tell the truth?—He said he gave it to me.

26,482. You were guilty of gross perjury when you gave us that answer?—If he had said he had given it to her I should have owned it.

26,483. You knew it was got for your benefit, and that was what the gentleman meant when he put to you the question. It is a very sad thing to see a man come up in that way and commit such gross perjury. You may go down.

R. J. Baker.

ROBERT JEFFERSON BAKER sworn and examined.

26,484. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,485. At what time in the day?—A little before 3.

26,486. What made you vote so late?—My business prevented my getting to the poll earlier.

26,487. What is your business?—I was an insurance agent at that time.

26,488. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—Not to a soul.

26,489. Was anything offered to you?—Not anything.

26,490. Did you offer any money to anyone else?—Certainly not; I had not any to offer.

26,491. Did you take any part in the election except voting?—No, certainly not; I not even attended a meeting.

26,492. Have you ever voted before?—Not for Norwich.

26,493–4. Have you always voted Conservative wherever you have been?—Yes, always.

W. Martin.

WILLIAM MARTIN sworn and examined.

26,495. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a dealer.

26,496. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,497. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,498. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

26,499. What did you get for voting?—Not anything.

26,500. Why did you not vote earlier?—I could not spare time to go before; I had my business to attend to, and I went as soon as I could spare the time.

26,501. You were at work all the morning?—Yes.

26,502. Had you been canvassed?—No.

26,503. Did nobody come to ask you for your vote?—Not anyone.

26,504. Were you in any public-houses that morning?—Yes, I think I went for a walk and got a glass of ale as I was going for my walk, that is all.

26,505. Why did you not vote when you were going for your walk?—Because I was after my business, and could not stop.

26,506. What business was it you were going about?—I was going to take some pigeons to a gentleman.

26,507. You say you got nothing; did you get the promise of anything?—No, not anything. I never asked for anything, and no one came to ask me for my vote, I can assure you.

G. E. Wills.

GEORGE EDWARD WILLS sworn and examined.

26,508. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a fishmonger?—Yes, and tanner.

26,509. In Heigham Street?—In Heigham Lower Street.

26,510. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,511. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

26,512. At what time?—About 25 minutes after 8 in the morning.

26,513. You were very active, were you not, in the course of the day?—I was not, for I returned back to my labour and business and attended to my trade. I did not leave my business afterwards till the evening time when I closed my gates.

26,514. Do you know a person of the name of Cunnington?—I know a man of the name of Cunnington, but I can say nothing about his doings during the election day.

26,515. Do you know a man of the name of Buttifant?—No, I do not.

26,516. Did you take up any voters to the poll?—No.

26,517. Did you go up with any voters to the poll?—I never went out after I went and voted. I returned back to my premises and continued there till the evening till our labour was done.

26,518. Were you in any public-house that afternoon?—No, I did not leave my premises.

26,518*a*. Does Cunnington live in Orchard Gardens?—Yes, he lives at the "Orchard."

26,519. Does he keep a public-house?—Yes, he keeps a public-house.

26,520. Were you there?—No, I was not.

26,521. Were you there on the Sunday evening before?—No, it is a place I do not much frequent on a Sunday.

26,522. Do you not frequent Cunnington's house?—I have been at various times with people who have come to my premises to purchase things in the skin

line to take them in to get a glass of ale, but perhaps that would not occur once in a month.

26,523. Do you mean to say you were not in Cunnington's house on the Sunday night before the election?—I do.

26,524. Do you know a man of the name of John Brown, also a fishmonger?—No, I have heard speak of him, but I do not know him.

26,525. Did you hear Cunnington offer Brown money?—No, I have not.

26,526. Did you hear Cunnington say anything to a man about half a dollar?—No.

26,527. Nothing of that sort?—No.

26,528. Did you hear a man offered half a dollar?—No.

26,529. Not on the day of election?—No, I was not leaving my premises to hear anything about the election, and how the affair was going on.

26,530. Nor yet the morning before?—Nor yet the morning before the election I was not.

26,531. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No, I did not.

26,532. Were you promised any?—Nor yet promised any.

26,533. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No, I went up in a deliberate way to vote for Sir Henry Stracey; it is my usual way, and I went as I thought it was my duty as I have been used to do for years gone by.

26,534. Have you been a voter before?—I have been a voter for several years as a freeman of this city.

26,535. Have you voted for the Conservatives always before?—Yes, I have, and that is to be proved by books.

26,536. Of course. Have you ever received anything for your vote on former occasions?—I have not received anything I can assure you.

26,537. Can you swear that you have never received anything on former occasions?—Yes, I can swear to it and have sworn to it on this book.

26,538. Were you promised anything for your vote?—No, no one came to me to ask me no question, they does not want to come to me for I do not accept anything. I go and vote the way that I formerly has done.

Samuel Cunningham sworn and examined. *S. Cunningham.*

26,539. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,540. Who asked you to vote?—No one, they only sent papers.

26,541. What did they give you for your vote?—Nothing at all.

26,542. Did they not give you any beer?—Not a glass.

26,543. Have you had anything since?—I have had nothing to drink nor yet anything else.

26,544. Is this the first time you voted?—Yes.

26,545. Nothing has been promised you for your vote?—Nothing at all.

26,546. Who asked you to vote?—No one, they only put me on the register and so I went up to vote.

26,547. Did anyone come to fetch you the day of the poll?—No, they sent each of them two papers, and that is all I had come to me.

26,548. And you did not get a farthing of money?—I never got a farthing of money.

26,549. Nor even a glass of beer?—Nor yet a glass of beer I can assure you.

26,550. What are you by trade?—A gardener.

David Wyatt sworn and examined. *D. Wyatt.*

26,551. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A tailor.

25,552. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,553. For whom?—Mr. Henry Stracey.

26,554. At what time in the day?—I think I took my dinner about 3, and I think I voted about 20 minutes past.

26,555. Why did you not vote before then?—My business would not allow me, I had some work to get out and get it in hand.

26,556. Did you get anything for voting?—I did not have anyone to call upon me at my house nor even in the shop.

26,557. Did you get anything?—I never had anybody calling upon me.

26,558. Answer me, yes or no?—No, of course not.

26,559. Nor the promise of anything?—Nor yet anything at all.

Henry Waite sworn and examined. *H. Waite.*

26,560. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

26,561. At what time in the day?—I believe it was about 3.

26,562. What are you by business?—A gasfitter; I was at work at the other part of the city at least about a mile off, and I had not an opportunity to come before.

26,563. Is that the sole cause why you did not vote before?—Yes.

26,564. Were you not standing out to get something for your vote?—No, I certainly had a glass of ale, but that is all I had, I just got it and out again; I went back to my employment.

26,565. Did anybody offer you anything for your vote?—No, not anything, I was not even canvassed.

26,566. Did anybody give or promise you anything?—I assure you I was not even canvassed for my vote.

26,567. Did you pay for your own beer?—Yes, I paid for my own beer, I was not asked to have a glass of beer the whole day.

William Runacres sworn and examined. *W. Runacres.*

26,568. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a manager of one of the wards at the late election?—I was appointed manager of the third ward.

26,569. On the Liberal side?—Yes.

26,570. For Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett?—Yes, I consider so.

26,571. Were you a voter?—I am.

26,572. Were you a paid manager?—I was.

26,573. Have you been paid since?—Yes, I have.

26,574. Did you vote?—I voted.

26,575. Russell and Tillett?—Yes.

26,576. Were you in the committee room the whole day?—Yes.

26,577. Was there any application made there on the part of voters to be paid for their day's work, or to be paid money for their votes?—Not to me personally.

26,578. Did you hear any application made to anybody else?—No; I was chiefly engaged in the room where the poll was kept, which was generally quiet.

26,579. Did you hear any discussion about money that day?—I heard a great deal of general talk that money was afloat.

26,580. Did you see any money yourself given, or do you know of any being provided that day?—Certainly not.

26,581. Was there anything of the sort on the part of the candidates for whom you were engaged?—Certainly not.

26,582. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes, quite.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

W. Runacres.

2 Oct. 1869.

I think that two or three voters applied to me in the course of the day for beer, or something of that kind. I think I have a remembrance of it, but there was some confusion in the room. I feel certain that two or three did ask for some treat or something of the kind.

26,583. What answer did you give them?—I told them the law did not allow a single farthing to be spent in refreshment to a voter.

26,584. Was anything given?—Certainly not by me.

26,585. Or promised?—Nor promised.

26,586. Or by anybody on your side?—No, certainly not.

26,587. As far as you know?—Yes, quite so.

26,588. Did you hear any rumours about money being spent by the other side?—Yes, I did.

26,589. When did you first hear those reports?—In the room, I should think. It was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

26,590. Who brought you in that report?—I cannot remember. I have tried to recollect since this Commission has been sitting. I have inquired of two or three persons. Philo was one and Cokin another. I cannot remember who told me of it. I do not think I knew the men personally.

26,591. Had you yourself canvassed at all?—No, I had not.

26,592. Did you find that up to 2 o'clock the voting proceeded according to your canvass pretty well?—I think we did up to about 1 o'clock. I think we may say that the voting coincided with the canvass book I had before me, and it was after that time that we saw indications leading to the belief that money was going.

26,593. Then did you find that those persons who were reported to you as having promised their votes to your party had deserted and gone over to the other side?—Not quite so; we found that the men who were marked doubtful were going in swarms on the other side, that is to say, the voting cards denoted it.

26,594. That was as regards men in your own ward?—Yes, men in the third ward. I know nothing of any men in the other wards.

26,595. In what part of the third ward was that specially?—We could not tell that, because all the polling cards from each polling place, and I think there were five, came to my hand, and I did not notice particularly from which polling booth these voting cards came, but I think I might say it was down in the lower part.

26,596. What comprises the lower part?—I think it is what is called North Heigham.

26,597. Was it a considerable number of men that you found?—It was quite remarkable; it was the subject of conversation between Mr. Gould and myself that the doubtful men were going on the other side, and we drew our inference from it.

26,598. Did you go out of the room to ascertain what was the cause of it?—I did not leave the house till about 20 minutes to 4 when I went to vote.

26,599. You would have no personal observation which would enable you to form any conclusion?—None whatever, except that a report was brought to me by these men whose names I have told you I cannot remember.

26,600. At what time was that report brought to you?—I think that must have been between 1 and 2.

26,601. As early as that, or was it later?—I do not think it was later than that.

26,602. You do not know who it was?—No.

26,603. Did they say where it was going on?—Yes, I did not know I was at liberty to tell you what they told me. They told me there was a body of men at the "Barn Tavern," which is in the lower part of the Heigham, on the Dereham Road, and that a gentleman had got them there, that was the phrase.

26,604. Who did they say was the gentleman?—Mr. Joe Stanley was the expressson. He had got a body of men in the room and was treating them; they asked me to go down, and I said I did not think that was a part of my duty and I did not wish to get into a public-house broil or squabble. I was keeping the poll and I felt it difficult to leave. I did not consider it was part of my duty to go into a public-house after a body of men in the hands of an agent on the opposite side, and I did not go.

26,605. Did you communicate it to any higher authority?—I told it to somebody in the third ward room where they were keeping the marking-off sheets. I mentioned it to two or three people there, but I am sure I cannot remember who they were.

26,606. You did not take any measures to ascertain whether it was well founded or not?—I did not.

26,607. Who keeps the "Barn Tavern," is it a man named Coldham?—Yes, that is the man, a cabman.

26,608. Do you know whether anybody went down to the "Barn Tavern"?—No, I do not.

26,609. Did you hear any of your men who were present in the committee room say that they had gone to the "Barn Tavern"?—No, I did not.

26,610. You took no means of testing the foundation of the report?—I am sorry I did not. I have thought since I ought to have, but I felt afraid. There was a great row and confusion, and I felt afraid I should get into some public-house broil or something of the kind; that is the reason I did not go, but I suggested it to two or three persons, whom I call outdoor men, that they should go and prevent it, though I cannot state the names of the persons to whom I suggested it. I felt I ought not to go and I did not go.

26,611. Have you since heard that anybody went there?—No, I do not think that anybody went.

26,612. Who was managing that ward besides yourself?—Three others besides myself; there was Mr. Berry, Mr. Ladell, and Mr. White.

26,613. Did you not mention it to anyone of those three with a view to their going down and testing the foundation of the report?—I think I did to Mr. White; he lives in the ward.

26,614. Were you a resident in that ward?—Yes.

26,615. It is a pity that no measures were taken to ascertain the foundation for it.—I am sorry now I did not go.

26,616. (*Mr. Biron.*) You said you had observed suspicious names as having voted; doubtful men?—Yes, large numbers of them having voted for Mr. Stracey.

26,617. You kept a check upon the poll at the committee room?—I kept the poll, that is to say, when the cards came in we cast the numbers and entered them in a book.

26,618. Could you, by referring to those books, give us the names of the doubtful men?—I could only do so by reference to the canvass books. I should have the canvass book on one side, and the voting card on the other.

26,619. Where are the canvass books?—They have been produced here. I have not seen them since the election day.

26,620. When you speak of doubtful men, do you mean they were doubtful only because upon the canvass books they were marked doubtful?—Yes.

26,621. I thought you spoke of them as doubtful, because you knew them to be doubtful?—No, I had no personal knowledge of them; it is a very large ward.

26,622. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You depended entirely upon the returns of your canvassers?—Yes, entirely.

26,623. And the returns of the organisation?—I do not know about the organisation; it was the canvass books.

C. Walker.

CLEMENT WALKER sworn and examined.

26,624. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,625. Did you take an active part during the election?—Yes.

26,626. You were very busy yourself?—Yes.

26,627. Were you a member of any committee?—Yes.

26,628. Which?—The committee of the "Tuns."

26,629. Which ward was that?—South Heigham.

26,630. Did you canvass a great number of voters yourself?—Yes.

26,631. And got their promises?—Yes, I got the promises of some.

26,632. Did you take many voters up to the poll yourself?—Yes, I took a great many up I may say.

26,633. You did yourself?—Yes, with one or two others.

26,634. Can you tell me how many you took up?—I cannot say the number.

26,635. Who were the gentlemen who were active with you?—Mr. Hardy and Mr. Hibbett. Mr. Hibbett lent us his trap.

26,636. Did he lend you any money?—No.

26,637. How did you get these voters up to the poll?—In the horse and trap.

26,638. How did you persuade them to go?—I used very little persuasion at all. Three or four of them were crippled.

26,639. They all wanted beer or money?—I never heard one ask for beer or money.

26,640. Did you not give anyone either beer or money?—No.

26,641. Do you not know that beer and money was being very freely given?—Very likely, but I did not see any given.

26,642. Do you mean to say you gave neither beer nor money that day?—No, I did not.

26,643. Did you not know that Hibbett was doing it?—No.

26,644. Have you never done it before at any other election?—No.

26,645. How many elections have you worked at?—I think this was the only one I worked at.

26,646. Have you ever paid money before at any single election?—No.

26,647. Have you never been a party to treating voters at previous elections?—No.

26,648. Do you mean to say you did not do so at this election?—No, I never treated nor gave anything or promised anything.

26,649. You were at the "Tuns"?—Yes.

26,650. Do you not know that the men were being very freely treated at that place?—No, I was out and in.

26,651. What did you go to the "Tuns" for?—To see who was there.

26,652. You knew that was a place where the voters were being treated?—I did not know that. I never saw any being treated.

26,653. Did you not know they were being collected there to be taken to the poll?—No, I never see a body of men collected there.

26,654. Do you mean to tell me that men were collected there and you do not know for what purpose?—I only saw a lot of men there.

26,655. You knew they were voters?—I did not know they were voters; I only saw them standing against the door.

26,656. You had very good reason to suppose they were voters?—No, I had not.

26,657. Why did you go there if you did not think they were voters?—To see what was going on.

26,658. What was your motive?—To see who had voted, and so that we could go and fetch another voter up if we could find him.

26,659. You went to see if you could fetch up another voter?—Yes, but we did not take away any from there.

26,660. You knew they were voters about there?—I cannot say that.

26,661. Do you mean to say there were no men there looking out for money?—I cannot say there were any looking out for money.

26,662. Who were the persons in the committee room at the "Tuns" when you went there?—I think Mr. Corsbie and Mr. Buttifant.

26,663. Was Mr. Stanley there?—I do not recollect it.

26,664. Do you know Mr. Stanley?—Yes.

26,665. Did you see him during the day of the election?—I might see him somewhere.

26,666. Tell me whether you did or not?—I am not positive whether I did or did not.

26,667. Will you swear you did or did not?—I will not swear.

26,668. Tell me what you know of the working of the election?—I know nothing about it. I only went and canvassed, and I went and voted the first thing in the morning at 8 o'clock, and Mr. Hibbett offered us his trap, and we got up voters.

26,669. Do you mean to say you never offered anything to anybody and are not cognizant of anybody offering money on your side that day?—No, not that day. I do not know of it.

26,670. How soon after?—The next day.

26,671. What did you hear the next day?—Only the report that there had been bribery.

26,672. By whom?—That I do not know.

26,673. What was the report you heard the next day?—I heard there was bribery, and that the election was gained by bribery; that is all I heard.

26,674. Did you hear the names of any persons in connection with the bribery?—No, not till the petition was coming on.

26,675. Do you mean to say you never heard till the day of the petition the names of any persons who were concerned in bribery?—No, certainly not.

26,676. Were you in Norwich all that time?—Yes, I never went out of the parish. I did not go out of the parish, but I was in Norwich all the time.

26,677. And you never heard of anything?—No, not during that time.

26,678. You say you did not order any beer yourself?—No, and I did not drink any at anybody's expense.

26,679. Do you not know that some of your friends were offering beer for the men?—No, I never see it.

26,680. You know there were men hanging back at the "Tuns" in hopes of getting money?—No, I cannot say that.

26,681. Do you not know that that is what they wanted?—No, I think they were men who had no votes, Cossey men.

26,682. Do you not know that there was a body of men hanging about the "Tuns" in hopes of getting some money?—No, I do not know it.

26,683. Was there no other place where you knew the men were hanging about for a day's wages?—No, certainly not. I heard about that afterwards.

26,684. How soon afterwards?—A day or two afterwards.

26,685. Where?—I heard of it at the "Trumpet," but that was a day or two afterwards. I knew nothing about it till the petition came on.

26,686. In your own ward where were the places you heard of men waiting to be bribed?—I never heard of any, not that day.

26,687. (*Mr. Biron.*) What other day?—Not any other day.

26,688. Then why did you say "that day?"—Not that day I say now. I never heard of anybody waiting about in that ward at all. I know nothing about North Heigham; I was only in the south.

26,689. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were very active in getting up voters?—Yes.

26,690. How many voters did you take up?—I am not able to say how many.

26,691. Were there so many that you cannot tell me?—I cannot recollect just now.

26,692. Were you going about getting up voters until the close of the poll?—Until after the poll had closed. We took a voter up after the poll had closed and could not poll him.

26,693. In what part of your ward?—The south part.

26,694. Do you mean to stand there and say that a number of voters whom you tried to get up did not express an opinion that they ought to be paid their

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day's wages, or that they ought to have something for voting ?—I never heard any one say so to me.

26,695. Did you see voters loitering in the street ?—No ; I cannot say I saw any voters loitering in the street.

26,696. What is your position in life ?—I am not following anything just now.

26,697. You were going about all over the south part of your ward asking voters to come up, and I suppose getting them ?—Yes.

26,698. You had a carriage to take them up ?—Yes, Mr. Hibbett lent us his trap, at least he drove it.

26,699. Had you any trouble whatever in getting up any voters ?—No, not the least.

26,700. Wherever you went they rushed into the trap ?—I do not say they went to rush in, they did not rush in, but they went in, some of them were invalids, two or three of them.

26,701. Did Hibbett go in before you went in ?—Sometimes he went in and sometimes not ; sometimes he stood by the horse.

26,702. What sort of a carriage was it ?—A little waggonette.

26,703. How many would it carry at a time ?—I suppose four or five.

26,704. Wherever you went with your trap the people immediately came out and got into the carriage ?—No, in some places we went to they did not go with us at all.

26,705. Did they refuse to go ?—They said they would walk, some of them.

26,706. You never found any who had the least hesitation in coming ?—No.

26,707. Really I will not ask you another question. All I tell you is that your statement to me is utterly incredible.—I cannot help what you think ; at any rate I tell you the truth.

26,708. Do you think that your ward was utterly immaculate, that there was no sort of bribery, and no sort of hesitation on the part of any voters to vote ?—I say nothing about that at all. I know nothing of it ; that is all I can say.

J. Vassar.

JOHN VASSAR sworn and examined.

26,709. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—I am a grocer.

26,710. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

26,711. For whom ?—For Russell and Tillett.

26,712. Did you take an active part in the election ?—I urged upon several men to vote that lived in my locality.

26,713. How did you urge them ?—Why by explaining to them the principles of the Liberal and Conservative side.

26,714. Contrasting them, in fact ?—Yes, and speaking to them on the bribery question, and requesting them to vote.

26,715. What were the names of those men ?—I have not a list of them here. I could furnish you with a list of those names. They all conscientiously went and voted.

26,716. I suppose you said much about the same thing to every one of them ?—Yes, it was simply showing which was the right side.

26,717. And showing which side they would benefit most by voting for ?—Yes.

26,718. Did you use the same arguments to them all ?—Yes.

26,719. Among the lot did there happen to be a man of the name of Bygrave ?—I know a man of that name.

26,720. Horace Bygrave ?—I do not know his christian name.

26,721. Did you use the same arguments to him as you did to the others ?—I came in contact with him just before 4—half-past 3, I think.

26,722. That would be the time when the arguments required to be used more forcibly ?—No, these men that I speak of went and voted conscientiously long before that.

26,723. Did not Bygrave vote conscientiously ?—I understood from a man of the name of Burrell that Dr. Masters was influencing two men to vote, and I went across the passage, and Bygrave and a man of the name of Smith were there. When I went in I saw Dr. Masters urging these men to go and vote for Stracey, and I spoke to Bygrave and said, "Do you "not belong to organisation ?" He said, "Yes," I said, "You had your cards of membership." and he said, "Yes," and I said, "Both of you profess to be "Liberals," and they said, "Yes," upon which I said, "How on earth can you vote for Stracey ?" upon which he said, "They have bid us money ;" and I directly turned to Dr. Masters and said, "You are "offering these men money ;" he did not speak, and I said, "What do you mean ? Do you not know the "terror of the law ?" he did not speak, and I said to Smith, "Come in," and Bygrave called me round and said, "What will you give us ?" I said, "Nothing ; "do you know the heavy fine inflicted upon those "who offer a bribe ?" I went back to Dr. Masters and said, "You have been trying to bribe these men "who are Liberals in principles."

26,724. Where does Smith live ?—This was in Smith's passage in West End Street. I said, "I shall "not leave you, it is no use your attempting to give "them any money, Dr. Masters ; I shall not leave the "men." Dr. Masters urged upon Smith to get in, but did not ask Bygrave. Bygrave was trying to extort something from me, and Dr. Masters went away without him.

26,725. Did he take away Smith ?—No, he took neither of them, and I walked along with them ; it was getting near the time. Bygrave tried to extort money, and said he was back in his rates 12*s.* or 14*s.*, and had had a good deal of affliction in his house. He told me a long tale, but I said, "I don't "offer anything. Go and vote like a man. Be con-"scientious and straightforward and you will be "respected." He still persisted. "Will you give me something ?" and I said, "I will not." I got him along to the voting place, where Smith halted and said he would go no further. I said, "Why will you not go and vote ?" and he said, "If I do I shall get discharged." I said, "Who is your employer ?" "Mr. Martin," he said, "and if I vote for Russell and Tillett I shall very likely lose my situation." I said, "What are you ?" and he said, "A clicker." I said, "Won't you go and vote ?" and he said, "No, I shall lose my place." I said, "Will you stand neuter ?" and he said, "Yes." He stood in the road, and I went up with Bygrave, and Bygrave voted. I saw Bygrave the next day. He came to my place about 6 o'clock in the following evening about some grocery goods, and a friend of mine from Yarmouth was sitting in my shop, and I said, "Now you talk about bribery, and Stracey, &c." and I said (appealing to Bygrave), "Mr. Bygrave, Were you not bid money three times yesterday ?" and he said, "Yes." I said, "Were they three distinct times ?" He said, "Yes." I said, "By three distinct persons ?" and he said, "Yes."

26,726. Who is your friend from Yarmouth ?—Mr. William Palmer, an upholsterer.

26,727. Where does he live ?—In Gaol Street, Yarmouth, and a young man, a journeyman of mine, heard him say so, because I appealed to those two afterwards.

26,728. What is the name of your journeyman ?—Edward Wilson.

26,729. Is he with you still ?—Yes, he is behind the counter, and has been with me five or six years. I said to Bygrave, "Will you give me the names of the three distinct parties who offered you money ?" and I says, "Why are you not candid ? Give me the names." He says, "If I were to tell you the names they would knock me on the head." He then paid for

his groceries, and beckoned me out of the door, and said, "I voted for you, you know. Are you going to give me anything?" I said, "My dear fellow, I "never told you I would give you money, and "I never intended to give you money. You voted "conscientiously. Are you not satisfied?" Since then he has been troubling me with boots. I bought a pair or two of rivetted boots of him; but they were such an inferior sort that I said they were of no use, and told him it was no use coming to me; but he said, "I voted for you. Are you not going to give me anything?"

26,730. He has been speaking to you about this matter since?—He has been trying to sell me goods, thinking he obliged me.

26,731. Bygrave was a customer of yours before?—No, I didn't know him at all. I did not know his christian name.

26,732. You said that he came to get some things of you?—He came the following day after he had been down with me to vote. I knew the man to see him, but did not know his name. I saw him go backwards and forwards every day past mine to work.

26,733. Is it true that you promised to give him something if he would go and vote, although you did not say what it was?—Certainly not. I abhorred the very name of purchasing anybody. My principles are straightforward. If a man came to me and talked about bribery I should have spurned him out.

26,734. You must have known pretty well before he voted that he was trying all he could to get money?—I knew he did. He tried to extort money from me because Dr. Masters offered him money, and I said, "You both belong to the organisation. You have "got your cards of membership, and you profess to "be Liberal, why turn your backs on your party?" But he said Dr. Masters had bid money to him, and he said. "How much will you give me?" He said that to me in the passage. I said, "I dare not, neither shall Dr. Masters, for I will not leave him."

26,735. Did Smith go too?—Smith walked with me.

26,736. Then he parted with you before you got to the poll?—No. He walked with me to the National School, and Bygrave voted.

26,737. Smith did not?—Smith did not, because he thought he would get discharged.

26,738. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was anything said by Bygrave about being discharged from his employment?—I don't remember that he said that. I don't remember that he said anything about it.

26,739. Did Bygrave say anything to you about his being exposed to difficulties if he voted against you?—No.

26,740. Or persecution of any kind?—No, his plea was that he was back in paying his rates, and that he wanted a little money; that it would be very helpful to him; that he had had a sick house; several of his children had been ill for some little time. That was his plea for trying to get money from me.

26,741. There was nothing else that he was afraid of?—I never heard of anything.

26,742. (*Mr. Biron.*) Was it Smith who worked for Martin somewhere or other?—Smith lived nearly opposite mine, and they both worked for Martin.

26,743. Where is that?—West End Street, North Heigham.

26,744. Do you know Smith's christian name?—I think it is William. The postman asked me if I knew where William Smith lived when he has had letters.

26,745. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know which way he voted?—He did not vote at all.

26,746. Which way did his master vote?—I should think the master is a Conservative by that, because he said, "I shall get discharged if I vote, in all probability." He admitted his principles were Liberal, but he was afraid of his place.

26,747. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You never said anything to Bygrave about making it all right?—No, I never offered him anything.

26,748. Did you give any intimation to Bygrave that you would directly or indirectly do anything for him as a reward for voting on your side?—No.

26,749. Did you give any hint that you would be of use to him in any possible way?—No. As I was going down West End Street Smith walked forward. As we were going to the poll I said distinctly, "I dare "not give you anything. The law will inflict fines "and punishments upon me, and I dare not offer you "anything for your vote, and dare not give you any-"thing," and I never offered him any money, or offered to do anything for him.

26,750. Do you think he believed that?—I don't know what conclusion he came to.

26,751. Do you think that when he was voting he believed you were going to do something for him?—No. I laid the whole case before him. It seems he wanted to get money. As I frustrated Dr. Masters' design he thought he would try what he could do with me, and he has been to me several times since with boots and shoes.

26,752. Might you have led him to believe so?—Nothing of the sort.

26,753. You are quite certain there was nothing in your language or manner which would lead him to believe that he was voting for a consideration?—No.

26,754. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How did you get him to vote?—I said to you, "You belong to the organisa-"tion. You have your card of membership. Your "principles are Liberal. How can you be a turncoat "now and go and vote on the other side?" It was the man's own statement. He professed to be Liberal all the way through and was then waiting to get money to vote whichever way he could get it I suppose. It appeared like that to me.

26,755. Although the man was poor and in great distress, that is the only means which were used, and by which you were successful in getting him to vote?—He told me this as we were going on, and it was near four, and in a few minutes more he could not have voted at all.

26,756. You must have started from his house?—No; his house is in Northumberland Street, much nearer the poll.

26,757. You got the man to go out of his house?—No.

26,758. But it was close to the man's house?—No, I started from Smith's house, and Smith's house is not half the distance.

26,759. How far was that from the poll?—It is about 100 yards or 150 from Smith's house to the poll.

26,760. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) How was it that you persuaded Bygrave, but failed to persuade Smith?—Bygrave I believe was not intimidated about his situation. The other was. The other said, "In all probability I shall lose my place if I do vote," and he halted and said, "I'll not vote," and positively gave me a denial. He would not go in and vote and I left him.

26,761. (*Mr. Biron.*) Bygrave tried all he knew to get you to give him something?—He did try.

26,762. And you tried all you could to get him to poll, and determined to give him nothing?—Yes.

26,763. Since he voted he has been to you several times trying to get something out of you for doing it?—Yes, he came the following evening, when that conversation took place which I have stated, with reference to his being bid money by three different persons. He called me out the same evening expecting that I should give him something. In fact he asked me, and I said, "My dear fellow, you cannot expect to get anything from me."

Adjourned to Monday next at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

Monday, 4th October 1869.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

H. Purcell.

28 Oct. 1869.

HENRY PURCELL sworn and examined.

26,764. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

26,765. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,766. At what time?—About half-past 2.

26,767. How came you to vote so late?—I did not think it was of any consequence at what time I voted. I had no reason for stopping till that time.

26,768. What is your position in life?—I am a pensioner from the army.

26,769. What was your position in the army?—Sergeant.

26,770. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

26,771. Were you promised anything?—No.

S. Roberts.

SAMUEL ROBERTS sworn and examined.

26,772. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,773. At what time in the morning?—About 9 o'clock.

26,774. Afterwards you went to the "Woolpack"?—No.

26,775. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing. I should scorn the idea of having anything.

26,776. Were you promised anything?—No.

26,777. Have you had anything since?—No.

26,778. Did you promise or give anything to anyone else?—No.

26,779. Who asked you to vote?—I had one of those circulars, that's all, from Mr. Stracey.

26,780. Did anybody come and ask you in person?—No; I was canvassed.

26,781. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Webb and Mr. Claxton on the Liberal side.

26,782. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What did you say?—I did not promise either.

26,783. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you ever vote before?—No.

26,784. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Why did you not promise?—Because I did not wish to bind myself on either side. If I had been very busy on the day, and my work had bound me, I should not have voted.

26,785. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

J. Wade.

JAMES WADE sworn and examined.

26,786. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A furniture broker.

26,787. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,788. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

26,789. What time of the day?—About a quarter to 3.

26,790. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

26,791. By whom?—By the blue party.

26,792. Not by Stracey's party?—No.

26,793. Did you tell the blues that you were going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

26,794. Why did not you vote earlier?—The poll was open from 8 to 4, and I thought I could vote at what time I thought proper.

26,795. Were you busy that day?—Yes, I was busy in the shop.

26,796. At home?—Yes.

26,797. You were not about the city?—No.

26,798. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

26,799. Or the promise of anything?—No.

26,800. Have you voted before?—No.

W. Sparks.

WILLIAM SPARKS sworn and examined.

26,801. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

26,802. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,803. At what time?—Between 3 and 4.

26,804. Where were you during the rest of the day?—During the rest of the day I was packing up goods to get off. I am an upholsterer and cabinet-maker, and I was packing up goods to get off by the carrier. It was inconvenient to vote earlier.

26,805. Did anybody come to you for your vote?—No, I never spoke to anybody.

26,806. Did nobody canvass you?—No. I had only circulars sent from each party; nobody asked me for a vote.

26,807. Did nobody come to fetch you to the poll?—No; I never spoke to no one, but I went and voted of my voluntary will.

26,808. Did anybody give you anything to vote?—No; I never thought of such a thing.

26,809. Were you promised anything?—No.

26,810. Have you been a voter before?—I don't think I ever voted at a general election before. I cannot say. It might be several years back. I don't remember. I am not interested in it particular.

G. Manclarke.

GEORGE MANCLARKE sworn and examined.

26,811. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,812. What time of the day?—About 3 o'clock.

26,813. What made you so late?—It was more convenient.

26,814. Were you very active during the day?—No.

26,815. Where were you during that day?—About the city, and at home about my business.

26,816 Where is your home?—In Colegate Street.

26,817. Do you live with your father?—No.

26,818. Your father keeps a tavern?—Yes.

26,819. Were there not a good number of voters there?—Not that I am aware of.

26,820. What public-houses were you at?—I was at the "Black Boy."

26,821. Did you take up any voters?—No.

26,822. Did you take up anybody?—I took up nobody.

26,823. What were you doing about the city all day?—I was about my business.

26,824. What is your business?—A broker.

26,825. Did you do nothing but follow your own business during the day of the poll?—Nothing else.

26,826. Had you the day before taken any part in canvassing?—No.

26,827. Did you treat anybody?—No.

26,828. Did you make any promise to anybody?—Not any.

26,829. Did you pay any money that day, or have you paid any since the election?—Not any.

26,830. (*Mr. Biron.*) What brought you to the "Black Boy"?—I have been in and out there every day about business.

26,831. What business?—My father and mother live there, and I was in and out. I was not in that day more than any other day.

26,832. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you take up any one from the "Black Boy"?—Not any one.

26,833. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were there not many people there?—There were a lot of people about the streets.

26,834. At your father and mother's house I asked you?—Not that I am aware of; no more than usual. There were two or three people in the house. I did not know what they were there for.

26,835. You were in and out of the house the whole day?—Yes.

26,836. You must have been aware of what was going on?—I did not hear of anything going on. If I go in and out of the public-house I don't go into the bar, I go in the private room at the side.

26,837. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were there any people there that you knew?—Not any people.

26,838. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not anything.

26,839. Have you ever voted before?—Not before.

James Swann sworn and examined. *J. Swann.*

26,840. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoe manufacturer.

26,841. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,842. At what time in the day?—The first thing in the morning, about 8.

26,843. Were you employed at any committee-rooms?—No.

26,844. Or as a canvasser?—Nothing of the kind.

26,845. You were not employed in any way about the election?—Never at all.

26,846. Did you take any active part in getting up voters?—Not a bit.

26,847. You went out and voted early, and then went back to your business?—Yes; after it was done I was in bed. I went and lay down, and my daughter came up and said the election was over, and Sir Henry Stracey had got in. I found it was so.

26,848. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a farthing. I never asked for anything.

26,849. Did you get a promise of anything?—No.

William Quantrill sworn and examined. *W. Quantrill.*

26,850. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) There are several persons of your name in the city, are there not?—I believe so.

26,851. What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

26,852. Are you a master?—In a small way.

26,853. What time of the day did you vote?—From half-past 3 to 4.

26,854. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,855. Where were you in the earlier part of the day?—I came up to town, and I happened with a friend. We got into the "Mitre" together, and then it was after 2 o'clock when I had got my dinner. I could not vote before that time.

26,856. Why could not you vote earlier?—I could not get up to the poll.

26,857. Did you go to the poll for the purpose of voting earlier than 2 o'clock?—I went up to the poll at 9 o'clock, and I could not get up; and then I went and had my dinner, and after that I voted.

26,858. Did not you go again till after dinner?—No.

26,859. Was there such a crowd there?—Yes.

26,860. Which was your polling place?—Magdalen Street.

26,861. Where do you live?—Church Street, New Catton.

26,862. Did you ever live in Mill Lane?—No, never in Mill Lane. I lived on Mill Hill.

26,863. Did you go into the "Elm Tavern" that day?—No.

26,864. Were you never there at all?—Not that day.

26,865. Will you undertake to swear that you were not in the "Elm Tavern" on the day of the election?—Yes; I was not in the "Elm Tavern" at all on that day. The day after I was in; but not on the election day.

26,866. Did you hear a talk about money then?—No.

26,867. Was nothing said about money then?—Not a word, I did not hear.

26,868. Do you know a man of the name of "Smasher" Smith?—I know a man they call "Smasher Smith," but I did not see him that day.

26,869. Will you undertake to say that you were not in the "Elm Tavern" that day, and that nothing occurred there about money?—I will undertake to say I was not in the "Elm Tavern" on the day of the election at all.

26,870. And that nothing occurred there about money?—I never heard anything. That I can swear to.

26,871. Were you anywhere near the "Elm Tavern" that day?—Only as I passed it to go to town in the morning.

26,872. Do you know a person of the name of Charles Foster?—Yes.

26,873. Did you see him at the "Elm Tavern" that day?—No; I was not in the "Elm Tavern" at all.

26,874. Did you see young Mr. Stracey that day?—No. I don't know him.

26,875. Did you see a young gentleman at the "Elm Tavern" that day?—No; I was not in the "Elm Tavern."

26,876. Did you say anything about treating anybody?—No.

26,877. Did you say to anybody, "We have 30*s.* apiece"?—No.

26,878. Did you see a person of the name of Maris that day?—No.

26,879. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, not a farthing.

26,880. Or the promise of anything?—No.

26,881. Did young Mr. Stracey speak to you about your vote at all?—No. On the election morning I went out between 9 and 10 for the purpose of voting, and there was so many round the polling place that I could not get nigh it. I went up the town to the committee room of the blue party, and I met a friend of the name of Warren. I asked him to have a glass of beer. He belonged to the organisation. "Yes," he said, and he went with me. He said, "I want to "get the state of the poll and put it in my window, "because there is an opposition party;" that was opposite his house. I said, "Come, and we will go "arm in arm to the poll. You can give a plumper "for Tillett and I will plump for Stracey," and we went about the town till we got to the "Golden Star," and there were Tillett's men there, and we stopped there till 2 o'clock. Then we went to dinner, and then came down and voted. I was not in a public-house in Catton that day.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

4 Oct. 1869.

WILLIAM QUANTRILL sworn and examined.

W. Quantrill.

26,882. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you any relation to the last witness?—No.

26,883. Where do you live?—At New Catton, Mill Lane.

26,884. For whom did you vote at this last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,885. What time of the day?—It might be getting on to 3 o'clock.

26,886. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

26,887. Did you promise to vote for anyone?—They came round to solicit my vote same as they did other people, but nobody persuaded me to vote either way.

26,888. Did you promise your vote?—When they came to solicit my vote I never promised it.

26,889. Did you say you were going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

26,890. Not to anyone?—Not to anyone. When they came round to solicit my vote I said I should vote as I pleased.

26,891. Were you at the "Elm Tavern" on the day of the poll?—No.

26,892. Did you ever go to the "Elm Tavern"?—I have not been to the "Elm Tavern" for more than 30 years.

26,893. Do you know young Mr. Stracey?—I do not. I know the old gentleman, but I never spoke to him in my life.

26,894. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

26,895. Did you get treated?—I did not. I was not in a public-house on the election day.

26,896. Are you married?—Yes.

26,897. Did your wife get anything?—No; my wife did not get anything.

26,898. You did not get paid for your day's work?—I did not.

26, 899. Have you ever voted before?—No.

E. Woods.

EDWARD WOODS sworn and examined.

26,900. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

26,901. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,902. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,903. What time in the day?—Between 3 and 4; I could not say exactly to a moment.

26,904. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing.

26,905. Why did you not vote earlier?—I should have voted earlier. I came down from the city about 10 o'clock. I went a little errand and I happened to meet with a man and went and had a pint of ale. I did not take much interest in the election.

26,906. Where were you when this happened about the pint of ale?—We went into a house that a man of the name of Marshall keeps. I cannot tell you the sign—the "Fishmonger's Arms" I think.

26,907. Was anything said about money going there?—No; I never see anything.

26,908. You went at your leisure and voted?—Yes.

26,909. Did you get anything, or the promise of anything, for voting?—Nothing.

C. Miller.

CLARE MILLER sworn and examined.

26,910. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—I did.

26,911. What time in the day?—To the best of my knowledge I voted at or about 3 o'clock.

26,912. Where were you during the early part of the day?—I left my home in Catton about dinner time and I came into the "Two Brewers" in Magdalen Street.

26,913. Where were you up to dinner time?—I was at home at my own house.

26,914. What were you doing at home?—I was preparing my children's victuals. My wife was not at home that day.

26,915. Were you preparing your children's dinner all the time from 8 o'clock in the morning till dinner time?—I stopped and gave my children their dinner after they came from school, and then I went and voted.

26,916. What were you doing from 8 till your children came home?—I was stopping in my own house.

26,917. What are you by business?—A retired warrant officer from the artillery.

26,918. Where did you go after your children's dinner?—To the "Two Brewers" in Magdalen Street, kept by Mr. Cubitt.

26,919. What did you do there?—I sat down there, and had some ale, for a short time.

26,920. What beer did you get there?—Nothing, only what I paid for.

26,921. Do you mean to say Cubitt did not say he would give you as much beer as you liked if you would vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No, he did not.

26,922. Did not you find many men in there drinking?—Several.

26,923. Drinking whatever they liked?—No.

26,924. Did you see Cubitt?—Yes.

26,925. Did you inquire whether anything was going?—No.

26,926. Did not you hear the men talking about what beer they could get?—I did not get anything for voting.

26,927. Did not you hear that men were having whatever beer they liked, and did not you get some?—No; I paid for whatever beer I had there.

26,928. How much did you pay there?—I cannot say; I only had a shilling in my pocket.

26,929. Do you mean to say you cannot tell me then how much you spent?—I spent the whole of it.

26,930. What did you get for the shilling?—Several people asked me to drink and I asked several to drink, but I did not know it was for voting at that time.

26,931. How long did you stop there?—Perhaps five or six hours, in and out.

26,932. Drinking at Cubitt's all the time?—Not drinking all the time.

26,933. What were you doing then?—Sitting down.

26,934. And sipping occasionally?—Yes.

26,935. Do you know Cubitt's brother?—No, I don't.

26,936. Did not you see his brother come in?—No, I don't know his brother.

26,937. Did not a man come in who was very active in taking up voters to the poll?—No, not that I am aware of. My eyesight is not good.

26,938. Was there not a man who came in who was active in taking up voters to the poll?—I did not take any notice of him.

26,939. Who took you up to the poll?—I went myself.

26,940. With whom?—First I went with Cubitt, and Cubitt wanted me to vote then. I said, "No, I "shall not vote till I think proper to vote."

26,941. Being inclined to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, why would you not vote then?—I would not vote then because I would not be forced to vote.

26,942. I suppose he did not take a man like you bodily up to the poll?—No, I walked with him.

26,943. Why did you not vote then?—I did not think proper.

26,944. Why did you go to the poll if you were not going to vote?—I did not know where the poll was till Cubitt told me.

26,945. But finding yourself at the poll you said you would not be forced to vote?—No.

26,946. Was it not that you wanted some beer?—No.

26,947. You went back to Cubitt's?—Yes, I went

back to Cubitt's and had some more beer, and drank whatever I thought proper.

26,948. And had whatever beer you liked?—No, I had not.

26,949. Who was drinking with you?—There was several drinking there.

26,950. You can tell me who they were if they were your companions?—They were not companions of mine.

26,951. Then how came you to be drinking there, and treating people of whom you knew nothing?—I see a number of people there.

26,952. Do you mean to say that you go into a public-house with a shilling in your pocket, and that you treat everyone, although you have never seen them before?—I did not treat everyone.

26,953. Did you know any of them?—I knew one.

26,954. Tell me what his name is?—Middleton.

26,955. Where does he live?—He lives at the present time in St. James'.

26,956. Who else?—I don't know that I knew anybody else, unless Mr. Cubitt; he was in there.

26,957. Surely you can tell me whether there was anybody else who was in there?—There were several.

26,958. Whom you knew?—I did not know the whole of them, nor yet a quarter of them.

26,959. What time was it when you went up with Cubitt in the first instance?—I should say between 1 and 2.

26,960. What time was it when you went back to Cubitt's?—I should say about 2 o'clock.

26,961. Then you sat down to drink?—I sat in the bar, and had a pint of ale.

26,962. Did you go on drinking your pints till you went up to the poll?—Yes.

26,063. Was it nearly 4 o'clock when you went up to the poll?—I should say it was about 3.

26,964. Will you undertake to swear that it was not very nearly 4 when you got up to the poll?—I could not say whether it was 3 or half-past 3; I did not look at the clock before I went.

26,965. Not having been forced to poll at 2, or a little before, what took you up to poll a little before 4?—I went up of my own accord.

26,966. Had you been talking about voting in the mean time?—Oh, yes. I told Cubitt at the time I first came into Norwich that I intended to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

26,967. Then if you intended to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and told Cubitt you were going to vote for him, why did not you vote?—Because he seemed so anxious for me to vote, and I said I would please myself.

26,968. You were not being compelled to vote if you went there and were going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Certainly not.

26,969. Being a free man, and having made up your mind, can you give me any rational answer to the question, why you did not vote?—The only answer I can give is, that I thought I would please myself, because Cubitt was so anxious for me to vote.

26,970. You thought you would get some beer first, and would vote afterwards?—Not at all.

GEORGE DUFFIELD sworn and examined. *G. Duffield.*

26,971. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,972. At what time?—It might be about 10.

26,973. Had you promised your vote?—No; I never promised at all.

26,974. Had you been asked for your vote?—No; I had a circular sent. That is all that I had.

26,975. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not anything. I went and voted myself.

26,976. Are you certain you did not vote later than 10 o'clock?—It might be a few minutes after 10, but I think it could not be but a very few minutes.

26,977. What became of you afterwards?—I went and enjoyed the day by myself. I never was with any party of men in the city.

26,978. Were you in any public-house in the city?—I went to several, but I joined with no party. I drank some porter in one place, and then went to another.

26,979. Had you any beer given to you?—No; I paid for what I had myself.

26,980. Have you ever voted before?—Never

26,981. Was anything offered you?—Never; my principles would not let me take it.

26,982. What are you by trade?—An ironmonger.

26,983. In whose employ?—Messrs. Barnard and Bishop.

26,984. Which way did they vote?—For Stracey; but they gave notice that all their men might vote as they liked.

WILLIAM WARNES sworn and examined. *W. Warnes.*

26,985. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A tailor.

26,986. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,987. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

26,988. What time?—About nine in the morning.

26,989. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

26,990. Or the promise of anything?—No.

26,991. Where did you go after you had voted?—I went out about half an hour and then came home.

26,992. You went to the "Elm" tavern, did you not?—Yes; that is my house. I was home by 10.

26,993. When you got home you found Parnall there?—No.

26,994. Do not you know Robert Parnall?—Yes.

26,995. Did not you see that man that day?—Yes.

26,996. Where?—At my house.

26,997. He had got his voting card with him, had he not?—He brought it in betwixt 7 and 8 in the morning.

26,998. Did he say he could not afford to lose a day's pay?—He said, would I oblige him to go and take his card and vote for Sir Henry Stracey? He was going into the country.

26,999. You voted for him?—No; his vote is not recorded.

27,000. You tried?—No.

27,001. Do you mean to say that you did not go up with Parnall's card to the poll?—I left it on my mantelpiece.

27,002. Do you mean to say that you did not go up to the poll and try to vote for Parnall?—I don't remember it.

27,003. This is not the sort of thing that you could forget?—Well, I don't remember it.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We shall be obliged to take extreme measures if you do not mind.

(*Mr. Biron.*) I will put the question to you once more, and only once.

27,004. Did not you go to the poll and endeavour to vote in Parnall's name?—I took his card, but they would not take it, and they said it was not lawful.

27,005. You did go and endeavour to vote for Parnall?—I thought I could vote for a dozen. I never had a vote at a general election. I thought one man could answer for a dozen.

27,006. Did you go and endeavour to vote for Parnall?—Yes, after I had voted myself.

27,007. Why could you not have told me that before?—His vote was not recorded.

27,008. Did you, after having endeavoured to vote for Parnall, go back to Catton?—Yes.

27,009. What time was it when you got back?—Somewhere about 10.

27,010. What did you do from 10 to 1 or thereabouts?—Waited on my customers.

27,011. At half-past 1 did young Mr. Stracey come in?—No.

27,012. You know young Mr. Stracey?—I have seen him. He passes my door almost every morning.

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W. Warnes.

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27,013. Do you mean to tell me that at abour half-past 1, or from that to 2 o'clock, Mr. Stracey did not come to your house?—Certainly not.

27,014. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did he come to the door?—No.

27,015. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did he call you out?—No.

27,016. Did you see him at that time?—No. I am speaking the truth.

27,017. Was a man of the name of Foster in your house at that time, a man whom you call "Brushey"?—No, I believe not.

27,018. Is that all you can say?—My house was very full that day, and I cannot distinctly answer the truth about everybody in my house.

27,019. Were you bargaining with him about a mat?—No. I know the man you mean.

27,020. You are not going to say that you did not see him?—I might see him in the house that day, out and in as a customer, but not bargaining for any mats.

27,021. Was a man of the name of Quantrill in your house that day, a boot finisher?—No.

27,022. Are you clear about that?—Yes.

27,023. Or Robert Pointer, a boot finisher?—I don't know the man to the best of my knowledge.

27,024. Was any man there dressed in a grey tweed suit with one of those deer-stalking hats?—No.

27,025. No man dressed in that style, a gentleman?—No.

27,026. Did any man give 30*s.* apiece to two men?—In my house?

27,027. In your house and in your presence?—No.

27,028. Do you remember a man of the name of Maris?—Yes.

27,029. Did he come to your door with a horse and cart?—No; he did not come in it. He sent for it after he came there.

27,030. He sent for it to come to your house?—No; he told a man, "If you go and tell Charley" (that is his name) "to put my horse in the cart, I will "give you a pint of beer."

27,031. Did not he take some voters up to the poll that day?—No.

27,032. Was any beer going at your house on that day?—Only what was paid for.

27,033. Paid for by whom?—By the individuals that called for it.

27,034. Was there no money left at your house to give voters beer?—Not a penny; nor yet beer.

27,035. Was there no treating going on in your house?—No, not one pint.

27,036. Did you take any people to the poll that day?—Yes.

27,037. Whom did you take up?—A man of the name of Bolingbroke; and he voted for Sir William Russell.

27,038. What did you give him for voting?—Not a glass of beer.

27,039. What is he?—I believe he is a tailor, and lives in St. James'.

27,040. Did you take a lame man up to the poll?—No.

27,041. Whom else did you poll besides this man?—Not one. I would as lief tell you a dozen as one.

27,042. Do you know Blyth, of the "Cross Keys," Magdalen Street?—Yes.

27,043. Did he come to your house with a gentleman in the afternoon?—In the afternoon I was out from half past 1 to 4, so I am not able to say. Young Blyth came with Mr. Maris somewhere about 10 minutes to 1.

27,044. You mean to say you gave no money nor yet any beer to any voter that day?—Not any.

27,045. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know David Cubitt?—Yes, I know a man they call David Cubitt, or Mr. Woodrow's lapdog, as he said the other day.

27,046. And you also know Mr. Woodrow?—I did not know his name was Woodrow till I saw him last Saturday month giving his evidence. I did not know him before.

27,047. Do you recollect seeing Cubitt in Magdalen Street on the day of the election?—Yes.

27,048. Did you tell him that you heard there was money afloat?—No.

27,049. Did you say anything to Cubitt about money?—When I pulled up the cart at Mr. Rizen Mollett's, David Cubitt got on. I did not know what for.

27,050. Had you then some talk about money?—No, not any.

27,051. Did you go to the "Swan" committee room?—Not at that time.

27,052. Did you go to the "Swan" committee room that day?—Yes.

27,053. What time of the day was it?—Getting towards 3 in the afternoon.

27,054. Did you see Mr. Woodrow there?—Yes.

27,055. How came you to go and see Mr. Woodrow there?—Because I had a friendly feeling towards Sir Henry Stracey.

27,056. You said you did not know Mr. Woodrow?—I did not know his name was Woodrow till the Saturday I heard him giving his evidence.

27,057. How did you know he had a friendly feeling towards Sir Henry Stracey if you knew nothing of the man?—I did not know he had. I knew I had.

27,058. How came you to pick up Woodrow, whom you knew nothing about?—I went to the "Swan" hotel to hear the state of the poll. I thought I could get it more correct there than anywhere else.

27,059. Did you speak to Woodrow?—Yes.

27,060. What did you say?—He asked me how things were getting on.

27,061. How came he to ask you, who were going there to ascertain the state of the poll, how things were going on?—He did.

27,062. Did you not go in there and speak to Mr. Chittock first?—No.

27,063. Did you speak to Mr. Chittock at all?—No, I did not see him.

27,064. Had you been doing anything that you should be asked how you were getting on?—I thought it was the likeliest place to ascertain.

27,065. What did you say to him?—I told him I thought there was a few friends (voters) down to my mother's. I had been there, and he could come with me, if he thought proper, and see what he could do with them.

27,066. Had you heard that there were persons down at your mother's who wanted money?—I had called previous to that.

27,067. How long previous?—I should say about half an hour.

27,068. Did you say that to him simply in consequence of his asking you how you were getting on?—I told him there was people there.

27,069. How came you to say that "There was a lot of people at my mother's wanting money?"—I did not use those words.

27,070. You heard that they wanted money?—I thought they were likely to want money.

27,071. Did you not know that they did?—I had not been asking them.

27,072. You thought they were persons that looked like it?—Yes.

27,073. Then how came you to blurt out that there were a lot of persons that you thought wanted money down at your mother's house?—You have asked me for the truth and I have spoken it.

27,074. How came you to do that?—I thought perhaps he could come down and speak, and make some impression on the men's minds.

27,075. Did you think a person of that kind was likely, by merely going down and speaking, to make an impression upon people who wanted money?—I went in to try.

27,076. Did not you go in to try and get somebody to come and treat or pay the voters?—If he thought fit.

27,077. Did you also tell him there was some at your own house?—Yes.

27,078. I suppose that was the truth?—That was the truth.

27,079. Did he go with you?—Yes.

27,080. Do you recollect his going anywhere to make an inquiry whether it was safe to go with you?—No.

27,081. He went at once with you?—Yes.

27,082. Did Cubitt join you?—Cubitt was against the "Swan" hotel gate.

27,083. Did Cubitt and you go away down to your house?—Yes, down to my mother's.

27,084. Did you go to your mother's first?—Yes.

27,085. What did you do down at your mother's?—My mother stood outside on the threshold of the door, and said, "They are all gone, your father and all, to vote for Sir Henry Stracey."

27,086. Did not you get half a crown to give to your mother?—I gave her half a crown.

27,087. Did not you get it?—No.

27,088. Did Mr. Woodrow give you half a crown?—Yes.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you not understand what I meant by the word "get?" Go down; I will examine you again this afternoon.

JOSEPH LAFFIN NOCKALL sworn and examined. *J. L. Nockall.*

27,089. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—I did.

27,090. What time of the day?—About 3. I am not quite certain.

27,091. How came you to be so late?—Because I was engaged all day, and had not an opportunity to go and vote.

27,092. What are you by business?—An attorney's clerk.

27,093. Did you get anything for your vote?—Oh, no.

27,094. Or the promise of anything?—Oh, certainly not. If I had I should not have taken it.

27,095. Had you anything to do, directly or indirectly with getting up voters at this election?—No.

GEORGE PARNELL sworn and examined. *G. Parnell.*

27,096. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Tillett and Russell.

27,097. What time of the day?—About 9 o'clock in the morning.

27,098. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—Only to Tillett and Russell.

27,099. Who had canvassed you?—Mr. Claxton.

27,100. Are you a member of the organisation?—Yes.

27,101. You always meant to vote for Tillett and Russell, did you?—Yes.

27,102. Did you get anything for your vote?—Nothing at all.

27,103. Have you had nothing since?—No.

27,104. Were you treated at all with beer that day?—Nothing at all.

27,105. Had you any inducement to make you vote?—No.

DANIEL STIGLES sworn and examined. *D. Stigles.*

27,106. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A hair dresser and herbalist.

27,107. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,108. For whom?—Russell and Stracey.

27,109. What time in the day?—About half-past 2.

27,110. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

27,111. Or the promise of anything?—Nothing.

27,112. Had you ever voted before?—Not at a general election.

27,113. Where were you all the day of the election?—At my own shop.

27,114. Were not you at the "Jolly Dyers" public-house?—No.

27,115. Not at all?—No; I never entered the door during the day, nor for several days previously.

27,116. You are clear about that?—Perfectly.

GEORGE BRYANT sworn and examined. *G. Bryant.*

27,117. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

27,118. What time in the day?—4 o'clock; at least 10 minutes before 4.

27,119. Where were you all the morning?—At work.

27,120. For whom?—The Gas Company.

27,121. Are you in the employment of the Gas Company?—Yes.

27,122. Could not you get away before?—I could get away before, but I did not leave my work.

27,123. Who asked you for your vote?—No one.

27,124. Do you mean to say you went and voted without being asked to give a vote at all?—Yes; I went up of myself, walked up and gave it, and came back to my work again.

27,125. Did nobody come to you that day for your vote?—No, not where I was.

27,126. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, nothing.

27,127. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

27,128. Did nobody treat you that evening?—No.

27,129. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Most men at the gasworks voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—A great many of them.

27,130. Was there nobody at the works who canvassed the men for Sir Henry Stracey?—I never see nobody while I was there.

27,131. Did none of the managers ask them to vote?—No.

WILLIAM HENRY NEWMAN sworn and examined. *W. H. Newman.*

27,132. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,133. At what time?—About a quarter past 11.

27,134. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

27,135. Did you tell anyone you were going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

27,136. What are you by trade?—A tailor.

27,137. Were you at the "Jolly Dyers"?—In Fishergate Street?

27,138. Yes.—I was.

27,139. Did you get some beer?—Yes.

27,140. Who paid for it?—No one paid for it; it was out of my own pocket.

27,141. Did anybody offer you beer?—No.

27,142. Were any people there receiving beer?—I am quite certain I did not. There were some people.

27,143. How many were there?—I could not say. I merely got in with my working clothes on, and had a glass of ale.

27,144. Did you find any of your friends there?—No.

27,145. Did not you know a soul in the place?—Only the landlord.

27,146. Did not he give you some beer?—No.

27,147. Has anything been promised you?—No.

27,148. You got nothing for your day's work?—No.

27,149. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was not it arranged that there should be a jollification afterwards, if Sir Henry Stracey got returned?—I am not aware of it if there was.

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Henry Manclarke sworn and examined.

H. Manclarke.

27,150. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.

27,151. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,152, For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

27,153. What time of the day?—About 3 o'clock. I and my son voted together.

27,154. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all; not a penny, neither direct or indirect.

27,155. Were there men at your house that day drinking?—I don't know how many there was there, because I was in and out all day. There were several in and out no doubt in a public-house.

27,156. What is the sign of your public-house?—The "Black Boy."

27,157. Did not your son take up a lot of men?—No, he and I went up together, and voted together at 3 o'clock.

27,158. Did not you take up a lot of men with you?—No.

27,159. Did not some men go out of your house to vote at the same time?—No.

27,160. Was there anybody in your house after the voters, or after the men there?—I was at home so little, I was out almost all the day.

27,161. Who was managing your business?—My wife. She usually draws the beer.

27,162. You tell me you got nothing directly or indirectly for your vote?—Not anything; not a penny.

Charles Hare sworn and examined.

C. Hare.

27,163. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

27,164. What time in the day?—A quarter to 4.

27,165. How came you to be so late?—I was so busy at work.

27,166. What is your business?—A wholesale upholsterer; and thought I was at liberty to vote what time I thought proper. I had from 8 to 4.

27,167. Had you any inducement whatever to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—None whatever.

27,168. Had you no money, or the promise of money, or custom, or anything of that kind?—No; I was never solicited by either party.

27,169. You were not promised anything?—Not the promise of anything all.

James Aldridge sworn and examined.

J. Aldridge.

27,170. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Tillett and Stracey.

27,171. What time of the day?—From 11 to 12 o'clock. I cannot say to half an hour.

27,172. Which are you, a Whig or a Tory?—I am neither.

27,173. Did you promise your vote to anybody?—No.

27,174. You divided it between the two parties?—Between the two men that I liked best.

27,175. Was anything given to you for your vote?—No.

27,176. Was anything promised to you?—No.

27,177. Were not you at the "Jolly Dyers" that day?—Yes.

27,178. There was a good deal of beer going?—I don't know.

27,179. Did not you get some?—I got some that I paid for.

27,180. Was there a good deal of beer going without being paid for?—I did not see any.

27,181. Did anybody offer you anything?—No.

27,182. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

27,183. Have you received anything since for your vote?—No.

27,184. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

James Tate sworn and examined.

J. Tate.

27,185. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A confectioner.

27,186. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,187. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,188. What time in the day?—Just after dinner.

27,189. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

27,190. Or the promise of anything?—No promise at all.

27,191. Where had you been that morning?—I had been nowhere.

27,192. Had you been at the "Jolly Dyers"?—No.

27,193. Were you at work all the morning till you voted?—I was at work till past 2.

27,194. Then you went and voted?—Yes.

Walter Claxton sworn and examined.

W. Claxton.

27,195. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Russell and Tillett.

27,196. Did you get anything for your vote?—I voted early in the morning.

27,197. Were you promised anything for your vote?—No.

27,198. Is your father alive?—No. I have a son, Walter Claxton. He voted at the last election the same as I did. I think, sir, my name is twice down in the register.

27,199. Are you a ginger-beer manufacturer?—Yes.

27,200. Did anybody promise to get you Doughty's hospital?—I have had the promise some time back.

27,201. Who promised you?—I never asked for it.

27,202. You may not have asked for it, but who promised to give it you?—Mr. Tillett promised to give it—not for my vote, I can vouch for that.

27,203. When did Mr. Tillett happen to promise you Doughty's hospital?—It was just before the election.

27,204. After Mr. Tillett had become a candidate?—Well, I think it was.

27,205. Are you receiving any money now?—No; never did in my life.

27,206. Is anything being paid to you weekly?—No; I never had a farthing in my life; never dreamt of it; I am the wrong sort.

27,207. I mean out of the monies of the hospital?—Oh, no! I have not heard anything about it since.

27,208. How came Mr. Tillett to promise you Doughty's hospital?—That I cannot tell; I have got a good many friends who would be glad to see me in. I have been a hard-working man all my life time.

27,209. How came Mr. Tillett to do that?—Mr. Tillett has known me for years.

27,210. Did you ask him to get you Doughty's hospital?—That I did not; that I can swear.

27,211. Did he come and volunteer it?—He did so far as I am concerned.

27,212. How long was it before the election that he promised it you?—It might be a week or a fortnight; I don't know exactly.

27,213. When the canvass was going on?—I don't think he had canvassed at all then.

27,214. You say it was more than a week before the election?—I think it was.

27,215. Do not you know that the canvass was going on very actively for a considerable time before that?—Why, I cannot say.

27,216. Mr. Tillett had been a candidate for months before?—That's all right enough; so he might.

27,217. Did he come round to you?—I was at a meeting when he spoke to me.

27,218. What meeting?—It was a meeting at the "Duke's Palace."

27,219. One of the election meetings?—Yes, it was.

27,220. Being at the election meeting, Mr. Tillett comes up to you and promises you Doughty's hospital?—I will tell you how it was. I was at this meeting and Mr. Tillett had known me a great many years, and seeing me at the meeting he came up to me and asked how I did. I told him I was pretty well, and I thanked him. He said to me, says he, "After the "meeting I want to have a few words with you." "Very well," said I. Of course after the meeting was over, Mr. Tillett, he said, says he, "Come along with me," says he, and he took me a little way, and he said, says he, "Claxton," says he, "I understand," says he, "that you would like to have the hospital?" "Well, sir," says I, "I should feel truly thankful to "have it." "Well," he says to me, "look here," says he, "come down to my office to-morrow morning, and you shall have it."

27,221. That was a political meeting held by Mr. Tillett?—Yes, it was; that's how it was; it was after the meeting.

27,222. Did you go next morning?—I went down next morning, and he told me to go down, it was the quarterly meeting, and I went down to the Boys' hospital where the meeting was, and I was called, but the clerk told me there was no appointment that day. I believe Mr. Tillett, when he told me, had got a note in his pocket to say that he had got a turn for Doughty's hospital, but it was not so. It turned out he had not got a turn.

27,223. He had not a nomination that day?—No; nor has not since.

27,224. Has he promised it you since?—No; I have not been spoken to about it.

37,225. And you have never got it?—I have not got it; that's the truth, and I had no more idea of having the hospital from Mr. Tillett——

27,226. Until Mr. Tillett spoke to you, you had no idea of the hospital?—Not at all.

27,227. Your son has a vote as well as yourself?—Yes; Mr. Tillett had no occasion to ask me for my vote, for I have been a partizan all my lifetime. He did not think of giving me the hospital for my vote.

27,228. I should think Mr. Tillett was not so weak as that?—I don't think he was. Mr. Tillett is a perfect gentleman; that's all I can say about it. They would like to find something against him if they could.

HENRY HARVEY sworn and examined. *H. Harvey.*

27,229. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,230. What time in the day?—Between 1 and 2.

27,231. Who asked you to vote?—Mr. Ellis.

27,232. Did not Pratt take you up to the poll?—No.

27,233. Who did take you up?—I don't know.

27,234. Somebody did take you up?—I went up alone.

27,235. Somebody walked up with you?—No.

27,236. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

27,237. Where had you been on the morning of the poll?—I had not been anywhere.

27,238. Had you spoken to anybody about your vote?—No.

27,239. Had you never promised it?—No.

27,240. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

27,241. What are you by trade?—A shoe manufacturer.

27,242. Have you had anything since?—No.

27,243. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

27,244. Was anything promised you?—No.

27,245. Has nothing been given you since?—No.

HENRY SKIPPER sworn and examined. *H. Skipper.*

27,246. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A confectioner.

27,247. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,248. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,249. What time in the day?—A few minutes after 10.

27,250. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

27,251. Or the promise of anything?—No, not anything.

27,252. Had you been canvassed?—No.

27,253. Not by either side?—No; I fully made up my mind who to vote for.

27,254. And you voted accordingly?—Yes.

RICHARD NURSEY sworn and examined. *R. Nursey.*

27,255. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

27,256. What time in the day?—I voted about half-past 8 in the morning, before I got my breakfast.

27,257. Do you keep the "Tuns" public-house?—No; No. 12 in St. Giles', a lodging-house.

27,258. Is it called the "Tuns"?—No; that is a niece of mine keeps the "Tuns." His name is Henry Nursey.

27,259. (*Mr. Biron.*) How long has your niece been a man?—He is a married man, and has been for several years. He has had two wives.

27,260. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) That is your niece?—That is my niece—my nephew I should say.

27,261. What time did you vote?—About half-past 8 in the morning.

27,262. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a farthing. I did not get a glass of ale.

27,263. Or the promise of anything?—I never got a farthing promised, nor did I ask for it. I voted at different times, and never received a farthing in my life; not from any one.

27,264. Did anybody treat you at the "Tuns"?—Not a soul, I can assure you.

JAMES LUNNIS sworn and examined. *J. Lunnis.*

27,265. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A clipper.

27,266. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

27,267. At what time?—Between 3 and 4.

27,268. How came you to vote so late?—I did not come into Norwich till late.

27,269. Do you live far off?—I live a mile and a half from the city, at the further extremity.

27,270. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—No.

27,271. Did you get anything for voting?—No, nothing, and no offer of anything; and I should not have taken anything if it had been offered. I am a Conservative in principle, and I should not have taken anything. No one enticed me to vote.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

4 Oct. 1869.

William Bunting sworn and examined.

W. Bunting.

27,272. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A French polisher.

27,273. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

27,274. At what time?—Between 3 and half-past 3.

27,275. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

27,276. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because I had some work that was wanted.

27,277. Where were you during the early part of the day?—I was at work.

27,278. Were you at work at your own place?—Yes.

27,279. Were you working until you went and voted?—Yes, until about a quarter of an hour or 20 minutes before I voted.

27,280. Did you go into any public-houses before you voted?—I went and had a glass of ale in the "Three Kings," but there was no body there.

27,281. Was anything said about money for votes?—There was not a soul there.

27,282. Then you got nothing nor the promise of anything?—No.

Arthur Drake sworn and examined.

A. Drake.

27,283. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

27,284. At what time in the day?—Between 1 and 2 I should think.

27,285. Was it not after 2?—No, it was not after 2.

27,286. Where were you during the early part of the day?—I was taking down the stage in St. Andrew's Hall.

27,287. Are you a carpenter then?—Yes.

27,288. There was plenty of time for you to go and vote, taking down the stage was not such an urgent matter?—No, but when we began it, we stuck to it till we got it all away.

27,289. Why did you not go and vote before?—There was time enough; there was no occasion to go before I thought.

27,290. You cannot tell what went n that morning in your house?—No, there was not ything went on that I am aware of.

27,291. Were you engaged all day at St. Andrew's Hall?—No, I came and voted, and after I had voted I did not go to work any more.

27,292. Where were you after you had voted?—I was in one place and another. I cannot say exactly where.

27,293. Did you go home?—Yes.

27,294. Were there not a number of voters in your house?—There were some there at one time.

27,295. Was there a person named Traxton there?—Not that day I think.

27,296. Was he there the day before?—He was in about a week or so before.

27,297. Did you hear Traxton agree to pay money to voters?—No.

27,298. Or to any man?—No.

27,299. Not that day?—No.

27,300. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

27,301. Nor yet any other day?—Nor yet any other day.

27,302. Was there a good deal of beer drunk in your house that day?—No.

27,303. Was any score run up there?—No.

27,304. Have you made any claim, or has your wife made any claim against anybody for beer supplied that day?—No.

27,305. Have you been paid anything for beer supplied that day?—Mr. Traxton in the Close gave me 2*s.* after the election for beer that was stuck up about a week before the election.

27,306. To whom was that beer supplied?—To several working men's wives.

27,307. What was he giving the beer for?—That I cannot say; there were several women there when he came in one day, and he treated them as far as 2*s.*, and he paid me a week or two after the election.

27,308. Was there a talk about the election at that time?—I was not at home. I cannot say about that.

27,309. Did he not pay for some beer that had been supplied on the day of the election?—I was not there, but I have not heard my wife say that he was in that day.

27,310. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

27,311. Or were you promised anything?—No.

27,312. Were you canvassed for your vote?—I was canvassed by both parties, but I did not promise anyone.

27,313. Had you promised your vote before the day of the election?—I said that if I voted at all I should vote for Sir Henry Stracey; that is what I told Mr. Taylor, my governor.

27,314. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Has there been any beer paid for that was supplied at the time of the election?—There was the 2*s.* I have told you of, nothing more.

George Tuttle sworn and examined.

G. Tuttle.

27,315. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

27,316. At what time in the day?—Between 11 and 12 o'clock. I cannot say exactly to a minute.

27,317. Had you promised your vote before?—No.

27,318. Were you asked by anybody for your vote?—I was never asked which way I was going to vote.

27,319. Who took you to the poll?—No one.

27,320. Who did you go up with?—Two or three of us went up together. I did not go to the poll just then. I went round the street before I voted.

27,321. Who were with you then?—My son was one, and a man of the name of Clarke; we walked round the street.

27,322. What public-house were you in?—The "Red Lion," I believe, and had about a pint before I voted; that is the only house I was in the whole day.

27,323. Who gave it to you?—I paid for it.

27,324. Did you get any money for your vote?—No, not a farthing.

27,325. Had you heard of any money going that day?—No, not a farthing.

27,326. Have you had any money given to you since?—No.

27,327. On the day of the election did anybody come to you and say anything to you about your vote?—Not a word.

27,328. Did anybody speak to you about your vote?—No.

27,329. Not in the street?—No.

27,330. Nor yet in the house?—No.

27,331. Did you see David Cubitt that day?—I saw him.

27,332. Did you see Warnes that day?—I do not know the man.

27,333. Did David Cubitt give you any beer?—No; he never spoke to me, and I never spoke to him.

27,334. Do you know Maris?—No, I do not know such a name.

GEORGE TUTTLE, junior, sworn and examined. *G. Tuttle, junr.*

27,335. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Stracey.

27,336. At what time in the day did you vote?—Between 11 and 12.

27,337. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

27,338. Or the promise of anything?—No promise.

27,339. Are you married?—Yes.

27,340. Did your wife get anything?—No.

27,341. Were you canvassed?—No.

27,342. Did nobody ask you to vote?—No.

27,343. Not on either side?—No.

27,344. Had you ever voted before?—No.

27,345. How came you to vote this time?—I voted as a ratepayer, paying rates.

27,346. But what made you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I have got my own principles.

27,347. You are a Tory, are you?—Yes.

CHARLES DAYNES sworn and examined. *C. Daynes.*

27,348. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

27,349. At what time?—At half-past 3.

27,350. Where were you all the morning?—I was at work till just before half-past 3.

27,351. At what work?—At Mr. Young's, the builder's.

27,352. Could you not get away from your work?—No.

27,353. What was there so urgent about your business that you did not go to vote?—I did not want to lose my time.

27,354. Did anybody come and ask you to vote?—No, I voted of my own free goodwill.

27,355. You saw nobody about voting that day at all?—No.

27,356. Were you in any public-house that day before you voted?—No, I never had a drop of beer.

27,357. Was anything given to you for voting?—No.

27,358. Or were you promised anything?—Nothing.

GEORGE ANDERSON sworn and examined. *G. Anderson.*

27,359. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

27,360. Who asked you to vote?—Young Mr. Henry Stracey, the Thursday previous to that.

27,361. Did you promise him?—I did.

27,362. Did he offer you anything?—Not a halfpenny, nor yet a drink of anything. I gave it honest and true.

27,363. Had you ever voted before?—Yes; but not for a member of Parliament.

27,364. Had you known Mr. Stracey before?—Not to speak to him.

27,365. Have you had anything for your vote?—No, nothing.

27,366. Not even a glass of beer?—No, not even a glass of beer.

ROBERT POINTER sworn and examined. *R. Pointer.*

27,367. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A weaver.

27,368. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,369. For whom?—For Mr. Tillett and Mr. Russell.

27,370. At what time in the day?—I do not know exactly what it was o'clock, but it was from 8 to 11; it was between those hours.

27,371. Were you at the "Elm" Tavern in the afternoon after you had voted?—No.

27,372. I mean young Warnes' house?—Not to the best of my knowledge. I do not know; I do not believe I was.

27,373. Do you live in Church Street?—No.

27,374. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

27,375. Or the promise of anything?—No.

JAMES BARKER sworn and examined. *J. Barker.*

27,376. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

27,377. Where were you all the earlier part of the day?—I was at work.

27,378. For whom were you at work?—Along with Mr. Buttle.

27,379. Could you not get to vote before you did?—No, I could not.

27,380. Why not?—Because the craft wanted to get away, and Mr. Buttle asked me not to vote before he did.

27,381. Did anybody ask you to vote?—Nobody asked me, only Mr. Buttle.

27,382. What did Mr. Buttle say to you?—He asked me how I was going to vote. I said, "I do not know." He said, "You cannot vote till you have finished the work," and he said, "How much do you want?" I said, "I do not know." He said, "I will give you 10*s.* if you will wait and go with me," and I went and voted before ten minutes to 4.

27,383. You got the 10*s.* from Buttle?—Yes.

27,384. What Buttle is that?—Richard Buttle, the coal merchant on the quay side.

27,385. Was there anybody else that he asked to vote besides yourself?—No, not in my presence.

27,386. Did you hear of his asking anybody else to vote?—No.

27,387. Did anybody go up with you and Buttle?—No.

ROBERT POINTER sworn and examined. *R. Pointer.*

27,388. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a milkman, a milk seller.

27,389. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

27,390. At what time in the day?—After I had done my round about 10 or 11 o'clock; I cannot tell exactly the time.

27,391. Were you at Warnes' public-house on the day of the poll?—No.

27,392. Were you at the "Elm" tavern?—No.

27,393. Are you certain of that?—Yes.

27,394. Where were you during the day?—I did not stop at all in the town after I had done my milk round. I went home directly.

27,395. What public-houses were you at that day?—I cannot tell, because I call at so many, both night and morning too.

27,396. Did you stop at any of them besides stopping to deliver your milk?—No.

27,397. Who asked you to vote?—No one did not ask me to vote.

27,398. Did you promise?—I did not promise anybody further than to say I was going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

27,399. When did you say that?—When I went to the poll.

27,400. Not before?—No.

27,401. Do you know Warnes?—No.

27,402. Were you in the parlour of the "Elm" tavern that day?—No, I did not go near it.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

R. Pointer.

4 Oct. 1869.

27,403. Did you see William Quantril that day?—No.

27,404. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing; that is just what I should have liked. I should have liked something, but there was nothing for me. I did not ask for anything, and did not receive anything. I gave my vote gratis.

27,405. How much would have contented you?—I did not want anything.

27,406. But you would have been glad to have taken something if it had been offered to you?—Yes, I should have been very glad of an old cow. I had one die the other day.

27,407. Did you get any beer?—No, only what I paid for.

27,408. Would half a sovereign have been accepted by you?—No, I should not have accepted it. I had half a sovereign in my pocket.

27,409. Do you know William Quantril?—No, I do not know him.

27,410. Do you know a man called Smasher Smith?—No.

F. Widdows.

FRANCIS WIDDOWS sworn and examined.

27,411. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am hall keeper for the corporation at the Guildhall.

27,412. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

27,413. At what time in the day?—I do not know whether it was five minutes before 9 or five minutes past.

27,414. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

27,415. Or the promise of anything?—No.

W. Fisher.

WILLIAM FISHER sworn and examined.

27,416. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you by business?—A rivetter.

27,417. Did you vote?—I did not vote at all.

27,418. Where were you on the day of the election?—The fore part of the day I was at the sign of the "Prince of Wales," I believe, at the corner of St. James'.

27,419. When did you go to the "Elm" tavern?—I was not there at all. I do not know where it is.

27,420. Do you mean to say that you were not at the "Elm" at all?—No, not at all.

27,421. Is the house at which you were kept by Reuben Cann?—Yes.

27,422. At what time in the morning did you go there?—I should say about 10 o'clock.

27,423. And till what time did you remain there?—Till about half-past 11.

27,424. Did you go in there again?—Yes.

27,425. At what time?—I should say about half-past 12.

27,426. How long did you remain there then?—About an hour and a half as near as I can guess.

27,427. You went out and came in again?—I did.

27,428. At what time did you get back again?—I think about 2 or half-past 2.

27,429. And did you remain there till 4?—No, till five or ten minutes after 3, as near as I can remember.

27,430. Did you go in there again?—No, I went home.

27,431. You had had enough beer by that time, had you not?—Well, what I had I paid for, that is all. I did not mix up with the men in the tap. What I had I had in the bar, and that I paid for.

27,432. Had you a vote?—Yes, that was the first time that I had had a vote.

27,433. Do you know David Cubitt?—No, I do not.

27,434. Did you not see him at Cann's that night?—I do not know him. I saw several of them there that day, but I do not know Cubitt. It is not much that I go out into company, and so I do not know him.

27,435. During the time you were in that house who were there?—Well, I only knew them that went with me, that was Mr. Cann, old Mr. Cann, the father of the landlord, his son, John Cann, and Mr. Nudds, and Mr. Mears, the miller, we all went away together.

27,436. Do you know anybody else who was there?—No.

27,437. There were a considerable number of people in the house, were there not?—I should say there were something like 20 people in the tap room.

27,438. Going in and out?—Yes.

27,439. And drinking?—Well, I never saw them drink only what they paid for.

27,440. Never mind who paid for the drink, they were in fact all drinking?—Yes, they were drinking.

27,441. Did you see a man there paying for beer that was supplied to the men?—No.

27,442. Do you recollect a talk about voting?—No. I was asked several times if I had voted, and I said no, that was all.

27,443. Who was it who asked you whether you had voted or not?—I do not know. I did not know them.

27,444. They were asking you for your vote?—No, they asked me had I voted, and I said no.

27,445. Did nobody come and urge you to vote?—No, no one came and asked me individually to vote.

27,446. Did nobody ask you if you would vote?—No, I do not remember it, not anybody.

27,447. Do you remember anybody saying something about 5*s.*?—There was a man came in, but who he was I am not able to say, and said I could have 5*s.*, and I said no I did not want 5*s.*

27,448. Did he say you could have 5*s.* for your vote?—I do not remember his saying that; he meant that undoubtedly. He said, "You can have 5*s.*," I said, "I have not voted, and I do not want it."

27,449. Did he say where you could get it?—No, he did not say that. I did not pass any more words with him.

27,450. Do you know who the man was?—No, I do not know him.

27,451. Do you know Worledge by sight?—No, I do not.

27,452. There is a man named Maris who keeps a cart, do you know him?—No.

27,453. Was it that man?—No, he came in there.

27,454. Was Maris with the man who offered you the 5*s.*?—No, I think Maris came in alone.

27,455. Did the man who spoke to you about the 5*s.* come in before or after Maris came in?—Before, I think.

27,456. How long before Maris came in did he come in?—Well, I am sure I cannot say how long it was, a little time I believe.

27,457. Do you know Warnes of the "Elm" Tavern?—Yes, I believe I do.

27,458. Was he there?—No, I did not see him there.

27,459. When the 5*s.* was offered to you by this man what did you say?—I told him I did not want it, and should not take it.

27,460. Did you intend then not to vote at all?—Well, I did not trouble myself anything about voting.

27,461. Had you determined not to vote unless you were paid for it?—I believe I did make that remark.

27,462. And well paid for it?—No, I do not remember that.

27,463. What was your price?—I do not know I am sure. I was not offered any price, and I did not ask any price.

27,464. You made up your mind that you would be paid before you voted. You were offered 5*s.*, and you would not take it; now tell us what was your price?—I did not put any price upon it.

27,465. You know you have told us that you would not vote for 5*s.*, how much would have satisfied you, a sovereign?—I did not ask for anything.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

W. Fisher.

4 Oct. 1869.

27,466. What was the amount that you had in your mind at the time ?—I had no mind for anything of the kind. I did not ask anybody for anything.

27,467. If you had been offered a sovereign do you mean to say you would have refused it ?—I do not know that I should.

27,468. You say there were some other people with you, was the 5s, offered to them ?—Not that I am aware of, I was passing through the tap room in fact when this man, whoever he might be, stopped me.

27,469. He asked you whether you had voted ?—Yes, he did.

27,470. And you said no ?—Yes.

27,471. And then he said, "What do you want for "your vote ?"—No.

27,472. Did you tell him that you did not intend to vote or what ?—No, I told that I had not voted, that was all I said.

27,473. And then what did he say ?—He never spoke to me any more.

27,474. You have told us that he spoke to you about 5*s.* ?—Yes, he said, "You can have 5*s.*," and I said, "I do not want it."

27,475. What further passed, because that seems not to be at all consecutive; when you said that you had not voted, what did he say ?—He said I could have 5*s.* I said, "I do not want it," and then I went in, and when I came back the man was gone.

27,476. Did he not say for whom he would give you the 5*s.* to vote ?—No, I did not stay long enough. I had no more to say to him than what I have said to you, not a bit.

27,477. Whereabouts in the house was this said to you ?—In the way from the tap.

27,478. What sort of a man was it ?—A lowish man. I took no particular notice of him, I only saw him as I passed through the room, and when I came back the man was gone.

27,479. Do you mean to say that you can recollect no one else who was at Cann's that day ?—I cannot.

27,480. How came you to go to Cann's ?—I went out with my neighbours, and Mr. Cann's son keeping that house we went to that house.

27,481. Did Mr. Cann's son go with you, then ?—Yes, one of his sons; we are all neighbours, living close to each other, and we all started away together.

27,482. Did you go together to see what you could get for your votes ?—We had not much idea of that.

L. H. Pert.

Leonard Henry Pert sworn and examined.

27,483. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

27,484. At what time ?—About 2 o'clock.

27,485. Did you promise your vote ?—Yes; I did not promise only so far that I promised I should not vote for Mr. Tillett, and they thanked me and went away.

27,486. When was that ?—Two or three days before the election day.

27,487. Did you get anything for voting ?—No. I had been laid up with the rheumatics, and I was in the house all day till I went out to vote.

27,488. Who took you to the poll ?—Three gentlemen came after me.

27,489. What gentlemen were they ?—Mr. Maris, Mr. Love, and Mr. Ellis. One came in at the front and one at the back door, and said, "Old friend, we want you to go and vote." I said, "I cannot come; "you see how I am situated, I cannot walk. I have "not had my boots on for a fortnight." They said, "We will carry you. We have got a cab here;" and so I went with them in the cab and voted.

27,490. What did they give you ?—Nothing.

27,491. What did they offer you ?—Nothing.

27,492. Did you ask for anything ?—No.

27,493. Did they promise you anything ?—No.

27,494. Have you had anything since ?—No.

27,495. Are you quite certain of that ?—Yes, quite certain; I should be sorry to take anything as a bribe in any way.

J. Edwards.

James Edwards sworn and examined.

27,496. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A cooper.

27,497. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Stracey.

27,498. At what time in the day ?—About half-past 2.

27,499. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

27,500. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

27,501. Why did you not vote earlier ?—Because I did not leave my work till past 1.

27,502. Were you at work the whole morning ?—Yes.

27,503. Were you taken up to the poll by anybody ?—Yes.

27,504. By whom ?—Mr. Maris.

26,505. Did not Maris give you anything ?—No.

27,506. Or promise you anything ?—No.

27,507. Are you married ?—Yes.

27,508. Did he give your wife anything ?—No.

27,509. How came you to go up with Maris ?—He called at my place at dinner time, and asked if I had voted; I told him I had not voted, and was going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey after dinner.

27,510. Is Maris a customer of yours ?—I am a customer of Mr. Maris'.

27,511. You are on friendly terms with him ?—Yes.

B. George.

Benjamin George sworn and examined.

27,512. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

27,513. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

27,514. At what time in the day ?—Between 2 and 3 as near as I can guess.

27,515. What is your business ?—A shoemaker; a cordwainer.

27,516. Why did you not vote earlier ?—It is a man's option to vote when he likes.

27,517. Quite so. Were you looking out for what you could get ?—No, I never looked out for nothing.

27,518. Though you did not look for it, did you get it ?—No, I do not require it.

27,519. Was nothing offered to you ?—No.

27,520. Who came and fetched you up to the poll ?—Nobody.

27,521. Did anybody come and ask you to come and vote ?—No.

27,522. Did anybody come to your house that day ?—No.

27,523. What public-house were you at on that day ?—The "Tiger," in St. Edmunds, is the only house I use.

27,524. Were you at that public-house that day ?—Yes, at some time during the day.

27,525. At what time in the day ?—I suppose between 2 and 3 in the afternoon.

27,526. Before you voted ?—After I voted.

27,527. Did you not go there before you voted ?—Yes, I might.

27,528. Did you ?—I might go there.

27,529. I know it is posssible you might, but that is no answer to my question. Did you go there ?—I am not confident whether I did go there.

27,530. Do you believe you went there before you voted ?—I might have went and got a glass of ale; I generally do go of a morning; perhaps I go at six in the morning and get a glass of ale.

27,531. You must answer the question.—I was in the house during the day.

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B. George.

4 Oct. 1869.

27,532. Were you not there before you voted?—Yes, I have not the least doubt but what I was; but I am not confident whether I was or no.

27,533. Why did you not tell me so before? Is there anything about which you are ashamed of being there?—Not a bit in the world.

27,534. Was anything offered to you?—No.

27,535. Was there any talk about voting in the house?—No.

27,536. Was there any treating going on in the house?—No, I do not believe there were above three or four persons in the house during the day.

27,537. Did anybody offer you any beer?—No, all the beer I had I paid for; and that was very little.

27,538. Do you mean to say you got nothing for your vote, and were not promised anything?—No, I never was offered anything.

27,539. Neither money nor beer?—No, I never saw the sign of anything of the kind.

J. Edwards.

JOSIAH EDWARDS sworn and examined.

27,540. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Tillett and Russell.

27,541. At what time in the day?—Just after 9.

27,542. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

27,543. Was anything promised you?—No.

27,544. Was any money offered you to vote for the other side?—No.

27,545. Were you canvassed to vote for Stracey?—Yes.

27,546. By whom?—Young Mr. Stracey, and someone else whose name I do not know.

27,547. Did they offer you any money?—No.

27,548. Did they tell you where you could get some beer?—No.

27,549. Did you tell them you meant to vote for Tillett and Russell?—Yes.

27,550. No offer was made to you?—No, no offer at all.

27,551. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you not said that something was offered to you?—No.

27,552. Are you sure about that?—I am quite sure of that.

27,553. Have you been chatting in a public-house, and saying you might have had something?—No.

27,554. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you one of the organisation?—Yes.

H. Baker.

HENRY BAKER sworn and examined.

27,555. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A clicker.

27,556. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,557. For whom?—For Stracey.

27,558. At what time in the day?—About 2 o'clock.

27,559. Did you get anything for voting?—Certainly not.

27,560. Or the promise of anything?—No, certainly not; I should scorn the idea.

27,561. What were you doing the early part of the morning?—I was at work.

27,562. Until your dinner hour?—Yes.

27,563. And you voted at your dinner hour?—Yes.

27,564. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You did not go to the "Horse Shoes" that morning?—No, certainly not. I was at work all the forenoon.

J. Gurney.

JOSEPH GURNEY sworn and examined.

27,565. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Tillett and Russell.

27,566. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

27,567. Were you promised anything?—I was, by a man of the name of Pratt.

27,568. Is he the landlord of the "Prince of Denmark" public-house?—Yes.

27,569. What did he promise you?—A crown.

27,570. For what?—To vote for Mr. Stracey.

27,571. At what time in the day did he promise you that?—Between 2 and 3.

27,572. Did you say that you would vote for him?—No, I did not.

27,573. Were there any other men there besides yourself when that offer was made?—No.

27,574. Were you alone there?—My wife was with me.

27,575. Does she recollect it?—Yes.

27,576. Were there no other men in the house at that time?—That was in the public street,

27,577. How came it to happen?—I was going down to the city, and he asked me if I had voted, and I said I had not.

27,578. Did you know him before?—Yes, I know the man.

27,579. He asked you whether you had voted?—Yes; I said I had not. I was going down, and he told me to jump up, and he would get a crown if I would vote.

27,580. Did he say for whom?—For Stracey.

27,581. What did you say?—I said No, I should not.

27,582. (*Mr. Biron.*) Was he driving?—Yes, in a van.

27,583. Was he alone?—No, there were two other men in the van with him, but I do not know these other men.

27,584. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were they going up to the poll?—I cannot tell where they was going to; it was near the "Cat and Angel" where I see them; they drove off for the city.

S. Dunn.

SAMUEL DUNN sworn and examined.

27,585. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A master hairdresser.

27,586. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,587. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,588. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

27,589. Did you get anything for voting?—No, nothing.

27,590. Or the promise of anything?—Nor the promise of anything.

27,591. Why did you not vote earlier?—I went up at half-past 10 to vote, but it was so crowded round the poll that I could not get near, and I could not wait as I was obliged to attend to my business. I have plenty of business, and I am losing customers now by being here.

S. Chaplin.

SAMUEL CHAPLIN sworn and examined.

27,592. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,593. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,594. Have you voted before?—I have.

27,595. Which side?—Do you mean for the municipal election?

27,596. No, I am speaking now of an election for members of Parliament?—I never did vote for a member of Parliament before.

27,597. What time in the day did you vote?—I should say about 20 minutes to 3.

27,598. How came you not to vote earlier than that?—Because I was busy at work.

27,599. What is your business?—My business is

making sweets, and travelling in the country with them.

27,600. That would enable you to get about anywhere you liked pretty well, would it not?—If I thought proper. I was not solicited for my vote by no one.

27,601. Were you not asked for your vote?—No, by no one.

27,602. Did nobody come and ask you?—Nobody came and asked me. I went of my own free good will.

27,603. Did nobody speak to you in the street about voting?—No.

27,604. Did nobody come and tell you you could have a little money for it?—No.

27,605. Did you vote without any offer?—I voted of my own free good will.

27,606. Did anybody offer you anything?—No; I never spoke to anybody, and nobody see me vote only the gentlemen at the books.

27,607. You got nothing for your vote?—No; and did not want.

27,608. Although you did not want it, did you get anything?—Nobody gave me anything, and I did not ask anybody for anything; nobody knew I voted but myself.

WILLIAM CHAPLIN sworn and examined. *W. Chaplin.*

27,609. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

27,610. At what time in the day?—About half-past 2.

27,611. Who took you up?—Mr. Maris.

27,612. What did you get?—Nothing.

27,613. Did he offer you anything?—No.

27,614. Did you get any beer for it?—No.

27,615. Where did he take you up from?—Wright's.

27,616. Is that a beerhouse?—Yes.

27,617. There was beer going there for the voters?—No; I did not see any.

27,618. Did you not get any of it yourself?—No.

27,619. Are you quite certain?—Yes.

27,620. Have you had any money since for your vote?—No.

27,621. Where is Wright's beerhouse?—Catton Old Road.

27,622. A good many voters were there, were there not?—Five or six.

27,623. Were others taken up as well as yourself from Wright's beerhouse?—Yes.

27,624. Do you know that they were being treated?—Not that I see.

27,625. Did you not hear treating was going on there?—No.

27,626. Did you not hear of treating going on anywhere there?—No; I never see any. I never left my work till 2 o'clock.

27,627. Did you try to get any beer yourself?—No.

27,628. Did you not ask if any was going anywhere?—No.

27,629. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you mean to say you got taken up by Maris and got no beer?—Yes; I saw the others going, and I asked them to wait for me.

WILLIAM TANN sworn and examined. *W. Tann.*

27,630. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

27,631. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,632. For whom?—Stracey and Tillett.

27,633. At what time in the day?—I should think about half-past 2, as near as I can recollect.

27,634. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

27,635. Why did you not vote sooner?—I had not an opportunity.

27,636. What were you doing?—I was at work in my malt-house and could not get away before.

27,637. You got nothing for voting?—No.

27,638. Nor the promise of anything?—No; not anything.

GEORGE JAMES WOOD sworn and examined. *G. J. Wood.*

27,639. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A leather seller.

27,640. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,641. For whom?—For Stracey.

27,642. At what time in the day?—I cannot say for a few minutes, but I should think nearly 2 o'clock.

27,643. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

27,644. Or the promise of anything?—Not anything; not even a glass of ale.

WILLIAM HOUGHTON recalled and further examined. *W. Houghton.*

27,645. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are sworn.—Yes; I was sworn the day I was here.

27,646. That oath is binding upon you now. Do you recollect, just before you were examined here, being in company with Mackley as you were coming up?—Yes; quite well.

27,647. Did any conversation take place between you and Mackley?—Yes.

27,648. What was it?—He wanted us to go to Mr. Hulme and get a sovereign each off of him to swear as Mr. Hulme swore the day before.

27,649. He wanted you to go to Mr. Hulme?—Yes; I and my brother.

27,650. To get a sovereign from Mr. Hulme to swear what Mr. Hulme had sworn the day before?—Yes.

27,651. And that was that he had given you 5*l.*?—He never gave me no 5*l.*

27,652. But it was to swear that you had received 5*l.* of Mr. Hulme?—Yes; that I had received 5*l.* of Mr. Hulme, which I never did.

27,653. What did you say?—I said no; I was not going to be guilty of no such dirty action. That is what I told him.

27,654. Was your brother present at the same time?—Yes; he was.

27,655. Did Mackley say what he was going to say?—Mackley said he should go and get some off of him, and so he did; there was no mistake about that, because I saw him go into the shop, and I walked on here.

27,656. Did you see him afterwards?—Yes; I saw him afterwards.

27,657. Did he say anything to you then?—No.

27,658. Did you ask him anything about it?—No.

27,659. Nothing occurred between you and him about that?—No.

27,660. Before that had Mackley said anything to you about what he had received from Hulme?—Yes; he said he had taken 5*l.* and a few shillings of him. That is what he told me.

27,661. Have you stated all the money you have received from Hulme?—Yes; I received 2*l.* from him altogether; 2*l.*, and when the election was over I had 5*s.* from him.

27,662-3. (*Mr. Biron.*) You have told us that before.—Yes, I did tell you, and I did not come up here to tell you a lie first of all.

We have had an opportunity of ascertaining a great deal about the correctness of your statement. We know that the money was applied as you said it was in the first instance.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

J. Houghton.

4 Oct. 1869.

JOHN HOUGHTON recalled and further examined.

27,664. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You were sworn when you were here before.—Yes.

27,665. That oath is still binding upon you with regard to the evidence you are about to give. Were you present with your brother and Mackley at the time you were going to give your evidence, some time back ?—Yes.

27,666. Do you recollect a statement being made to you by Mackley as to what you were to say here ?—Yes.

27,667. Tell me what the statement was.—The statement between us was that I was to go with him to Hulme's shop, and there I should have a quid—a sovereign he meant.

27,668. You were to have that sovereign for what ?—To come up here to say I had *5l.*, whereas I had only *5s.*

27,669. In truth and fact what did you get from Hulme ?—I got the *5s.*, and never more, nor yet no less. When he represented I had *5l.* that is all I had.

27,670. Had you any further conversation with Mackley then?—No, I do not recollect having no further conversation. When he asked me about going to Hulme's shop I said, "No, I do not get my living by that game."

27,671. You know Mackley did go to Hulme's shop ?—I see him go.

27,672. Do you know what he went there for ?—I know nothing, no further than what he represented to me.

27,673. Did Mackley tell you afterwards what he went for ?—No, I never asked him ; I did not like the idea of it.

27,674. Mackley did not tell you what he got from Hulme for that transaction ?—No ; he represented to me that he came out with no money, but before long he had some ; that is all I know about it.

27,675. You were offered *1l.* to give a different account of the facts from the true account ?—He said, "Come along with me, and we will get a sovereign," or "a quid," one of those two words ; and he said, "Come along with me," and I said, "No, I am not to be had so." Them were the words as near as I can say them.

27,676. You were to come, in return for that sovereign, and swear before us that Hulme had told the truth ?—Yes, that is how I reckoned it was.

27,677. For that you were to have a sovereign ?—Yes, that was my reckoning of it.

27,678. That was the meaning of the transaction between you and Mackley ?—Yes, that is what I reckoned it at.

27,679. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did Mackley in your hearing say what it was he got from Hulme ?—Yes.

27,680. What ?—*5l.*, and he gave *10s.* to a man who was a tailor ; and then he went to him after that, and he got a few shillings ; altogether it made up *5l.* and a few shillings. Mackley told me that in his own house.

27,681. When was that ?—On the morning of our being here.

27,682. Before you came here ?—Yes.

27,683. Did Mackley ever say in your hearing what sum it was he was going to tell us he had got ?—Yes.

27,684. When was that ?—That was on that day—*15l.*

27,685. Did he say why he was going to tell us he got *15l.* ?—He said he should go to Hulme and get something off him, and he wanted me to go to Hulme and get some money to state it.

27,686. Did he give you any reason why he was coming here to tell us he got *15l.* when he only got *5l.* ?—No, he gave no further reason.

G. Sarsby.

GEORGE SARSBY recalled and further examined.

27,687. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A licensed victualler.

27,688. What house do you keep ?—The "Queen," Opie Street.

27,689. Do you know Mackley ?—Yes, I know both the Mackleys.

27,690. Tom Mackley I mean ?—Yes, I know him.

27,691. Do you know the Houghtons ?—Yes, I know them both to see to.

27,692. Do you know Mr. Hulme the chemist, the chairman of the Eldon club ?—Yes, quite well.

27,693. Has Mackley ever said anything to you about the money he got ?—Not to me.

27,694. In your hearing ?—I heard him mention it to Mr. Hulme one day.

27,695. Where was that ?—In my porter room.

27,696. What did he say ?—I heard him say he gave him only *5l.* something, but what the something was I could not understand—meaning some odd shillings ; and Mr. Hulme said, "Never mind, I will be the right side with you, Edwards."

27,697. When was that ?—That was the time the inquiry was going on, previous to the adjournment.

27,698. Was it before we had examined Hulme ?—It was after you had examined Mr. Hulme.

27,699. And before we had examined Mackley ?—I could not exactly swear to that.

27,700. How soon after we had examined Hulme ?—It was just at the time you examined Hulme.

27,701. As I understand you, Hulme and Mackley were talking about what money had been given by Hulme ?—From what I could understand, Mr. Hulme treated Mackley with something to drink, and they were both in conversation together, and that is what I heard.

27,702. Was anything said about the money the Houghtons had got ?—Not at that time at all.

27,703. At any other time ?—Yes, Mr. Hulme mentioned it to me in one instance.

27,704. When ?—I think it was on the same day that John Houghton was examined in the box. He came to my place, and I asked him what he had done with the *40l.*, which was the first commencement of the conversation ; and he began to whistle when I asked him that, and it passed off for awhile till the coast was clear ; and he called me into the little room and said he had asked John Houghton what he had given him, and he said *5l.* I said, "Did he say *5l.* or *5s.* ?" He said he did not say, but that he had put it down *5l.*, thinking it must be so.

27,705. Did you say anything upon that ?—I told him he must know his own business best.

27,706. Did he say anything about William Houghton ?—No, William was not mentioned, not in my hearing at all.

27,707. Have you told me everything that Hulme has said ?—Everything that Hulme has said in my hearing concerning himself or Mackley.

27,708. Or the Houghtons ?—Yes, all that I know about it.

27,709. Did you vote last election ?—Yes, I did.

27,710. Did you get anything for voting ?—Not a penny.

27,711. Did you apply to Hulme for any money to get up voters with ?—No.

27,712. Did you apply to anybody for money to get up voters with ?—No.

27,713. Did you get up any voters ?—No.

27,714. Did you pay or promise anybody anything, for voting ?—No, not for voting.

27,715. After they had voted ?—No.

27,716. You say not for voting ; for what ?—Mr. Hulme promised me money, but not to get up voters with.

27,717. What was it for ?—It was one Sunday evening previous to the election Mr. Hulme came to mine, and called me away from the company that was in the house, and told me that Mr. Colman was going to send up his men on the following morning to get the show of hands at the nomination, and he asked me if I could go anywhere and get a lot of people to

go and show their hands, to be as high up in the nomination as the opposite party was, and I told him I did not know hardly where to go to, and he mentioned two or three places, Ber Street, the Market Place, and Pockthorpe. I said I had no objection if he would pay me my expenses for so doing, but I said I should not undertake the job without. I explained that I thought I might get a lot by giving them 6*d.* or 1*s.* each. Consequently I went, and it cost me in various sums, though I cannot give you the exact sums, 10*s.* 6*d.*, and I went to several places where there were men that would show their hands, but not under 2*s.* 6*d.* I was not authorised to give any amount further than 1*s.* or 6*d.*, and consequently I did not engage with any, but my expenses were 10*s.*, which I asked Mr. Hulme for, and have on several occasions.

27,718. Has he paid you back again ?—No.

27,719. Do I understand you that this 10*s.* 6*d.* was spent in different sums of shillings and sixpences paid to men to show their hands ?—No, I did not do so, but you cannot get into conversation without spending money.

27,720. You spent the money in making inquiries ?—Yes, and for a cab I had to ride part of the way. I understood from Mr. Hulme that whatever expenses were incurred he would pay me again.

27,721. You went to different public-houses to pump the men and see what they would do it for ?—Yes.

27,722. That is what you mean to convey ?—Yes, and they would not go unless I gave them half a crown each.

27,723. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You could not come up to that price, and therefore you did not get them ?—No, I would not go further than Mr. Hulme authorised me to go.

27,724. Did you go to the nomination ?—I was in the market, but I did not go inside.

27,725. Was anything said about Mr. Stanley ?—I never heard his name mentioned.

WATLING CANN sworn and examined.

W. Cann.

27,726. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—I did.

27,727. For whom ?—For Mr. Stracey.

27,728. At what time in the day ?—The afternoon ; the middle of the afternoon.

27,729. Between 2 and 3, or between 3 and 4 ?—I cannot say to half an hour, but I should think about 3.

27,730. Your son keeps a public-house, does he not ?—Yes.

27,731. You were very active, were you not, in getting up voters for him ?—No.

27,732. Did you not go about and get some people to come to your son's house ?—No ; I am come here to speak the truth you know, and I will do it too.

27,733. Did you go to your son's public-house that day ?—Yes, every day.

27,734. Were there a considerable number of persons there that day ?—Yes.

27,735. Were they drinking there ?—Yes.

27,736. Do you know a man of the name of Gurney ?—No.

27,737. Was he there ?—I do not know him.

27,738. Did you get any men to go to your son's public-house ?—No, my neighbours went with me ; they lived in my parish.

27,739. Were those the only persons that were there ?—Oh, no ; there were several there.

27,740. Who was paying for the drink ?—I paid for what I had myself.

27,741. And did they pay for themselves ?—Yes.

27,742. And did everybody else who had any ?—To the best of my knowledge they did. I know I did.

27,743. Do you know Cubitt's public-house ?—Yes.

27,744. Were you there during the day ?—No.

27,745. What quantity of drink had you ?—I cannot tell you whether it was ale or porter.

27,746. Had you so many pots that you cannot tell ?—I never drank two pots of beer in my life at one sitting. I say that as a gentleman standing here, and I am a gentleman.

27,747. Were you drunk or not ?—I do not understand being drunk.

27,748. Are you sure that you were not drunk on that day ?—I never do get drunk. I was not drunk that day and no other day ; no one can say it of me.

27,749. Did anybody offer you any money ?—No, I never saw any.

27,750. Did anybody offer it to you ?—No.

27,751. Did anybody give you any money ?—No.

27,752. Or promise you any ?—No ; that is the truth. I do not care who says they did ; I say they did not.

27,753. Why did you not vote before ?—That was my own option.

27,754. But why did you not vote before ?—It is very seldom that I do vote till that time.

27,755. Have you voted before ?—Yes, scores of times.

27,756. Which way have you voted before ?—I never change. I am not a weathercock.

27,757. Have you always been a Tory ?—Yes, always a Tory. Mr. Kent, a neighbour of mine, came and asked me for my vote, and I told him, "No, it is of no use coming and asking me ; I am a Tory." He wanted me to go as he did, but I would not.

27,758. Why did you not vote before, you being a Tory ?—I was on the spree then, you know, along with other people. I did not like to leave my sons in a hurry. I was next door to the voting place. I can assure you that I took nothing to drink with no one. If I did I wish I may never move from this place. I do not care who says I did. I am not a man of that principle.

27,759. Did you hear them bargaining about votes in your son's house ?—There was nobody to hear them bargaining with.

27,760. Did you come in and talk about votes at your son's house ?—No.

27,761. Were they not trying in your son's house to get men to vote ?—Who do you mean ?

27,762. The people who were in your son's house ?—They went of their own accord.

27,763. Did you not hear them asked to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—No, I did not. I can assure you I never heard anybody ask for a vote ; there might be, but I do not believe there was.

ROBERT PARNELL sworn and examined.

R. Parnell.

27,764. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a voter, are you not ?—I have not voted.

27,765. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

27,766. You got your card ?—Yes.

27,767. With whom did you leave it ?—With Warnes.

27,768. Were you in the city on the day of the election ?—No.

27,769. Where were you ?—In the country, walking to Wymondham, nine or ten miles out.

27,770. Are you quite certain you were not in the city on the day of the poll ?—Not from half-past 8 or 9 in the morning.

27,771. You did not vote at half-past 8 or 9 in the morning ?—No, I had not time.

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R. Parnell.

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27,772. You gave your card to Warnes ?—I left it along with Warnes.

27,773. You went to Warnes before you left the city in the morning ?—I went there to leave the card.

27,774. What did you get for it ?—Nothing.

27,775. Why did you leave it with him ?—I told him he might use it. I thought it was legal for him to do so, being the first time I ever had such a thing.

27,776. Did you get anything for it ?—No.

27,777. A glass of beer ?—I had a glass of beer and paid for it.

27,778. Did you get something more ?—No, I did not get nothing, only what I paid for.

27,779. You wanted a day's work ?—No, I did not. I did not ask such a question.

27,780. You would have stopped to vote if you could have got anything for it ?—It would not have answered my purpose to neglect my customers.

27,781. You asked for something ?—No, I did not ask for anything.

27,782. You knew afterwards that your card was used ?—Not that I am aware of.

27,783. You know very well Warnes used it ?—I asked him if he used, and he said, "All right."

27,784. You never had anything for it ?—Not the least thing.

27,785. Had you known Warnes before ?—Yes, I have known him some considerable time; he has dealt with me for pots and glasses for the use of his house.

27,786. Did you ask for any money when you parted with your card ?—No.

27,787. You must have known you were doing wrong ?—No, I was not aware of it at all. I never had such a thing before.

27,788. You are sure you never voted ?—I am sure of it. I was not in the town not till after dark in the evening.

J. Clarke.

JOHN CLARKE sworn and examined.

27,789. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

27,790. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,791. At what time in the day ?—Between 11 and 12. I cannot say exactly.

27,792. Who brought you to the poll ?—I came myself.

27,793. Had you been canvassed that day ?—No.

27,794. Did people come after you ?—No, I had not seen no one.

27,795. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing at all.

27,796. Did you see Warnes at the "Elm" Tavern that day ?—No.

27,797. Or Samuel Ellis ?—No.

27,798. Or Maris ?—No.

27,799. James Carpenter ?—No.

27,800. Taylor ?—No.

27,801. Have you ever voted before ?—No.

27,802. Have you not voted at a municipal election ?—No, I never voted before.

27,803. Did you get the promise of anything for voting ?—No, I never got the promise of anything.

W. Barker.

WILLIAM BARKER sworn and examined.

27,804. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

27,805. At what time ?—Between 2 and 4.

27,806. What is your business ?—A carpenter.

27,807. Why did you not vote before ?—I was busy making a coffin and could not leave till we had finished it.

27,808. Did any one come and ask you to vote ?—Yes, Mr. Kemp asked me whether I would vote, and I told him I would vote for Mr. Tillett. I should give him one.

27,809. For whom did you vote ?—Tillett and Stracey.

27,810. Who else asked you ?—No one else.

27,811. Did you get anything for voting ?—No. I had no one come round to canvass me; only Mr. Kemp asked me.

G. Bugg.

GEORGE BUGG sworn and examined.

27,812. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Stracey and Russell.

27,813. At what time in the day ?—Between 3 and 4.

27,814. What are you a Whig or a Tory ?—A Whig.

27,815. How came you to vote for Stracey ?—They was the two men I thought best.

27,816. What did you get for it ?—Not anything.

27,817. What did you ask ?—Nothing.

27,818. Were you promised anything ?—No.

27,819. Have you got nothing since ?—No.

27,820. Had you any beer that day that you were treated to ?—No.

27,821. Did you not try to get something ?—No.

27,822. What did you want ?—Not anything.

J. D. Potter.

JONATHAN DAVY POTTER called and examined.

(*The witness.*) Should I be allowed not to swear upon the book ? I do not believe in the book.

27,823. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are your religious notions ?—I have none at all. I wish to speak with the greatest respect to you and all the Commission, but I do not believe in swearing on the book. I will tell you the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

27,824. Repeat after me. "I will solemnly and sincerely declare,"——"I solemnly and sincerely swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

27,825. You understand this, that the form of oath in which you have sworn is binding upon your conscience ?—Yes.

27,826. And if you tell anything that is untrue after taking that oath you are liable to be prosecuted for perjury ?—I believe it.

27,827. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes, the first and the last time.

27,828. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,829. At what time in the day ?—3 o'clock, as near as I can guess, not much over or under.

27,830. What did you get for doing it ?—One half sovereign, given to me by Mr. James Thomas Furse.

27,831. Where was he when he gave it to you ?—At the "Waggon and Horses," or very near to it, on Tombland.

27,832. Did you see him give any other man money ?—No.

27,833. Did you see him speak to any other man ?—No.

27,834. Did he come up to you and ask you whether you had voted ?—No.

27,835. How was it ?—I was going past there and he asked me if I had voted; and I said No, I had not. He says, "Who are you going to vote for ?" and I said, "Sir Henry Stracey." And I said, "If there is anything to be had I should like to have it." And he said, "I have no authority to give you any money at all; but," he says, "If you will give a plumper for Sir Henry Stracey I will give you half a sovereign when you come back." I went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey, and when I came back he gave me half a sovereign; and that is all I know about the election. That is the truth.

THOMAS TOWELL sworn and examined. *T. Towell.*

27,836. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

27,837. What time in the day?—About 2.

27,838. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,839. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

27,840. What did your wife get, if you did not get anything?—I am not aware that she got anything.

27,841. Are you aware that you did?—I am aware that I did not.

27,842. Do you mean to say that you got nothing for your vote?—Nothing.

27,843. Nor your wife?—Nothing.

27,844. Did anybody come to you for your vote?—No.

27,845. Where were you on that day?—At work.

27,846. Where were you at work?—At St. James' factory.

27,847. What public-house were you at?—I was not at a public-house that day.

27,848. None at all?—The one that I had my breakfast at that morning, that is all.

27,849. Where had you your breakfast?—At the "Black Horse," on St. Giles' road.

27,850. What did they say to you at the "Black Horse"?—No one said anything to me there.

27,851. Did they not ask you at the "Black Horse" to vote for Stracey?—No.

27,852. Did they not say that you would get something if you did vote for Stracey?—No.

27,853. Do you mean to swear you did not know there was some money going for those who voted for Stracey?—I did not.

27,854. Did nobody come and ask you afterwards to vote?—No.

27,855. Had you anything promised you the day before?—No.

27,856. Who is your employer?—Mr. Keary.

27,857. Why did you not vote before?—I was engaged till between 1 and 2.

27,858. Engaged how?—At my business.

27,859. You went out for your dinner hour?—Yes, that is when I voted.

27,860. Going to and from your business you could vote?—Yes, I could.

27,861. Why did you not? Was it not that you wanted something for your vote?—I should have been most happy to have got it.

27,862. I thought so. Being happy to get something for your vote, did you not get something?—No, no one ever offered me anything.

27,863. It was the common talk that you ought to have something for your votes?—I never heard it.

JOHN JOHNSON sworn and examined. *J. Johnson.*

27,864. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,865. At what time in the day?—About a quarter to 4.

27,866. What made you so late?—I was at work in the forenoon.

27,867. At what do you work?—I am a tailor.

27,868. Who asked you for your vote?—Not anybody.

27,869. Did you talk to anybody about how you were going to vote?—No.

27,870. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

27,871. Did you ever speak to anybody about your vote?—No.

27,872. What did you get for your vote?—Not anything.

27,873. Who took you to the poll?—Not anybody.

27,874. Did you get any beer that day?—No.

WILLIAM PRATT sworn and examined. *W. Pratt.*

27,875. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A watch and clock maker.

27,876. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I did.

27,877. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,878. At what time in the day?—I cannot speak to a few minutes, but it would be about 2 o'clock.

27,879. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not a farthing from anyone, and never asked.

27,880. Who brought you up to the poll?—I am sure I do not know the name. I went in a fly, but I am sure I do not know with who it was.

27,881. From where did they take you?—I went away from the "Elm" tavern.

27,882. Somebody drove up in a carriage, I believe, to take you away?—There was a carriage coming up to the door, and I went with it.

27,883. Was Blyth of the "Keys" with it?—No.

27,884. Young Blyth?—Not that I am aware of.

27,885. There was a gentleman with a carriage, was there not?—There were three or four in the carriage.

27,886. Did one of them come into the tavern and say something to the men there?—There was one of them came in and asked whether we were going to vote.

27,887. How many were there in the tavern?—There were three or four, or four or five.

27,888. Or nine or ten?—Yes, there might be for all I know.

27,889. What did the gentleman say to them?—He asked us to go and vote.

27,890. Did he say he had got some money?—He never offered no money, not there; I never saw any.

27,891. Did he say that he had some money?—No, I never heard him or any one say they had money.

27,892. Did you hear him say anything about money?—Not a word about giving money; I never heard it mentioned.

27,893. Did you hear him say that he had got 30*l.*?—No, I never heard such a word.

27,894. And that if the men there would vote he would give them 10*s.* a piece?—I never heard anyone say anything about 30*l.* or 20*l.*

27,895. What sum was it?—I never heard any sum mentioned, or that anybody had got any money.

27,896. Was nothing said in your hearing about giving the men money?—Not for the election.

27,897. What was said about giving them money?—I heard a man say that he had laid a bet that Sir Henry Stracey was returned, and if Sir Henry Stracey was returned he would not mind standing 10*s.*

27,898. 10*s.* a piece?—Yes, it was only spoken in a jocular manner.

27,899. Was it not a man of the name of Maris who said that?—Yes.

27,900. That was the gentleman who came with the carriage?—That I cannot speak to; I did not go with Maris to vote.

27,901. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) He said he stood to win some money upon it?—Yes.

27,902. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did not two of the men who were there say, "Give us the 10*s.* now?"—That I cannot say. I am sure I did not say so.

27,903. You heard a man say, "I have got some "money on this election, and I will give you 10*s.* "each if Sir Henry Stracey is returned?"—He said he had laid a wager of 10*l.* that Sir Henry Stracey was returned, and if he was returned he would give us 10*s.* each; but I never saw a farthing and never received one, and never saw anyone else receive anything.

27,904. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) There is no reflection

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W. Pratt.

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upon you. It is a most extraordinary thing to me that men in this city, although they are merely the hearers of a conversation, will not speak to a single word.—When the words were said, I took it the same as many other words spoken in a public-house, merely a joke.

27,905. Many a true word is said in what people think is a jest.—I took it as a joke.

27,906. (*Mr. Biron.*) Let us know what was said, and we will form our own judgment?—Nothing more was said.

27,907. I ask you whether two of the men did not themselves say, "Give us the 10*s.* now?"—I do not remember those words being spoken. This I know, that in my presence there was not a farthing parted with or a farthing given.

27,908. You have told me that; what I am asking you now is whether two of the men did not say, "Give the money now"?—I do not remember those words.

27,909. Or something to that effect?—I do not remember it.

27,910. Did not Maris say that he would not give it to them until after they had voted?—That might be said, but I do not remember those words, and if I had I would say so.

27,911. Who were the men that were there when this was going on?—At the time of the election I had not been living in that part of the city twelve months, and during that time I was frequently away for a month or five or six weeks on journies, and although I know the man by sight, still I do not know their names no more than order beer, and it is a house that I do not often go in, for this last six or seven weeks I have only been in the house and drank two glasses of ale I know. I know the men by seeing them, but I really do not know their names. I know one or two I see to-day when I was up here, but I do not know their names.

27,912. Was the landlord there?—I saw him, but he was not a minute in the kitchen, he was in and out and about.

27,913. During the time this gentleman was there?—He was not there that I saw.

27,914. Who was there serving?—I saw the landlady, and I think the sister; however, if it was not, some young woman was serving, and also Mrs. Warnes.

27,915. You cannot tell me the names of one of the men?—I really do not know the names, and if I did I would willingly give you the names, but I really do not know them. I have been living in quite a different part, and I have not been in that part quite twelve months, and I do not know the people by name I am sure.

27,916. Did you get any money to give to other people?—No, never a farthing, and never saw a farthing given from one party to the other.

W. Nudds.

William Nudds sworn and examined.

27,917. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,918. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

27,919. At what time?—Between 3 and 4.

27,920. How came you to vote so late?—I had to be at business during the day.

27,921. What is your business?—A warehouseman.

27,922. In whose employment are you?—Middleton, Ainsworth, and Company.

27,923. You went out for your dinner?—Yes.

27,924. Why did you not vote in the dinner hour?—I could if I had liked I dare say.

27,925. Were you not standing out for something?—No.

27,926. Did anybody come to you and get you to vote?—No.

27,927. You went up of your own accord?—Yes.

27,928. Did anybody offer you anything?—Not a farthing.

27,929. Did you get anything?—No.

27,930. Or the promise of anything?—Nor yet the promise of anything.

27,931. Had you ever voted before?—No.

W. C. Atkinson.

William Cook Atkinson sworn and examined.

27,932. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Mr. Stracey.

27,933. At what time of the day?—About half-past 3.

27,934. What made you vote so late?—I was obliged to keep at my work.

27,935. What are you by trade?—Overlooker at St. James' factory at the time of the election.

27,936. Were you asked by anybody for your vote?—No, not an individual asked me.

27,937. Not before the election?—No.

27,938. Nor yet on the day of the poll?—No.

27,939. With whom did you go to the poll?—I went with Mr. Nudds.

27,940. Did he give you anything for your vote?—No.

27,941. Did anyone give you anything for your vote?—No, I never had a farthing.

27,942. Did you get any beer?—No.

27,943. Have you got anything since?—No.

27,944. Did your wife get anything for your vote?—No.

27,945. You did not get your day's work?—I was paid my day's work; I am a weekly servant.

27,946. You mean you were paid your day's work by your employer?—Yes.

J. Cooper.

John Cooper sworn and examined.

27,947. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,948. For whom?—Tillett and Russell.

27,949. Did you go to the "St. Paul's" tavern that day?—Yes, I went past the tavern in St. Paul's Plain. A man of the name of Mollett stood against the door (he is dead since), and he took hold of me by the collar and pulled me in. He said, says he, "Have you voted?" and I said "No," says I, "I "have not yet, and I am only now up." He gave me hold of a glass of ale, and I drank with him, and I stepped in the house about half an hour, and I went into a back room in the house and there saw a gentleman of the name of Hindes, an old gentleman, and Mr. Hindes said to me, "Are you going to vote?" I said, says I, "Yes, by and bye." Says he, "And who "are you going to vote for?" I said, says I, "I do "not know yet; I have not made up my mind just "yet." I came out of that room, and left Mr. Hindes, and the man's wife who keeps the house laid me down half a crown to vote for Stracey, and I says, says I, "No, I shall not do that; I shall vote according to "principle; I see now in which direction things are "going." I turned out of the house directly, and went and voted for Tillett and Russell, and went home. I was not gone above three quarters of an hour altogether, and that is all I know about it.

27,950. Did you see Mollett take other men into the room where Hindes was?—Yes; they were passing the taproom. I see several men go in, but I do not know what they got, nor yet who they were.

27,951. You saw several go in?—I saw several go past me into the room where Mr. Hindes was.

27,952. Did you see any of them get money?—No, I did not. I never see a penny piece paid no other than the halfcrown that was laid down for me, and that I never took. I never see no money paid at all.

HENRY DOWNES sworn and examined.

27,953. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, I did.

27,954. I do not suppose you got anything for your vote?—No.

27,955. Not were promised anything?—No.

27,956. You were active, were you not, in supporting Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, I was.

27,957. Do you know Jarvis, the coal merchant?—Yes, quite well.

27,958. He had been very active on the Conservative side at prior elections?—Yes.

27,959. And spent some money?—I do not know.

27,960. Have you not heard that he has been a person distributing money in the seventh ward at prior elections?—No.

27,961. You went into "St. Paul's" tavern on the day of the election?—No.

27,962. Did Jarvis go alone?—I do not know. I did not go into the seventh ward until about half-past 2 in the day.

27,963. Did you not offer some men some money?—No, certainly not.

27,964. Did you give any men any money?—No.

27,965. Did you treat any persons that day?—No.

27,966. Did you confine your attention simply to asking men to go and vote?—Yes.

27,967. Did you take anybody to the poll?—No, I had several promised me.

27,968. You knew money was going?—No, I never heard anything about it till the day after.

27,969. Did you not know that there was to be some money forthcoming?—No, I had not the least idea of it.

27,970. Have you contributed any money towards the expenses of the day?—No.

27,971. Have you been asked to do so?—No.

27,972. You are not one of the persons who guaranteed anything?—No.

27,973. Do you know of any guarantee?—No, I never heard anything of the kind.

27,974. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you had anything to do with former elections here?—Yes.

27,975. Did you put any money about?—No.

27,976. Nor at any other election?—Years back I might have, perhaps, but not within the last ten or a dozen years.

27,977. Had you nothing whatever to do with Waters' election?—No, no further than asking people to vote, as I did this time.

27,978. Did you have anything to do with the canvassing at Waters' election?—No, I think not. I have not had much time the last seven or eight years, only when I had a spare hour or so I have gone round with other parties and solicited votes, but not upon a regular canvass.

27,979. Before Waters' election you made yourself useful with money?—Yes, some years ago.

27,980. Do you know how much?—It was more particularly in municipal elections.

27,981. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At parliamentary elections what was the price?—I forget what it was, 2*l.* or 3*l.*

27,982. At which election was that, Lewis and Forlonge?—Yes.

27,983. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was it Schneider's?—I think that must have been the one when Bury and Schneider were turned out.

27,984. You worked for the Bignolds?—No.

27,985. You canvassed for them?—Yes, I have always been a warm supporter of the cause, and have never voted any other way.

27,986. You put about a good deal of Bignold money then?—I think if I recollect rightly it was like 3*l.* or 3*l.* 10*s.*, what I remember of it.

27,987. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Small by degrees and beautifully less. You are coming down to a pint of beer now?—With this election I have had nothing to do.

JOHN HUGHES HULME recalled and further examined.

J. H. Hulme.

(*The Secretary.*) The shorthand writer will read over to you some evidence given to-day, if you will listen to it.

(The shorthand writer reads the notes of the evidence of William Houghton, John Houghton, and George Sarsby).

27,988. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did Mackley come to you on the morning of the day that he was examined here?—He might come to my shop, but he did not see me, because I came directly the court opened, and I never saw Mackley on that morning.

27,989. He may have come to your shop?—Yes; these men have frequently been in the habit of coming down to my shop, all of them.

27,990. Did you give him any money at any time since the election?—No, I have lent him a shilling now and then; Mackley gets out very often drinking, and I have lent him a shilling now and then.

27,991. Have you lent him a shilling or two since this inquiry began?—Oh yes, within the last fortnight or so perhaps, but he has generally paid me again; I believe he owes me a shilling or two now.

27,992. You have heard the statement respecting you?—Yes.

27,993. Is that true?—No, that is not true.

27,994. Is it false?—I was in his house on the day; it was the second day after Mackley had been examined; of course I felt very grateful to Mackley for saying that he had the 15*l.*

27,995. It is a simple question I have asked you, whether it is true?—No.

27,996. I want to know whether you say it is false?—There is no truth in it.

27,997. It is false then?—It is false.

27,998. Have you done anything with the balance of that money in your hands?—The balance in my hands is very small indeed; I explained to you, if I remember, that I spent 30*l.*; then there was a band 3*l.* and the men to go round with the band, therefore I do not suppose that I have got any balance at all in my hands.

27,999. Did you count it up to see whether you had any balance in you hands?—No, because I had got money of my own at that time in my pocket as well.

28,000. You knew that the money had come from Webster?—I know now, but I did not know it then.

28,001. Have you never taken the trouble to return any portion of it which there might be belonging to Webster?—I think it is all gone; I never took any trouble certainly, because I did not know that it was Webster's until the inquiry commenced.

28,002. But you were present at the inquiry respecting Webster's money, and you heard the whole of the evidence?—Yes, I read it afterwards.

28,003. It is more than a month that you have known of this; have you taken any steps to return any portion of the money to Webster?—No.

28,004. With regard to the money, we have nothing to do, and the only value of the evidence about it is to ascertain to a certain extent your sense of honour, and your tenacity for money; that becomes very important in the inquiry which we have had to go into, whether the Houghtons or you are telling the truth, and I must say that the sense of honesty of a man must be infinitesimally small, and his tenacity for money very great if he would retain a single shilling of that money a single day after he had heard what Mr. Webster had done, and it naturally forms a great ingredient in my judgment, and in the judgment of those gentlemen who are associated with me, and we have come to this conclusion, that the Houghtons have given a true account and you have given a false one. Under those circumstances we shall feel it our

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duty so to report, and we shall decline to give you any protection whatever.—I am very sorry for that, sir; I came here to tell you the truth, and I advised all the people to tell you the same. I got up no tale with the Houghtons; John Houghton particularly asked me more than once or twice to meet him so that we might agree together what we should say, but I refrained from doing anything of the sort.

JOHN STAMP sworn and examined.

J. Stamp.

28,005. (*Mr. Mans field.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—I voted for Mr. Stracey.

28,006. What did you get for it?—Not anything.

28,007. Is this the first time you have voted?—I never see a farthing, and never received a farthing, that I take my oath of.

28,008. You had promised before to vote for Tillett?—Yes.

28,009. What made you alter your mind?—Nothing.

28,010. Then having promised to vote for Tillett you went and voted for Stracey?—I had not made no promise; I said I would vote which way I thought proper; I had made no promise to no one.

28,011. Were you at Cann's beerhouse that day?—No, I made no promise to anyone.

28,012. Were you at Cann's beerhouse that day?—No, I was not.

28,013. Had you been asked for your vote?—Yes, a week before.

28,014. By whom?—Young Mr. Stracey asked me.

28,015. Before that had you been asked for your vote?—Yes.

28,016. By whom?—By Tillett's party, and I said I would vote which way I liked.

28,017. Did you get any beer for voting?—Yes.

28,018. Who gave you beer?—I had made no promise that I would vote for him.

28,019. Did you get any beer?—No.

28,020. Were you paid anything afterwards?—No, I never received a farthing, and never took nothing.

WILLIAM WYMER sworn and examined.

W. Wymer.

28,021. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

28,022. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,023. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

28,024. What time in the day?—I think, as near as I can tell, between 12 and 1.

28,025. Later than that, surely?—I cannot recollect; that is as near as I can tell.

28,026. Did you get anything for voting?—Yes.

28,027. How much?—*5s.*

28,028. Who paid you?—Mr. Hardiment.

28,029. Where?—At Mr. Cartwright's.

28,030. Did you see him pay anyone else?—No.

JAMES CORYDON LEWIS sworn and examined.

J. C. Lewis.

28,031. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you keep the "Red Lion," Bishopgate Street?—I do.

28,032. Do you know Mr. Edward Arthur Tillett?—I cannot say I know the Mr. Tilletts, only by their surnames.

28,033. Do you know young Mr. Tillett?—I know young Mr. Tillett.

28,034. Do you know a person of the name of Isaac Churchyard?—I do.

28,035. Did they come and canvass you on the Friday afternoon before the election?—They were in my house the day before the election.

28,036. But did they come and canvass you on the Friday before the election?—Yes, on the Friday afternoon, I think it was.

28,037. At that time were some of the Conservatives in your house?—They were there about the same time.

28,038. Did they afterwards come again in the evening?—I forget whether they did again on that evening.

28,039. Do you recollect whether they had anything to drink that evening in your house?—I do not remember whether they were there or not that same evening.

28,040. Do you recollect the night before the election their coming again?—I do.

28,041. Did Mr. Tillett say anything to you?—He asked me what I would take to drink.

28,042. What did you say?—I said I would have a glass of brandy and water.

28,043. What did Mr. Tillett do then?—I called my wife in, and he ordered it.

28,044. Did they have a glass too?—Yes, they had a glass of port each.

28,045. Was Churchyard with him?—Yes.

28,046. Did you sit down and begin drinking your brandy and water?—I was sitting down when they came into the room.

28,047. While you were there did Mr. Tillett say anything to you?—He said he hoped I should support his father in the morning.

28,048. What did you say?—I said I never pledged myself to anyone, but I should be there in the morning.

28,049. Who paid for the drink?—Mr. Churchyard did.

28,050. Was Mr. Tillett going to pay?—He put his hand in his pocket as though he were going to pull out his purse, but Mr. Churchyard was foremost with him.

28,051. What did Mr. Churchyard say?—Mr. Churchyard gave my wife a two-shilling piece to pay for what we had, two glasses of port and a glass of brandy and water.

28,052. That is liberal payment. Did you promise to vote?—I did not.

28,053. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,054. The brandy and water did not operate upon you then?—Not a bit; it was not enough. The quantity would not do, although the quality was good.

28,055. Did you get anything for your vote?—I did not.

28,056. Or the promise of anything?—I did not.

WILLIAM BURLEIGH sworn and examined.

W. Burleigh.

28,057. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Tillett and Russell.

28,058. What time in the day?—Between 9 and 10.

28,059. Did you get anything for it?—No.

28,060. Did you get any beer?—No, not anything.

28,061. Had you promised your vote?—I had not promised it to anyone, only Mr. Tillett and Mr Russell.

28,062. You had been canvassed then?—Yes.

28,063. By the organisation?—By Mr. Claxton; he asked me to vote for the party, and I did so.

28,064. Have you had anything for it?—No, not anything.

28,065. Did you not get any beer either?—No, not anything at all.

28,066. Were you offered anything?—No.

28,067. By either side?—No, not anything.

28,068. Did you get any beer out of either side?—No, neither side.

ROBERT CLARKE sworn and examined.

28,069. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A cooper.

28,070. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,071. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

28,072. At what time in the day?—A little after 3.

28,073. Did you get anything for doing it?—Nothing.

28,074. What did you get after you had done it?—Nothing.

28,075. Who induced you to go and vote for him?—No one.

28,076. Were you canvassed?—No.

28,077. Did not your wife say you had better go and vote for Stracey?—No.

28,078. Did she get anything?—Not that I am aware of, but I cannot answer for her.

28,079. How came you to vote after 3 o'clock?—Because I had a mind to vote for Mr. Stracey.

28,080. Why did not you vote sooner?—Because I was at work until 2 o'clock.

28,081. Where were you at work?—At Mr. Monsey's, Thorn Lane.

28,082. You went back to work after you had voted?—Yes, I got more by that than I should by voting, I thought.

S. Scarlett.

SAMUEL SCARLETT sworn and examined.

28,083. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

28,084. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,085. For whom?—Tillett and Russell.

28,086. What do you know about the last election?—Well, I canvassed the district in which I live for Tillett and Russell, and I formed my own observation as to certain practices.

28,087. What district was that?—Philadelphia Houses and Road, Hellesdon Road, and Drayton Road, which would embrace a number of voters of about 120 or 130.

28,088. Having canvassed them, what do you say?—Do you wish the result of the canvass?

28,089. Yes.—I will give it to you. I do not hold the canvassing books; Mr. Kemp holds them. We canvassed in all 130 electors, 77 promised for Tillett and Russell, seven of that number voted for Stracey, seven did not vote at all. I should say of the seven who promised to vote for Tillett and Russell and voted for Stracey, you have had some up to-day; 33 were doubtful, and would give no promise, but I believe the majority of them during the day voted for Stracey. In that district we found but eight men who avowed themselves Tories; Mr. Kemp can supply you with the names of the Tories.

28,090. Can you give us the names of the seven who promised Tillett and voted for Stracey?—I cannot. I canvassed with Mr. Kemp, and he can supply you with the names of the persons; I can give you some of the names from memory.

28,091. Give us the names of the seven?—I could not do that. One was a man by the name of Stamp, who has just left the witness box; he promised us to vote for Tillett. I called upon him, in company with Mr. Kemp, the night before the election, and he said, Well, he did not think he should vote either way; but I find, from the statement of his wife, that on the day of the election at 1 o'clock he left his home, went to Tom Cubitt's, and had some drink. He says he had no drink. His wife tells me that he had not a penny, but he went to Cubitt's, had some drink, and went with Cubitt and voted at 3 o'clock. That is the statement of his wife. Of course I took note of any of these circumstances as they transpired.

28,092. That is one?—Yes. Then William Barker, a next-door neighbour of mine, has been in this box and stated that he voted for Tillett and Russell, but if you refer to the register you will find that he voted for Tillett only.

28,093. That may be nothing?—And he passed the house of this Cubitt.

28,094. Who were the seven?—One witness who has just left this box, Mr. Nudd, promised for Tillett and voted for Stracey.

28,095. Do you know anything about him?—Quite well, as a neighbour.

28,096. Do you know what time in the day he voted?—3 o'clock.

28,097. Who is the next?—Well, my memory does not serve me; Mr. Kemp can give you the names, but I have not the names.

28,098. Very well, we will ask him; but do you know anything respecting these individuals?—I can only say that the man Fisher, who was up this morning, gave a statement something like this to a friend of mine, who is prepared to give evidence, that he was at certain public-houses during the day, and was during the day offered 5*s*.

28,099. For whom did he vote?—He did not vote, for he made this remark to my friend, "I would not "sell myself for half-a-crown at half-past 3."

J. Stamp.

JOHN STAMP recalled and further examined.

28,100. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Now, were you at Cubitt's public-house on the election day?—Yes, I was.

28,101. What time did you go there?—I went there about 1 o'clock.

28,102. What beer did you get there?—No beer; only what I paid for; I saw no beer stirring.

28,103. How long did you stay there?—Till half-past 3.

28,104. What were you doing all the time?—I was along with some others that I knew, having a glass or two.

28,105. What did you pay for there?—Two or three pints.

28,106. Who took you up to the poll?—A man of the name of Delmark; I had never seen him before.

28,107. Now were you not drinking there the whole time from the time you went to the time you went to the poll?—I was.

28,108. Did you go back afterwards?—Yes.

28,109. How long did you remain afterwards?—About half an hour.

28,110. Did you go back there after the half hour?—No; I went into the house after that time. I got there about half-past 3.

28,011. Who was it talked to you at Cubitt's about voting?—Young Delmark; but I voted Tory.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You will not be allowed your expenses. I have no doubt whatever that you had beer given to you at Cubitt's.

S. Scarlett.

SAMUEL SCARLETT recalled and further examined.

28,012. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I do not know that we need trouble you any further, if there is a gentleman who can give us these names.—I would just ask if I may be allowed to make one statement.

28,113. Certainly.—It is with reference to a case which I took some trouble to investigate, and which has not yet been before you; it is the case of Samuel Walpole in South Heigham. He was offered money on the Sunday night before the election.

28,114. How do you know that?—By his own statement, and he will not deny it, I think; he works at Mr. Ford's in St. George's.

28,115. By whom was he offered money?—I cannot say by whom, but I have my impression by whom

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it was offered; it was offered him in the shape of three quids.

28,116. Was he a voter for Stracey?—No, he voted for Tillett and Russell.

28,117. (*Mr. Biron.*) What is your impression about it?—My impression is that it was Mr. Selfe who offered him money, with some other person with him, that he put to him the question, "Will you vote for one quid," and he says, "No, nor for two." "Well," he said, "I will give you three." "No," he said, "I shall vote for Tillett and Russell."

28,118. Then I must say this, that I think it highly improbable that as much as 3*l.* were ever offered to anybody at this election.—That of course I know nothing about.

J. M. Kemp.

JAMES MATTHEW KEMP sworn and examined.

28,118. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Tillett and Russell.

28,119. You were a canvasser, I believe?—Yes.

28,120. Were you paid for canvassing?—No.

28,121. Did you get up a good many voters?—I got up a great many; I was about for something like a fortnight before the election, night and day. I hold in my possession my canvass books, and I can give you, if you think proper, the result of my canvass and how it turned out, in numbers or names.

28,122. Have you got the names?—Yes, these (*producing the same*) were the two books given to me by the district committee to canvass that part.

28,123. You had better hand those in?—I will just give you the items as to the quantity I canvassed.

28,124. Can you give us the names of all those persons in your district who promised to vote for Tillett and Russell, and afterwards voted for Stracey?—Certainly I can. In the first place I have 77 promises for Tillett and Russell, and of those seven voted for Stracey.

28,125. I want the names of those seven?—The first one is George Neave.

28,126. What is the number?—I have no number here; I can give you his residence.

28,127. Is this in South Heigham?—No, in Philadelphia.

28,128. We want to get the names?—William Nudds is another, John Stamp is another.

28,129. He promised to vote for Tillett, did he?—Certainly he did. Then there is William Barker, George Bowles, and James Green. Henry Stolworth promised not to vote, and voted for Stracey. Then I have 33 doubtfuls; I don't know how they voted, for I did not attempt to inquire; I only looked out for those who had promised me. I had two voted for Russell, and there were seven Tories on my canvass, men that I believe were conscientiously Tories. That is the result of the two canvass books.

28,130. It does not appear that these seven men gave a distinct promise to vote for Tillett and Russell?—Certainly they did.

28,131. Or did they leave it open?—They left it in no way open; it was a distinct promise that they would support Mr. Tillett.

28,132. And Sir William Russell too?—When I canvassed for one I canvassed for the two.

28,133. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) When did your canvass take place?—Well, it commenced something like a fortnight before the election.

28,134. That was before the coalition?—Some of it was; but at the same time I went round again, and to parties who asked me whether I was for Tillett only I said "I hoped there would be a coalition be-"tween the parties before the time came, and I should "think the men who voted for Tillett would support "the other party in preference to going on the other "side." It was a distinct understanding with me that I should not canvass for one alone.

28,135. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know of your own knowledge of anybody getting money at this election?—Reports were flying about for the first three or four days until they understood that there was to be a petition to inquire into it, and then everybody was dumb.

28,136. Do you know of any case?—One man on my list wanted the hospital, and distinctly told me so.

28,137. Was that Claxton?—No, his name is Cooper. I said, "I cannot promise you the hospital." He said, "I must have it, I am an old man." There were three or four went to him the day before the election, and he was told what house to go to, and I understood it was Sir Henry Stracey's.

28,138. He wanted to get the hospital from Tillett?—He would not trouble who it was.

28,139. Had Sir Henry Stracey any nominations for the hospital?—I cannot say.

28,140. Mr. Tillett had?—I know nothing about it.

28,141. Was there any other case?—He came and told me the next day that he might have had half-a-crown after they had tried to make him, as far as they could, drunk; but he said he would not go and vote for that.

28,142. Did he tell you by whom he was offered that half crown?—Mr. Ives.

28,143. Who was it gave you that information?—The man himself.

28,144. Where does he live?—He is a deaf man who was in a short time ago.

28,145. Do you know of any other case?—Yes. I was told another thing, if I am supposed to tell what I hear.

28,146. Certainly?—That is all I want to know. I can only give you hearsay. I was talking along with Mr. John Balls, of Catton, and he said that Mr. Cann came to him and asked him whether a pound was any use to change his opinion; he said no. "Is two? No, nor three pound;" and he said, "You won't get that." That was the conversation that took place between him and Mr. Balls.

28,147. Can you tell us of any more cases?—Well, I know of one or two cases, but I believe they have been up here.

28,148. You say that all the cases you know of have already appeared here?—Some of them have; Gurney's to-day has.

28,149. Do you know of any others?—No.

28,150. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did that man promise you (*pointing to Nudds*)?—Yes.

W. Nudds.

WILLIAM NUDDS recalled and further examined.

28,151. (*Mr. Biron.*) You promised to vote for Tillett?—Yes.

28,152. And on the day of the polling you voted for Stracey?—Yes.

28,153. What made you break your promise?—I altered my mind; I did not have anything to make me break my promise, I assure you.

28,154. But the night before the election you promised to vote for Tillett?—Yes.

28,155. What occurred on the following day to make you change your mind?—Not anything.

28,156. Where were you all the day?—Some part of the day I was at business, and some part walking about.

28,157. Who did you meet?—I did not meet anyone only two or three neighbours.

28,158. Did you go drinking anywhere?—Well, I went into two or three houses.

28,159. Who did you drink with?—Only my neighbours and friends.

28,160. What houses were you in; was Cubitt's one?—No, I never went into Cubitt's.

28,161. Was Warnes' one?—No.

28,162. Give me the name of one; the "Horse Shoes" or the "Pigeons?"—No, there was one called the "Duke of Sussex," I think.

28,163. Who was standing beer there?—No one

stood any for me; I paid for all the beer I had, I can assure you.

28,164. How came you to promise to vote for Tillett, if you did not mean to keep it?—Mr. Kemp came to me some long time before and asked me whether I would vote.

28,165. Why should you promise a man if you did not mean to keep it?—I can assure you I never received anything.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were about the city all the day in public-houses, and when a man promises to vote one way and then votes another in the after part of the day, we can form a very good conclusion as to what induced him to do so.

28,166. (*Mr. Biron.*) What made you promise to vote for Tillett?—Well, Kemp kept bothering me, and I had never voted before.

28,167. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) And who "bothered" you to vote on the other side?—Nobody.

28,168. (*Mr. Biron.*) What time in the day was it that you voted for Stracey?—Between half-past 3 and 4, as near as I can recollect.

28,169. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) If you promised the day before, why did not you go up and vote in the morning, and why were you wandering all over the city, doing nothing, during the day?—Well, I was going about.

28,170. (*Mr. Biron.*) What were you going about the city for; why did you not go and vote when you had promised?—I did not receive anything and I was not promised anything, I can assure you.

28,171. Did your wife receive anything?—No.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Your account of yourself is so extremely unsatisfactory that you will get no expenses allowed; the city cannot be put to the expense of such an unsatisfactory witness as you.

ROBERT SPURGEON sworn and examined. *R. Spurgeon.*

28,172 (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

28,173. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

28,174. Had you been asked for your vote?—No.

28,175. Where do you live?—In the Infirmary Road, St. Augustine's Gate.

28,176. Did anyone come to you on the day of the election?—No, I was not at home.

28,177. Where were you?—At work.

28,178. Where is your work?—About in the city.

28,179. What time did you vote?—About 10 minutes past 3, as near as I can tell.

28,180. How came you to vote so late in the day?—Because I did not come home to dinner until a quarter to 3, and called as I went back from dinner.

28,181. Were you at any public-houses that morning?—No, none at all.

28,182. Did nobody come and fetch you up?—No.

28,183. Did you go to any public-houses after?—No, I went to work again directly, and worked until 8 or 9 o'clock at night.

28,184. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

28,185. Or were you promised anything?—No.

28,186. You are sure about that?—Quite sure.

CHARLES JEREMIAH GREEN sworn and examined. *C. J. Green.*

28,187. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

28,188. You were very active in canvassing for him, were you not?—Yes, I was.

28,189. With whom did you canvass?—With several.

28,190. Did you canvass with Cubitt?—No, I canvassed principally with Messrs. Morgan, the brewers.

28,191. Did you canvass with Patteson the brewer?—No.

28,192. Did you canvass with young Mr. Stracey?—No.

28,193. Did you canvass with Mr. Hindes?—No.

28,194. Who did you canvass with besides Morgan, the brewer?—Mr. Watson, the chemist, Mr. Bacon, in King Street, Mr. Love, the painter; in fact there were about a dozen of us perhaps in the party.

28,195. And Mr. Jarvis too?—No.

28,196. Do you know Mr. Jarvis?—Quite well.

28,197. I think you and he had something to do with sending those men to Yarmouth, had you not?—No, I had not.

28,198. Do you know nothing about that?—Nothing whatever.

28,199. During this election did you give away any money yourself?—Not one farthing.

28,200. Did you take anybody up to the poll?—One man only.

28 201. Who was he?—He is a man from the sixth ward, of the name of Rickwood, I think.

28,202. Did you give him any money?—Not a farthing.

28,203. Do you know that some one else gave him money?—No.

28,204. Don't you know that Bacon gave him some money?—I don't think Bacon saw him; it was during the man's dinner hour.

28,205. Have you ever given any money, or promise of money, to any one this election?—Certainly not.

28,206. Did you spend any money yourself upon beer for voters?—Certainly not, not one pint.

28,207. Have you had anything for your services?—No.

28,208. No acknowledgment, as it is called here?—No, nothing of the kind.

28,209. No favour of any sort?—No.

28,210. What are you by trade?—A tobacconist.

28,211. You are a leading man of the party, are you?—I was on the committee of the first ward.

28,212. Was any money going there?—I never saw any.

28,213. Did you subscribe anything for this election?—Not one farthing; I subscribed to assist in paying Sir Henry Stracey's expenses for the petition, but nothing for the election.

28,214. Do you know of any fund of money being raised for carrying on the election?—I never heard of any.

28,215. But don't you know there were a great number of gentlemen who produced sums in different parts of the town; have you no notion where those sums came from?—No.

28,216. Mr. Woodrow was always putting his hand in his pocket?—He is a very kind-hearted man, I believe.

28,217. He was kind hearted to the extent of 12*s.*; do you know where that came from?—No, out of his own purse, I suppose.

28,218. Did you give any money to Inspector Clarke?—No.

28,219. Were you the means of giving money to him?—No.

28,220. Do you know where he got his money?—I cannot say at all.

28,221. Did you hire any people to go about the street?—No, I object to anything of the kind.

HENRY MURRELL sworn and examined. *H. Murrell.*

28,222. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,223. For whom?—Mr. Russell and Mr. Tillett.

28,224. Do you live in Drayton Road?—I do.

28,225. Do they call you "Old Times"?—Yes, and "Timer."

28,226. Did you not go up and vote with Claxton?—No.

28,227. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

28,228. Or the promise of anything?—No, I did not get no promise.

28,229. Did not Green, the plasterer, try and get

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you ?—No, I did not see Mr. Green, the plasterer, that day ; I saw his brother.

28,230. Did he offer you anything to vote for Stracey ?—No.

28,231. Did anybody offer you anything to vote for Stracey ?—Oh, yes.

28,232. Who was it ?—Mr. Clarke did.

28,233. What Clarke is that ?—Inspector Clarke.

28,234. What did he offer you ?—He promised me in this way—this was the night before the election—if I voted for Mr. Stracey, if there was anything given he would give me as much as anyone had, that is the words he said to me ; it was up at the Green Hills Gardens where he said that to me.

28,235. Was anybody with you ?—Yes.

28,236. Who ?—Young Thomas Hudson was one.

28,237. Was anybody else with you ?—Mr. Bunn was in the gig curling up his reins at the time when Mr. Clarke whispered to me, and told me that.

28,238. Could Bunn have heard it ?—No.

28,239. Could young Hudson ?—No, but he heard what was said another time.

28,240. What was that ?—Mr. Bunn said to Mr. Clarke, "That old chap have a vote." That was meaning me, and Mr. Clarke called to me and said if there was anything given I should have as much as anyone, so help his God, I should.

28,241. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who said this ?—Inspector Clarke.

28,242. (*Mr. Biron.*) Have you heard of Clarke offering any other man anything for voting ?—Oh, yes ; I heard him offer one man.

28,243. Who was that ?—Mr. Bacon.

28,244. Where does he live ?—I think it is Crook's Place.

28,245. Do you know his christian name ?—George Anthony.

28,246. Was this on the day of the election ?—On the day of the election, about half-past 8 in the morning.

28,247. Was anybody present then ?—There was Mr. Clarke, me, and Bacon.

28,248. Anybody else ?—No. I told Mr. Clarke that Mr. Grint was waiting to vote, and he said, "Where is he ?" I said, "He is just gone home" ; but I think he promised Mr. Grmt as well, at least I am sure he did.

28,249. Where does Grint live ?—In Botolph Street.

28,250. Have you heard anything else about Clarke ?—Well, I don't know particularly that I have heard anything else ; if I should recollect anything else I will tell you.

28,251. I am sure you would, but I just ask you that you may brush up your memory ?—Yes, sir, I will ; that is the truth I have told you.

28,252. You voted for Russell and Tillett ?—Yes.

28,253. You know that Clarke wanted people to vote for Stracey ?—Yes.

28,254. How came you to tell Clarke that this man Grint had not voted ?—This was about half-past 8 in the morning. I will tell you how it is. They call me "Timer," as you say ; of course I run, and Mr. Grint run, and Bacon run, and Mr. Clarke's boy run, and so we were all in a string together, and so we had this offer together. I was with Mr. Clarke the night before the election.

28,255. I don't quite understand what you mean ; you voted yourself for Russell and Tillett ?—Yes, I did not intend to vote no other way.

28,256. Having that upon your mind, you meet Clarke in the early part of the morning ?—Yes.

28,257. He has already tried to bribe you for Stracey ?—Yes, I knew well Mr. Grint was going to vote for Stracey, and I was almost sure Bacon was going to vote for Stracey.

28,258. And then you thought you might as well get something for it ?—No, I did not try to get nothing for it, I did not think of such a thing ; I knew these men wanted money because they told me they did.

28,259. Then as I understand you, you being a friend of theirs told Clarke that they had not voted ?—I told him they were wanting to vote. "Well," says he, "tell them to go and vote, and if there be anything given," again says he, "you shall have as much as anyone."

28,260. Then in fact you sent Clarke off to Grint, or you told Clarke that Grint was ready to take money ?—Yes, and he stepped on one side and went to George Arthur Bacon, I was close to him about two yards from him, and I heard what he said to Bacon. Arthur Bacon went to him afterwards and asked him for the money, but Bacon got rid over on the day of the election ; he got knocked down in the market place, therefore he could not go for a day or two afterwards, but when he got a little better he went to Clarke and asked him for it, because Bacon told me this himself, and Clarke said there was nothing given so he would not give him anything. He told me he gave him half a pint of beer and that is all ; that is the truth sir, I assure you, that is what Bacon told me and I don't think the man would deny it, at least he cannot deny it before my face without he tell a lie.

28,261. Did Clarke say whether he had got any money to spend for getting up voters ?—No, I never heard him say that.

H. Metcalf.

HENRY METCALF sworn and examined.

28,262. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A hotpresser.

28,263. For whom did you vote at this election ?—Stracey.

28,264. What time in the day ?—About 2 minutes past 8 in the morning.

28,265. Had you promised your vote ?—No one called upon me.

28,266. Had you said you were going to vote for Stracey ?—No, certainly not.

28,267. Not to anyone ?—No ; because there was no one called upon me.

28,268. Had you told your friends you were going to vote for Stracey ?—Certainly not.

28,269. Had you ever voted before ?—No.

28,270. Did you get anything for voting ?—No ; I would scorn the action.

28,271. Was any promise made to you ?—Not a bit.

28,272. Were you asked to go to any place to be treated ?—No.

28,273. Did anyone take you up to the poll ?—No ; I took myself there.

28,274. Did you go with anyone ?—No.

28,275. Did you offer money to anyone to go and vote ?—No ; I neither offered, or saw, or took any.

28,276. Did you canvass anybody ?—No.

28,277. Not before the election ?—No.

J. Money.

JAMES MONEY sworn and examined.

28,278. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

28,279. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,280. What time in the day ?—I cannot say what time exactly. It was during the afternoon.

28,281. Where were you in the morning ?—I was at work.

28,282. The whole of the morning ?—I went to work in the morning at 7 o'clock, and worked until the afternoon.

28,283. Then when did you vote, after dinner ?—After dinner.

28,284. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

28,285. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

28,286. Or anything after you had voted ?—No.

28,287. Do you know anything about anyone else getting anything ?—No, I do not.

WILLIAM WARNES recalled and further examined.

28,288. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You know David Cubitt?—Yes.

28,289. Just give me an account of what money David Cubitt gave to you on the day before, or on the day of the election, or the day after the election?—Not a penny piece.

28,290. He never gave you a single shilling the whole time?—Not a halfpenny or a farthing. The man is no better than a lunatic.

28,291. Did not Cubitt give you money the day before the election?—I never saw him.

28,292. When did you first see him on the day of the election?—About half-past 1, again the Magdalen gates.

28,293. Did you say to him that you had heard that there was money afloat?—Not then.

28,294. When did you say to him that you had heard that there was money afloat?—While he got on my cart.

28,295. Did he get on your cart shortly after you first saw him?—Just about that time.

28,296. Then you told him that you thought there was money afloat?—No, I goes down to my mother's after that.

28,297. But I want to know when it was that you told him you thought there was money afloat?—Not at all.

28,298. I asked you whether you told him you thought there was money afloat, and you said "Not then." Now, what did you mean by that?—I don't think I could tell him that, because I did not know that there was money afloat.

28,299. You must go to gaol.—I beg your pardon, sir, I will speak the truth if you will hear me; I am here and I have kissed the book. Treat me as a gentleman, sir.

28,300. Answer the question.—I am anxious to speak the truth.

28,301. You saw Cubitt, and Cubitt got on to your cart?—Yes.

28,302. Did you not say to Cubitt that you thought there was money afloat?—Not at that time.

28,303. But at any time did you say that to him?—I might, about an hour after.

28,304. What made you think an hour afterwards that there was money afloat?—I thought it was possible that there might be.

28,305. Who was it that gave you any idea that there was money afloat?—No one; only it was an idea of my own.

28,306. What was it that gave you that idea?—I cannot tell; that struck my memory just at the present time.

28,307. But you had no idea whatever when you took Cubitt up that there was money afloat; what gave you the idea an hour afterwards that there was money afloat?—Only my own idea, my own supposition.

28,308. A man does not come to an idea without some cause for it?—I had no proof of it; I did not see any, or hear of any, but I thought it likely.

28,309. What induced you to have the idea that there was money afloat?—Only my own supposition, my own belief; I fancied there was.

28,310. You had no supposition, you say, when you took Cubitt up; what induced you to suppose an hour afterwards that there was money afloat.

28,311. I thought that if I went to the "Swan Hotel" I might ascertain whether there was or not.

28,312. Then you went to the "Swan" for the purpose of ascertaining whether there was money afloat?—Oh yes, sir, I will speak the truth if you will hear me.

28,312*a*. The "Swan Hotel" was where the committee was?—Yes.

28,313. Did you go the "Swan Hotel" for the purpose of ascertaining whether there was money afloat?—That was my idea.

28,314. But did you go there for that purpose, if you did not what did you go there for?—I went there for two or three purposes.

28,315. Was one of them to ascertain whether money was afloat?—Yes.

28,316. Now wishing to know whether money was afloat, to whom did you apply?—Mr. Woodrow.

28,317. Was Mr. Woodrow a person whom you had ever seen before?—Never until that day, to the best of my knowledge.

28,318. What did you say to Mr. Woodrow?—Asked him to go with me; at least he asked me how things were getting on.

28,319. He asked you how things were getting on, and then you asked him to go with you?—Yes.

28,320. What did you say to induce him to go with you?—I said there was voters down at my mother's, and likewise at my own house.

28,321. Did you say how many there were at your own house?—No.

28,322. What did Mr. Woodrow say to that?—"Come along with me;" he put on his hat, and we both went together.

28,323. Did you find Cubitt outside?—Yes.

28,324. Did you go down to your own house?—No.

28,325. Did you not go to your own house at all?—No, I am speaking the truth and David Cubitt did not; I went to my mother's and to my own house afterwards.

28,326. Going to your mother's did Mr. Woodrow give you any money?—No.

28,327. No money at all?—No, nor yet Mr. Cubitt, though he has stated so; if he had I would say it.

28,328. Do you mean to say that neither Woodrow nor Cubitt gave you any money?—Not going down to my mother's.

28,329. I am not speaking of that, but when you were at your mother's did neither Cubitt nor Woodrow give you any money?—Mr. Woodrow gave me half a crown; I undersood you to say it was on the way.

28,330. What did he give you half a crown for?—Because I asked him.

28,331. What did you ask him to give you half a crown for?—Because I had no money of my own.

28,332. To get up voters?—No, they were all gone.

28,333. What did you ask him for that half a crown for?—To give to my mother.

28,334. For what?—Because David Cubitt called for two or three pots of beer about half past 1, and he had not the money to pay for them.

28,335. Cubitt had been treating voters at your mother's house, had not the money to pay, and you wanted the money for that?—As soon as ever I entered the room I told my mother to take the money for the beer, and trust no one that day.

28,336. Did you find that your mother had trusted anybody with beer, and that the money was due to her?—I passed through the passage to my mother's private room, and she told me she had drawn Cubitt two or three pots of beer, and I said go and take the money for it.

28,337. We are speaking, not of what occurred in the morning, but of what passed between you and Mr. Woodrow. For what purpose did you get the half-crown?—To pay my mother for the beer that David Cubitt had not got the money to pay for.

28,338. Had you been down to your mother's before and known that Cubitt was treating people with beer?—Yes, I knew he had left my mother's in debt.

28,339. You knew that Cubitt had been getting beer of your mother that day?—He got beer on false pretences.

28,340. Then it was to pay your mother Cubitt's debt that you got the half-crown, was it?—Cubitt's debt.

28,341. It was not that she might treat voters?—No, because my mother is a poor woman, and I knew he had got the beer and never intended to pay for it.

28,342. It was not given as a present to her, but to pay the debt?—That is how she took it, she did not

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know the difference; she never saw me ask Mr. Woodrow for it.

28,343. Did you not tell her that you had given it to her to pay Cubitt's debt?—No, I did not; I knew she had drawn a pot or two of beer, and it is quite likely she may have forgetten it.

28,344. Do you really mean to tell me that you did not tell your mother what that half crown was for?—No, it was momentarily done; I asked Mr. Woodrow for it, and gave it to my mother like that.

28,345. Did she tell you that those voters who had been drinking the beer had gone up to the poll?—She told me they were all gone to vote, father and all.

28,346. For Sir Henry Stracey?—I understood her for Sir Henry Stracey.

28,347. Did you not get the money from Woodrow to pay for the beer which had been given to Stracey's voters?—It was not given to Stracey's voters.

28,348. But did you not tell that to Mr. Woodrow?—No, I don't remember.

28,349. Did you not tell Mr. Woodrow that you wanted half a crown to give to your mother, because that had been drank by the Stracey voters?—No.

28,350. What did you tell Mr. Woodrow to induce him to give you half a crown?—I asked him for it, and as I asked him for it he gave it to me the next minute; he did not ask me for what purpose I wanted it.

28,351. Did you tell him that there had been Stracey voters drinking there?—No, I told him there was voters at the "Swan," and we came down for the express purpose to see them, but they were gone.

28,352. Did you afterwards go to the "Elm Tavern?"—Yes, to my house.

28,353. Did Mr. Woodrow give you some money there?—Half a sovereign.

28,354. Was that to pay for beer?—Four glasses of ale, or it might be six.

28,355. Was that to pay for beer which had been drunk by the Stracey voters?—No, I returned him three half crowns back again; Mr. Woodrow told you the candid truth about that.

28,356. Do you mean to say that half a crown was all he gave you?—That is all; I am on my oath, and I guarantee that Mr. Cubitt, if he has his senses, will not say different, but he is more fit for a lunatic asylum. I heard Mr. Woodrow's examination, and that man told you the candid truth last Saturday month, but David Cubitt I should think is more fit for an examination by medical men, and to be put somewhere else; he is rather touched in the brain I should think. But whatever questions you put to me I am ready to answer as near as I can with regard to the truth; but a lie I will not speak to, and Mr. Cubitt is a false speaking man.

28,357. How many voters did you pick up as you were going along?—Only one myself.

28,358. What was his name?—Bolingbroke.

28,359. (*Mr. Biron.*) But you picked up other men?—There was others on the cart, but they were not voters no more for that; I only knew one man who had a vote and that was old Bolingbroke.

28,360. Where does Bolingbroke live?—In St. James'; he voted for Russell.

28,361. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You picked up Bolingbroke, did you?—Yes.

28,362. And took him to vote for Stracey?—No; for Sir William Russell.

28,363. Do you mean to say you did not pick him up with a view of getting him to vote for Stracey?—Not the slightest; I have known him for many years and I took him up in a friendly manner and left him at his own option.

28,364. Did you see Mr. Woodrow give him a shilling to vote?—This was not in Woodrow's presence.

28,365. While Mr. Woodrow was in the cab did you not pick up a voter?—No; I took a man up but not a voter.

28,366. Did you see Mr. Woodrow give him a shilling?—No, I did not.

28,367 You know Mr. Woodrow said that he wanted you to get men up to vote; that you got out of the cab, and brought one man in to vote; that you took him up to the poll, and then you picked up another?—Yes; but Mr. Woodrow made a great mistake; the man had voted; in fact he took himself up, and the time we stopped in Magdalen Street going to speak to Mr. Jarvis the man got in my fly.

28,368. This is his evidence: "That was in St. "James'." Where abouts in St. James'?—I don't "know, but near the church." Then he says they were picked up for a shilling or two?—Never saw Mr. Woodrow give any man a penny piece, and I can swear he never gave anybody a shilling; what he gave he gave to me.

28,369. He gave you half a crown for beer?—No; I never asked him for beer; I asked him for half-a-crown, and as I asked him so he gave it to me.

28,370. But he gave you half a crown?—Yes.

28,371. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did he give you anything else?—No; we all three got into my house, and he gave me half a sovereign for three glasses of ale; I gave him three half crowns, and someone said, "You chump, why did you not stick to the lot."

28,372. Who was the man who voted?—Bolingbroke; I took him from St. James', and I took no more; if I took 20 I would tell you, and for myself I voted about 9 o'clock in the morning.

28,373. Had Cubitt run up a score for beer with you?—No; I should be very sorry to trust him a penny; that is why I told my mother to look after the money.

28,374. Had men been having beer in your house in the course of the day?—Not any; I never trusted a pint.

28,375. You told Woodrow before you started that there were voters waiting at your mother's house, and at yours?—Yes; but in consequence of the time being almost expired, they were gone.

28,376. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) But how came you to take up a Russell voter with Mr. Woodrow in the cab when you were hunting for voters to take up, and you had gone to get Mr. Woodrow for that purpose?—I could not tell how he was going to vote.

28,377. Then you took him up with a view of trying how he would vote?—Certainly.

22,378. You did not know whether he would vote for Stracey or the other way?—No; I did not.

28,379. Did you try whether he would vote the right way?—No; I never named it to him; I fancied he would vote for Russell; he knew I was a Conservative.

28,380. If you thought he was for Russell why did you take him up?—Because we are that particular friends together, he would not want picking up, he would pick himself up.

28,381. But you did pick Bolingbroke up, you say, and took him to the poll?—Yes, I did.

28,382. Then you say, "I picked him up because I thought he would vote for Russell." Why did you, with Mr. Woodrow in the cab, who had taken the cab for the purpose of getting up voters for Sir Henry Stracey, pick up Bolingbroke, a man you thought would vote for Russell?—I could not help that.

28,383. But how came you to pick up Bolingbroke unless it was with a view of getting him to vote for Stracey?—It was a mistake on my part.

28,384. Did you pick him up under the idea that he was going to vote for Stracey?—Yes, I did.

28,385. And with a view of getting him to vote for Stracey?—Not particularly; I left it to his own option.

28,386. Did you see Woodrow give him a shilling?—No, not a penny piece; to tell you the truth he was not present with Mr. Woodrow when he voted.

28,387. Of course not, Mr. Woodrow remained in the cab?—No, Mr. Bolingbroke will tell you the truth if you subpœna him; he went in a horse and cart, not in a cab at all; that is a false statement of David Cubitt's that you are putting to me. If you subpœna Bolingbroke he will tell you he voted before Mr. Woodrow came down. This was afterwards.

28,388. The man that you picked up you took to vote in Magdalen Street, did you not?—Yes, before I came in contact with Mr. Woodrow.

28,389. Mr. Woodrow told us that the man you picked up was taken to Magdalen Street for the purpose of voting, and voted?—I do not remember.

28,390. Do you mean to say that you don't recollect picking up a man with Mr. Woodrow whom you took to Magdalen Street, and who voted in Magdalen Street?—Not to the best of my knowledge. I do not remember it.

28,391. Will you undertake to swear you did not?—Well, I would rather swear I did not than I did; I am placed on my oath to speak the truth; if I took up two I would tell you.

28,392. You know Parnell?—Yes.

28,393. You received his card?—Yes.

28,394. Did you not go and vote with his card?—Just after I delivered my own I took his; I said that was for Mr. Parnell; I took it home after that.

28,395. Do you know a man of the name of John Fox, and did a man of that name come to you last Saturday?—Certainly I do not remember it.

28,396. You don't remember last Saturday?—I remember last Saturday.

28,397. Don't you remember a man of the name of Fox coming to you last Saturday?—Unless it was the gentleman who left the subpœna I don't know the man.

28,398. What conversation had you with Fox?—He brought the subpœna, got a bottle of porter, and went about his business.

28,399. Did you have a conversation with the man who brought the subpœna?—Not any to the best of my knowledge, I only instructed him as to the best way to get rid of those papers, because I knew better than he did where the people lived, and I looked his papers over to save him a step or two.

28,400. You will attend here to-morrow morning.—Very well, sir.

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Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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J. Cooper.

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James Cooper sworn and examined.

28,401. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A grocer.

28,402. For whom did you vote at this last election?—Stracey and Russell.

28,403. What time of the day?—About half-past 3.

28,404. What made you split your vote in that way?—I don't know, I'm sure.

28,405. Had you been canvassed?—No, never.

28,406. Had you promised your vote?—Never.

28,407. Have you voted before?—No.

28,408. Is this the first time that you voted?—Yes.

28,409. Have you received anything for your vote?—No.

28,410. Have you promised anything to anybody else?—No.

28,411. Did you treat anybody that day?—No.

28,412. Were you promised anything yourself?—No.

28,413. No favour or advancement?—Nothing of the kind.

28,414. Were you promised any custom, or anything of that kind?—Nothing of the kind.

J. Abel.

John Abel sworn and examined.

28,415. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A horse dealer.

28,416. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

28,417. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

28,418. What time of the day?—I should think it was about 9 o'clock in the morning; as soon as the poll was open, almost.

28,419. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

28,420. Or the promise of anything?—Nor the promise of anything.

28,421. Before the day of the election, did you take any active part in canvassing?—Not of any description.

28,422. After you had voted, or on the day of the polling, did you canvass anybody?—No.

28,423. Did you try to get anybody up to the poll?—I drove a pair of horses the whole day, and tried to get up as many as I possibly could for Sir Henry Stracey, but I could not get up any, so far as I was concerned, because I was coachman.

28,424. Whom did you drive about?—Mr. Bunn, Mr. Cutlock, and his brother-in-law.

28,425. Who is Bunn?—A man that lives at the "Gates."

28,426. What is his christian name?—Really I don't know.

28,427. Is it the man who was scheduled in the Yarmouth inquiry?—That same man.

28,428. Where did you take him to in the course of the day?—All round the low parts of the city, and twice to Thorpe.

28,429. Where did you go to in the low parts of the city?—Heigham, Pockthorpe, and all round that part.

28,430. How many voters did you get up, do you suppose, from that part?—I really could not say.

28,431. You were hard at it all day?—I was driving about till about 3 o'clock. Then I left off and went home.

28,432. From 9 until 3 you were hard at it?—Yes I drove about a very great deal.

28,433. Cannot you tell me any of the public-houses that you called at?—I never got off the box from the time I got on to the time I got off.

28,434. But you drove up to places where voters were. I suppose Bunn told you where to drive to?—No. We only drove about the streets, and if anybody said they were going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey there was my trap for them, and they went up, but whether they did vote for Sir Henry Stracey or not I don't know.

28,435. Did not Bunn go into any house?—No. I don't think he got off more than once or twice, and where he went to I don't know.

28,436. How long was he away?—Not two minutes hardly. He was off and on again.

28,437. Who else was with you?—Cutlock and a brother-in-law of his. His name is Towell, I think.

28,438. What Cutlock is that?—I think he is a lawyer's clerk. He lives next door to me.

28,439. In whose office is he?—I think in Sewell Blake, and Keith's.

28,440. Did you lay any man 10*s.* to 1*s.* that he would not vote for Stracey?—I never laid a bet at all upon Stracey, not of any description.

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J. Abel.

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28,441. Had not you any bets upon this election?—I had no bet at all. I never made a bet about an election. I drove about for Mr. Stracey, which I should do to-morrow if he was going again.

28,442. During the course of that day were you in the market place, standing about?—I was driving about all the day.

28,443. What did you do between 3 and 4 o'clock?—I went home and had my dinner, and then walked out in the market place; when I heard that Sir Henry Stracey was returned I went out into the market place in the evening.

28,444. Had not you been in the market place before in the day?—No, only as I drove through.

28,445. Did not you bet some men 1*l.* to 1*s.* that they did not dare to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Certainly not. Not a farthing.

28,446. Do you know Porter's public-house in West End Street?—No; I don't know that there is a Porter in West End Street at all.

28,447. Do you know Porter's public-house at all?—No, certainly not.

28,448. Do you know any public-house in West End Street that you stopped at that day?—I don't know where West End Street is.

28,449. Do you know the "Bull and Butcher"?—No.

28,450. One of the committee rooms?—I never went to a committee room at all the whole day. I never got off my box the whole of the day. I drove into the streets, and when the people got out I drove away again directly.

28,451. Do you mean to say you did not pull up at any public-house for the men to get on your trap?—I did not.

28,452. During the whole of the day?—During the whole of the day. I do not think I only pulled up at one public-house. I don't know where it was. I could walk with you and show it you, but I don't know the sign of it.

28,453. Have you lived here all your life?—No.

28,454. How long?—Thirty odd years.

28,455. That is time enough to know about this place?—I know every foot of the place to drive over, but I am as much in London as Norwich. I have to go and get my living in London; there's not enough for me in Norwich.

28,456. Forty years is long enough to make you know Norwich?—I might be away 30 years out of the 40.

28,457. On election days your mind is a blank; you go about seeing and hearing nothing?—Yes.

28,458. Do you know a man of the name of Lord, of the City Road?—No.

28,459. Did you bring a man from the Bethel infirmary that day?—I did not; I never went to the Bethel.

28,460. Did not you give anything to drink to any of these men whom you brought up?—Not a drop of anything.

28,461. Did not Bunn give them anything?—I don't know what Bunn done; I never gave so much as half a pint of beer to a soul.

28,462. Did not you see Bunn give them any money?—No, certainly not.

28,463. What did you think he was at this day when you were driving him about?—I could not have any thought. He is a neighbour of mine. He got into my trap, and where I drove there he went, but Bunn left me at 12 or half-past 12, and I think Cutlock's brother-in-law was in the trap at the time.

28,464. Were you paid anything for the use of your trap that day?—No, not a farthing, nor yet asked to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

28,465. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did anybody ask you to drive up voters?—No.

28,466. Had you been at any committee room before the day of the poll?—Not one.

28,467. What made you take Bunn about with you?—He is a neighbour, and he jumped into the trap when I was driving about, and I did not tell him to get out.

28,468. With his Yarmouth reputation, did not you think it rather dangerous to Sir Henry Stracey's cause for him to be seen going about with you?—No.

28,469. You were driving about with a briber, and you, a determined supporter of Sir Henry Stracey, were doing your best to ruin his chances?—I don't know that. I should do the same for you if you were a candidate, and I respected you as I do Sir Henry Stracey. I never study election matters myself; I care nothing about them, only I care a deal about Sir Henry Stracey. I would go again to-morrow, and work night and day if I could serve him.

28,470. As you know nothing about elections, you wanted some assistance in order to ascertain what men to take up?—No, I did not want no assistance.

28,471. How did you know the voters?—I did not know them. If anybody said they were going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey I took them up.

28,472. Was not that the reason why you had Bunn with you?—No. He has only come to keep this public-house, I should think, not more than half a year; that is all he has been in Norwich at all, so I should think he knew as little as I did.

28,473. Unless you had assistance how could you tell who the voters were?—I did not know; I had no assistance.

28,474. You had Bunn on the trap; he knew all about it?—I cannot tell you what Bunn knows; I can only tell you what I know myself.

28,475. But Bunn did a great deal?—I don't know what Bunn did; I know what I did.

28,476. He was with you the whole day?—No. He left my trap at about 12, or half-past 12; I cannot say to half an hour.

28,477. After that, who was there giving you assistance?—No one. I merely said, "Is anybody going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?" If they said, "Yes," I said, "Jump up," and I drove them up.

28,478. Did you know any of them by name?—No, I have only the three.

28,479. You might have taken up voters for the other side?—I think it is very likely. If I did I did not know it, or I should not have done it, I promise you that.

28,480. You think you did?—I think it is very likely.

28,481. Have you received thanks from the other side for taking up their voters?—I might have taken them up.

28,482. Did you see either of the Mr. Straceys that day?—I should think I see the whole lot of them walking about.

28,483. Did you speak to Mr. Edward Stracey that day?—Well, really, I cannot bring it to my memory whether I did or not.

28,484. Did you speak to Mr. Gilbert Stracey?—Yes, I speak to him when I see him, but I don't know that I saw him that day. I see Mr. Dudley Stracey.

28,485. Did anything pass between you and Mr. Dudley Stracey?—No, not anything. I see Mr. Dudley and Mr. Edward, and not one of them asked me to vote for their father.

28,486. Have you always voted Tory?—No; I never voted before in my life. I vote for a man if I likes him. If he had been on the other side I should have voted for him. I vote for a man not for politics, but if I likes him.

28,487. Did you subscribe any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

28,488. You have not paid a shilling for anything connected with this election?—Not one solitary farthing of any description.

CHARLES TAYLOR sworn and examined. *C. Taylor.*

28,489. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A clerk.

28,490. To whom?—Clabburn, Sons, and Crisp.

28,491. What is their business?—Manufacturers.

28,492. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,493. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Hibbett.

28,494. Did you promise to vote?—No, not at first.

28,495. Had you ever said you were going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

28,496. What time did you vote?—About a quarter to 11.

28,497. Did you get any money, or the promise of any money, for voting?—Certainly not.

28,498. Have you given any money, or the promise of any money, for voting?—No.

28,499. Did you treat anybody on the day of the poll?—No.

28,500. Nor afterwards?—Nor afterwards.

28,501. Do you know of any corrupt practices at this election?—No.

28,502. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

ROBERT SUTTON sworn and examined. *R. Sutton.*

28,503. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A wheelwright.

28,504. Where do you live?—Philadelphia, St. Clement's.

28,505. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,506. What time of the day?—Getting close to 4.

28,507. How much did you get for it?—Not anything.

28,508. What did your wife get?—Nothing at all.

28,509. Why did not you vote till 4 o'clock?—I was at work.

28,510. Where?—I was at work at Dunn's, I think, and then went home and got my dinner, and came out about 3 o'clock.

28,511. Why did not you go to the poll at once?—I had a little way to go before I went to vote, and I knew there was plenty of time between that and 4 o'clock.

28,512. Where was the little way you had to go?—Magdalen Street.

28,513. What were you doing there?—Nothing at all. I never stopped.

28,514. Did you see anybody that day who asked you to poll?—Not anyone.

28,515. Had you been canvassed before?—No.

28,516. Did you promise to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No, never promised anyone.

28,517. Did nobody ask you for your vote?—There was one asked me for my vote a day or two before, and I told him no.

28,518. For whom did he ask your vote?—Tillett and Russell.

28,519. Had you made up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

28,520. Did anybody come to you on the day of the poll?—No.

28,521. Did anybody canvass you for Sir Henry Stracey?—Not anyone, and I never asked them.

JOHN DANIELS sworn and examined. *J. Daniels.*

28,522. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—An overlooker.

28,523. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,524. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

28,525. What time did you vote?—About 2, in the dinner hour.

28,526. Did anybody come to ask you to vote?—No.

28,527. What have you had for your vote?—Nothing.

28,528. Did you get any beer?—No.

28,529. With whom did you go up to vote?—A man of the name of Reeve, a friend of mine.

28,530. Did he give you anything?—He asked me to drink after I had voted.

28,531. Did you drink?—I did so.

28,532. And he paid for it?—He paid for it.

28,533. That was after you had voted?—That was after I had voted.

28,534. Have you had anything else since?—Nothing else.

28,535. Or any promise?—No promise.

28,536. Did you treat anybody yourself?—No.

WILLIAM NELSON recalled and further examined. *W. Nelson.*

28,537. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told us when you were examined the other day that you got 5*s.* from Mr. Self of Tombland?—Yes.

28,538. Did not he give it to you to buy other men with?—No, certainly not. He gave it me for my own vote.

28,539. That was the understanding at the time?—Yes, before I voted.

28,540. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Mr. Self said he gave it to you to buy two or three other voters, and that you did get up two or three other voters?—No. I never got one.

28,541. (*Mr. Biron.*) I will just read you what Self said: "I know nothing about bribery except 5*s.* that "I gave to Nelson. It was in the afternoon, I believe, "Nelson got up two or three other men in the after-"noon. It was on his statement that he could do so "that I gave him 5*s.*"?—I never said no such thing. He gave me 5*s.* for me to vote, and I would not vote at all till I got it.

28,542. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you sure you did not get up any voters?—No one.

28,543. Where did you go after you had voted?—Home.

28,544. You did not go about picking up other people?—No.

WILLIAM ERLY sworn and examined. *W. Erly.*

28,545. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,546. What time in the day?—About 10 minutes to 4.

28,547. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

28,548. Had you promised your vote?—I never promised to anybody.

28,549. Who took you up to the poll?—A butcher on Tombland.

28,550. What is his name?—Bloomfield.

28,551. What did he give you?—Nothing.

28,552. Did not he give you some beer?—Not a glass of anything.

28,553. Did you go to the "Horse Shoes"?—No.

28,554. Have you had anything since?—Nothing.

28,555. Has nothing been promised you?—Not a farthing.

28,556. Did your wife get any money?—Not a farthing.

28,557. What made you so late?—I don't know. I did not think about voting at all.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

W. Erly.

5 Oct. 1869.

28,558. Had anybody been to you for your vote?—Oh yes, I was canvassed for my vote.

28,559. By whom?—By one of the young Mr. Straceys, I believe, and Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Fletcher.

28,560. What day was that?—Some time before the election.

28,561. Then you promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

28,562. Why did you not?—I did not care about voting at all. It did not trouble me at all.

28,563. What made you change your mind a few minutes before 4 o'clock?—Because they said Sir Henry Stracey was winning, and I said I would go the winning side, that's all.

28,564. You did not get any money to help you to change your mind?—Not a farthing.

28,565. Did not they promise you anything?—Not a farthing.

28,566. Did not they give you a glass of beer?—Not one glass of ale, I had only what I paid for.

N. Townshend.

NATHANIEL TOWNSHEND sworn and examined.

28,567. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A greengrocer.

28,568. Were you canvassed for this last election?—No.

28,569. Had not you promised your vote before the polling day?—Yes, before the polling day.

28,570. Did you promise to vote for Tillett?—No.

28,571. For whom did you promise to vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,572. To whom did you make that promise?—To Mr. Hibbett I am almost sure; in fact I am positive it was Mr. Hibbett that solicited me.

28,573. Did not you ever promise to vote for Tillett?—No.

28,574. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,575. What time of the day?—Well, I think close upon 1. I think it was a little after 1. I am almost sure it was a little after 1.

28,576. Were you at the "Black Eagle" that morning?—No, not in.

28,577. Outside it?—I stood speaking to Mr. Wade.

28,578. And Wade took you up to the poll?—No, there was no particular taking up. Me and him walked together to the poll, me and Mr. Wade.

28,579. What did he give you for voting?—Nothing whatever.

28,580. Or promise you?—No, not in any way, not the slightest.

28,581. Are you quite sure about that?—Quite sure about that. I don't want to hesitate about that for a moment.

28,582. He did not give you anything or promise you anything?—Decidedly not. I should not have taken it if it had been offered.

28,583. Did he give you anything afterwards?—No.

28,584. Do you know of any other man having been bribed at this election?—Not in any way, for I took no part in it. I merely gave my vote and came up, nothing else.

28,585. What were you doing in the earlier part of the morning?—Soliciting custom. There are some ladies I supply with vegetables in that district, and several other houses. I go round every forenoon. It is a customary thing in me.

28,586. To take orders and deliver goods?—Yes.

28,587. Do you mean to say you know nothing of any bribery that has taken place at this election?—No, nor do I even associate with any of them. What I mean by that is that I don't go from one public house to another. I don't make a practice of doing so.

C. Barnes.

CHARLES BARNES sworn and examined.

28,588. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,589. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,590. What time of the day?—Nearly 4.

28,591. With whom did you go up to the poll?—In Magdalen Street.

28,592. With whom?—Not anybody.

28,593. What did you get for your vote?—Mr. Buttle gave me 10*s.* on Saturday night to poll.

28,594. Then you promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No, I did not promise to vote.

28,595. He gave you that to vote?—He gave it me the Saturday night after.

28,596. He had asked you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Oh, I told him I was going to vote for him.

28,597. Before that you got the 10*s.*?—No, I never got it till the Saturday.

28,598. You got it after you had voted?—Well, I suppose so.

28,599. Were you at Mackley's, at the "Marquis of Granby," that day?—I did not go in.

28,600. Were you there that day?—No, nor anywhere else.

28,601. Did you get any beer that day?—I never see a drop about all the day.

28,602. Do you know of anyone else that got anything from Buttle?—That I do not.

28,603. Where was it that Buttle asked you to vote?—He did not ask me to vote at all. He asked me whether I had voted, and I said, No. Then he said, "Go and vote. I must go after my work." I went.

28,604. Was it in a half sovereign or in silver?—Four halfcrowns.

28,605. Did you want more than that?—No.

28,606. Did you try to get any more?—I have spoke the truth.

H. Green.

HENRY GREEN sworn and examined.

28,607. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

28,608. Where do you live?—In Union Street, South Heigham.

28,609. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,610. What time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

28,611. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

28,612. Are you a married man?—Yes.

28,613. What did your wife get?—Nothing.

28,614. Why did not you vote earlier?—Because I was at work.

28,615. What are you?—I was an ostler at that time.

28,616. How did your master vote?—I don't know.

28,617. Did he say anything to you about voting?—No.

28,618. Were you at his place the whole of the day?—I was at his house till 3 or 4 o'clock, when I went to vote.

28,619. Who canvassed you for your vote?—I don't know. I was not at home when they canvassed me.

28,620. Who brought you up to the poll?—No one. I went myself.

28,621. What made you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Well, I don't know. You can vote for anyone who you like.

28,622. Yes, but you must have had some reason for voting in one way in preference to another. What was it?—Well, I voted for Sir Henry Stracey. That's who I voted for.

28,623. I want to know why you voted for him. Did anybody offer you anything?—No.

28,624. Did anybody say he would give you money after if you voted?—No.

28,625. Or lay you money that you would not vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

28,626. Nothing of the sort?—Nothing of the sort.

SAMUEL FULCHER sworn and examined. *S. Fulcher.*

28,627. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

28,628. What part of the city do you live in?—Back Mill Street.

28,629. Is that in South Heigham?—Yes.

28,630. What time of the day did you vote?—I think it must have been after 2.

28,631. Who asked you to vote?—Nobody.

28,632. Did you promise your vote?—Never.

28,633. Who took you up to the poll?—Not anyone.

28,634. Were you treated with any beer that day?—Not so much as a glass of ale, or yet the worth of a straw.

28,635. Where were you?—Walking about seeking a job. I am a jobbing gardener.

28,636. Trying what you could get for your vote?—No, my work lays where I can get something to do.

28,637. Why did not you vote earlier in the day if you were walking about?—It's no use looking for work in the afternoon.

28,638. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What public-houses were you at?—Not any.

28,639. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is this the first time you have voted?—It is the first time.

28,640. Did you get the promise of anything for your vote?—No promise of any kind whatever.

28,641. You have had nothing since?—Nor nothing since.

28,642. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What were you doing wandering about the whole day for?—I went as far as Mill End to seek for employment. That is where my employment lays, among the little gardeners.

28,643. You were doing nothing the whole day?—No. The person I wanted to see lived in King Street. I did not know that it made any difference what time of the day I voted.

28,644. Why were you wandering about the city?—I was not in the city particular.

28,645. What were you doing wandering about the whole morning?—Seeing whether I could not find somebody to give me something to do.

28,646. Seeing whether you could not find somebody who would give you some money or some beer somewhere or other?—I can assure you that I did not. I did not taste a glass of beer or get the worth of a straw.

JOHN NEWMAN sworn and examined. *J. Newman.*

28,647. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A tailor.

28,648. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,649. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,650. What time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

28,651. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

28,652. Are you certain?—Yes.

28,653. Who brought you up to vote?—No one.

28,654. Why did not you vote sooner then?—Because I could not leave my work. It was not far off where I voted.

28,655. You were at work, then, the whole day?—Yes, till between 3 and 4 o'clock.

28,656. As soon as you were at liberty you went and voted?—Yes.

28,657. Had you ever had a vote before?—No.

28,658. Had you promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No. I made no promise to anyone.

28,659. Had anybody been to canvass you?—Yes, but I was not at home at the time, so I don't know who they were.

WILLIAM PETCH sworn and examined. *W. Petch.*

28,660. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,661. What time of the day?—About 3 o'clock.

28,662. Had you promised your vote?—No.

28,663. What are you by trade?—A boat builder.

28,664. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—No.

28,665. Had you told anyone for whom you were going to vote?—No.

28,666. You keep a public-house, do you not?—Yes.

28,667. Were any voters there that day?—No.

28,668. No one at all?—No one.

28,669. Were there any people there?—Only as regards people that work for me.

28,670. Were you paid any money to give them beer?—I had not any to give them.

28,671. Were you paid money to give them beer?—No, never see a farthing.

28,672. Have you been paid anything since the election for a score incurred on that day?—No.

28,673. Have you had anything yourself?—No.

28,674. Or the promise of anything?—No.

28,675. Did you see Hardiment that day?—I do not know him.

28,676. Do you know Freestone, the baker?—No.

28,677. Do you know Worledge?—I know Worledge very well.

28,678. Did you see him that day?—No.

28,679. Are you quite certain of that?—Quite sure of it.

28,680. Has any promise been made to you for your services on that day?—No.

28,681. Did you take any part in getting up voters?—No.

28,682. Did you take anyone up to the poll?—No.

28,683. Do you know of anyone receiving money at this election?—No, I was at my business till 1 o'clock. I got my dinner and then went up and voted.

28,684. Do you mean that you were at work in your own public-house?—No, at my boat building.

28,685. Who manages your public-house?—I do when I am there, I and my wife.

WILLIAM BUTCHER sworn and examined. *W. Butcher.*

28,686. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A farmer.

28,687. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,688. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,689. What time of the day?—10 o'clock.

28,690. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

28,691. Or the promise of anything?—No.

28,692. Did you take any active part in the election?—Not the slightest.

28,693. You merely voted?—I merely went to the poll and voted.

28,694. Is there any other man of your name in the city?—I think there is.

ROBERT ROLL sworn and examined. *R. Roll.*

28,695. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—An upholsterer.

28,696. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

28,697. What time of the day?—A quarter before 4.

28,698. Who asked you for your vote?—Nobody.

28,699. Had you told no one that you were going to vote?—No.

28,700. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

28,701. Did you not get any beer?—No. I keep a public-house myself, and I can get all I want.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.
R. Roll.
5 Oct. 1869.

28,702. Were any voters at your house that day?—No.

28,703. Were there many people there?—Not that I am aware of, but I was out all day.

28,704. Who managed the house during your absence?—My wife, the same as she always do.

28,705. Do you know whether any score was run up that day for beer?—I am certain of that. There was nothing.

28,706. Have you had any money since, for beer supplied by you that day?—Certainly not. I voted for Mr. Waters, so I should for Mr. Stracey again.

28,707. Did you get anything for voting for Waters?—No, certainly not.

28,708. No inducement of any kind?—Not a bit. I am a dead Tory.

28,709. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you been paid for beer supplied to men in your house?—Not a penny, not the colour of one.

28,710. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who is your brewer?—Mr. Young, a Whig.

T. Stannard.

THOMAS STANNARD sworn and examined.

28,711. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

28,712. Where do you live?—Silver Road.

28,713. Are you a Pockthorpe man?—Yes.

28,714. For whom do you work?—Barnard and Bishop.

28,715. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

28,716. At what time of the day?—Between 3 and 4.

28,717. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

28,718. Who brought you up to the poll?—I went myself.

28,719. Why did not you go earlier?—I did not think fit to go before.

28,720. What were you doing before?—I was at home the best of the time.

28,721. Were you waiting for what you could get?—I should have took some if I could have got it.

28,722. Did nobody offer you anything?—Not anything.

28,723. Did nobody stand treat?—Not a pint.

28,724. You heard that there was money going?—I never see any.

28,725. Did you go to the "Eagle"?—No.

28,726. Did you go to any public-house that day?—Only Mr. Fletcher's in Silver Road.

28,727. Were there men waiting there besides you?—There were some having a glass of beer. I don't know what they were waiting for.

28,728. Were they all Barnard's men?—No, I was the only one.

28,729. Did anybody come in there and try to get you up to the poll?—No.

28,730. Were not you offered anything?—Not anything, nor a pint of beer.

28,731. What made you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at last?—My principles.

28,732. You should not talk much of principle when 5*s.* would have turned you either way; you got nothing?—Not anything. If I did I should tell you the truth.

28,733. I think you would.—Yes, I should.

E. Green.

EDWARD GREEN sworn and examined.

28,734. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Where do you live?—In Silver Road.

28,735. Pockthorpe?—Yes.

28,736. For whom did you vote?—SirHenry Stracey.

28,737. At what time?—Between 3 and 4.

28,738. What did you get?—Not a farthing.

28,739. Did you try to get anything?—I did not try because I had not a chance.

28,740. Did you hear that there was any money going?—No.

28,741. Were not you looking out for some?—I should have taken some if I could have got it.

28,742. How much would you have taken?—I do not know. That all depends upon what had been offered me.

28,743. Would you have taken 5*s.* for your vote?—I daresay I should, glad enough.

28,744. But you had not a chance?—No.

28,745. Did you get any beer?—Not a drop.

28,746. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No.

28,747. Did anybody go up with you to the poll?—Not a soul.

28,748. What made you vote after all, as you could get nothing for your vote?—I thought I should like to vote as well as other people.

28,749. Did you get any money afterwards?—No.

28,750. Have you not had anything since?—Not a farthing.

28,751. Nor yet your wife?—Nor yet my wife.

E. Edwards.

ELIJAH EDWARDS sworn and examined.

28,752. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,753. What time of the day?—10 minutes past 8.

28,754. Did you get anything for your vote?—Nothing.

28,755. Or the promise of anything?—Nothing.

28,756. Had you promised to vote for him?—Well, I had.

28,757. You were canvassed a day or two before?—Yes.

28,758. By whom?—Young Mr. Stracey.

28,759. And you promised him that you would vote for Sir Henry?—I did.

J. Chittick.

JAMES CHITTICK sworn and examined.

28,760. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,761. Do you live in Pockthorpe?—Yes.

28,762. What time did you vote?—Five minutes before 4.

28,763. What did you get?—Nothing at all.

28,764. Did you try to get something?—Yes.

28,765. To whom did you go?—I went to Mr. Mackley's.

28,766. Mackley who keeps the "Marquis of Granby"?—Yes.

28,767. You found there was no money going there?—None at all.

28,768. You got a little beer there?—Yes.

28,769. You did not pay for it?—No.

28,770. There were a good many men waiting there for money?—About 30 of us.

28,771. What was your price?—We asked 2*l.*, but did not get 1*l.*

28,772. What made you vote after all?—Well, I don't know.

28,773. Have you had anything since?—No.

28,774. Not a shilling?—Nothing at all.

28,775. And all you got was your glass of beer at Mackley's?—Well, I got several glasses of beer at Mr. Mackley's.

28,776. I suppose, in consequence of getting that beer, you thought you might as well vote for the persons who had given it you?—Well, I don't know.

28,777. (*Mr. Biron.*) Were not you offered any money at Mackley's by anybody?—Yes, sir, Mr. Womersley and Mr. Smith. We asked him 2*l.* He said if we waited about 20 minutes we should have

one, and we waited, and he said he could not give anything.

28,778. Then you left?—Then we left.

28,779. Where did you go to then?—The "Horse Shoes."

28,780. What happened at the "Horse Shoes"?—We had some beer.

28,781. You did not pay for that?—No.

28,782. Who stood the beer at the "Horse Shoes"?—I don't know.

28,783. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) That was Tory beer at the "Horse Shoes"?—That was Tory beer at the "Horse Shoes."

28,784. (*Mr. Biron.*) The Tory beer prevailed against the Liberal promises, did not it?—I don't know.

28,785. You voted Tory after you got the Tory beer?—Not at all.

28,786. How came you to vote Tory?—That is what I intended to vote.

28,787. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You did not like having been taken in at Mackley's?—No.

28,788. You had got a little Tory beer, and you thought you would pay them off; that was it, was it not?—That's pretty like the truth of it.

28,789. You thought they had treated you shabbily at Mackley's?—I did not think it was right.

28,790. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know who paid for the beer at Mackley's?—I don't know who paid for it.

28,791. On which side was it?—That was for the Whig side, I believe.

JOHN EMERY sworn and examined.

J. Emery.

28,792. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carter.

28,793. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

28,794. What time in the day?—Somewhere about 3 o'clock. It might be a few minutes after 3.

28,795. What did you get for voting?—I did not get anything.

28,796. How was that?—I don't know I am sure.

28,797. You were waiting for something?—I was not.

28,798. What were you about all day?—I had to see after bricklayers and carpenters. I was carting about all day.

28,799. You had no leisure till 3 o'clock?—No.

28,800. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

28,801. You had not promised it to either side?—No.

28,802. You went and voted of your own accord?—I did.

28,803. Was no money left at your place?—No.

28,804. Did your wife get any?—No.

28,805. Are you sure of that?—I am quite sure of that.

JOSEPH RUDD sworn and examined.

J. Rudd.

28,806. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Where do you live?—At Pockthorpe.

28,807. What are you?—A carter.

28,808. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,809. What time of the day?—A quarter past 3.

28,810. For whom do you work?—Steward and Patteson.

28,811. What did you get?—Nothing.

28,812. Were you offered anything?—No.

28,813. Have you had anything since?—No.

28,814. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No; Mr. Stracey come and axed me to vote, and I voted for him.

28,815. Where did he come and ask you to vote?—Just against the gate.

28,816. At Patteson's?—Yes.

28,817. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) As you were coming out?—Yes.

28,818. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) There were several others there, were there not?—No.

28,819. Were you quite alone when he asked you to vote?—Yes.

28,820–1. Did he promise you anything?—No.

28,822. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did Mr. Patteson canvass you?—No.

28,823. Did you know which way Mr. Patteson was going to vote?—No.

JAMES JESSOPP sworn and examined.

J. Jessopp.

28,824. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,825. What time of the day?—About a quarter before 4.

28,826. Why did not you vote earlier?—I thought there was plenty of time betwixt 8 and 4. I thought it did not make much difference when I voted.

28,827. What were you about the rest of the day?—I was at work one part of the day.

28,828. Where?—At my own home.

28,829. Until what hour in the day?—Until 10 or 11 in the morning. Then I went home to dinner and done some more; then I went and voted.

28,830. What time did you go home to dinner?—About 1.

28,831. From 1 to 4 what were you doing?—I did a little work after dinner, and then went and voted.

28,832. You went straight to vote after you had done your work?—Yes.

28,833. Were not you about the city at all?—Yes.

28,834. Where were you?—I went up the market a little.

28,835. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

28,836. Or the promise of anything?—Not the promise of a farthing.

JAMES HOOD sworn and examined.

J. Hood.

28,837. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—An assistant in a shop.

28,838. Where?—A ham and pork shop, in St. Stephen's.

28,839. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,840. What time of the day?—2 o'clock.

28,841. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—No, not anyone.

28,842. Had you ever told anybody how you were going to vote?—I never mentioned it to anyone.

28,843. What did you get?—Nothing.

28,844. Were you promised anything?—No.

28,845. Have you had anything since?—No.

28,846. Were you at a public-house that day?—No, I did not leave till I had my dinner.

28,847. Had you to go to your shop again?—Directly I had my dinner I went back again.

28,848. Were not you about the city the whole day?—No.

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R. King.

5 Oct. 1869.

ROBERT KING sworn and examined.

28,849. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

28,850. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,851. What time of the day ?—A little after 3.

28,852. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

28,853. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

28,854. Why did you not vote sooner ?—I should have voted sooner, but I went up about 2 and had not my card. I went to my work again, and then about 3 o'clock I got my card and went and voted.

R. King, jun.

ROBERT KING, junior, sworn and examined.

28,855. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A shoemaker.

28,856. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Tillett.

28,857. What time of the day ?—A little after 3.

28,858. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Nothing.

28,859. Had you promised to vote for Tillett ?—No.

28,860. Had you been canvassed by anybody ?—There was nobody come round to mine.

28,861. Did anybody come to take you up to the poll ?—Nobody.

28,862. What made you so late ?—Because I had some work to get done in a hurry.

28,863. Was anything paid to you for your vote ?—Nothing.

28,864. Was nothing promised you ?—No.

28,865. Did you give any beer to anyone ?—No, nor yet see any.

28,866. You saw none yourself ?—No.

J. Hardingham.

JAMES HARDINGHAM sworn and examined.

28,867. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

28,868. What time of the day ?—About a quarter past 2.

28,869. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing.

28,870. Did not you get 3*s.* 6*d.* ?—Nothing.

28,871. Where were you ?—I was taken up from the "Bricklayers' Arms," Union Place, in Mr. Hibbett's vehicle. I rode to the poll I may say.

28,872. All the morning until that you were hanging about drinking ?—Oh no, I was about after one little business or another.

28,873. Where were you at work ?—Not anywhere. I had been at work.

28,874. Why did not you vote without been taken up to the poll ?—Well, I don't know. The vehicle stopped there, and of course I thought I might as well ride as other people.

28,875. How many of you got into the vehicle there ?—I think I was the only one.

28,876. Why could not you walk to the poll and vote earlier ?—Well, sir, the reason I stopped to that time is because if Sir William Russell wanted any assistance I was going to give my vote to keep Tillett out.

28,877. Were not you waiting for money ?—I had no idea of the thing, no such thought that they were giving money.

28,878. I suppose if money had come across you you would have taken it ?—I don't know that I should; I am rather independent, I can assure you.

D. Swash.

DANIEL SWASH sworn and examined.

28,879. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—I am at Barnard and Bishop's.

28,880. Do you live at Pockthorpe ?—No. I used to keep the "Jolly Farmers," at Charing Cross.

28,881. Did you keep that place on the day of the poll ?—Yes.

28,882. What time did you vote ?—About 3 o'clock.

28,883. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing.

28,884. Who took you up to the poll ?—I went myself.

28,885. Who asked you to vote ?—No one.

28,886. Had you ever told anybody how you were going to vote ?—No.

28,887. Never once ?—No, not once.

28,888. Did you give any beer to people in your house that day ?—No.

28,889. Were many people there ?—People kept coming out and in, but nothing to do with the voting.

28,890. Have you been paid any money since for beer supplied on the day of the poll ?—No.

28,891. Did you get anything by the election ?—No.

28,892. Were you promised anything ?—No.

28,893. Are you quite certain of that ?—Yes.

28,894. Did you treat anybody to beer ?—No one.

28,895. Where were you the whole of the day ?—At home till half-past 2.

28,896. Were many people in your house ?—Several people kept coming out and in.

28,897. Were not they talking about the election ?—There was nothing going on in mine about the election.

28,898. Not the whole day ?—No.

28,899. You never spoke about it the whole of the day ?—No.

28,900. Not to anybody ?—No.

28,901. We cannot believe that.—Well, that is right.

28,902. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How can anybody believe that there were a number of people in your house that day, and yet no talk was going on about the election ?—I was waiting on them. I paid no regard to what people were talking about.

28,903. It seems to me as if every publican in this place sees and hears nothing that goes on in his house. I do not think your evidence is of such a satisfactory nature as to entitle you to call upon the Secretary to pay your expenses.—I am speaking the truth. I never got a farthing.

(*Mr. Biron.*) That is not it.

28,904. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) One cannot help believing that you know a great deal more, because you tell a falsehood about such a paltry thing as that.—I am speaking the truth, sir.

G. Sadler.

GEORGE SADLER sworn and examined.

28,905. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,906. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing at all.

28,907. What time in the day did you vote ?—About 3 o'clock,

28,908. Where were you all day ?—At work.

28,909. Where ?—Down King Street, Mr. Watts'.

28,910. What is your work ?—A carter.

28,911. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—No.

28,912. Or promised your vote ?—No, not to anybody.

28,913. Did anybody come to you about your vote at all ?—I was not at home.

28,914. How came you to vote at 3 o'clock ?—I happened to go that way, or else I did not think of voting at all, but I was driving along the street, and I got off the cart and voted.

28,915. Who suggested that you should get off the cart and vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Not anybody.

28,916. Nobody spoke to you about it?—Not anybody.

28,917. Had you received a card before?—I had received a card sent by post.

28,918. Had you got it with you when you voted?—Yes.

28,919. Where had you been carrying it?—In my pocket.

28,920. Were you promised anything?—No.

28,921. You did not get anything afterwards?—Not anything.

28,922. When did you make up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I had made up my mind altogether to vote for Mr. Stracey and no other man.

28,923. At first?—Yes.

28,924. Why did not you go up earlier?—Because I had not an opportunity to go.

AMOS HIBBETT sworn and examined.

A. Hibbett.

28,925. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a stonemason.

28,926. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

28,927. You were very active during the day of the poll?—I was so.

28,928. You took up a good many voters?—I did so.

28,929. Where did you take them from?—I cannot tell you—so many parts.

28,930. Do you know whom you took up?—I could not tell you. I could tell you one, or two, or three, perhaps more than those if you require it. I took up Major Hebgin for one, Mr. Mitchell for another, Mr. Drane for another, Mr. Cook for another, and a good many. Those were all invalid gentlemen not able to walk.

28,931. What money did you give to voters?—I never gave one penny.

28,932. Was any money given to you to give away?—As an Englishman I know myself better than to receive money for that purpose.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do not assume a virtuous indignation in Norwich, which is very invidious to a great many inhabitants.

28,933. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you ever tell Mr. Money that you had a purse given you with 30 sovereigns in it for the purpose of the election?—It is not likely.

28,934. Did you tell anybody?—Not a farthing for the election.

28,935. (*Mr. Biron.*) Or for any purpose?—Nor any purpose. I did not receive a farthing.

28,936. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you received money since?—I hope I never made a charge for a penny, neither for my vehicle nor for my services. I did it as an Englishman ought to do, and I worked hard, and if I had the chance I should do it again.

28,937. Did anybody ask you to give your services?—No.

28,938. Did anybody canvass you?—No. They never want to do that with me.

28,939. Were you a member of any committee?—Yes; I was on the committee in the south part of Heigham.

28,940. Did you take any particular part in the business of that committee?—No particular part. I assisted the canvassing.

28,941. Did you make an offer of anything to any voter?—Not a farthing.

28,942. Did you promise anything?—Not a farthing.

28,943. What part of the city did you canvass?—I canvassed the south part of Heigham, the third ward.

28,944. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Then you found there were a large number of men who would not give their votes, and who were standing out for money, did you not?—Begging your pardon, I had no time for that, and was not wanted to do that.

28,945. You said you canvassed?—Yes.

28,946. If you canvassed, you must have got answers from the people whom you canvassed?—I did so.

28,947. How many people did you canvass?—I could not tell you for a truth, I worked very hard.

28,948. Do you mean to say that a considerable number of those men did not refuse to give you any answer at all?—I will tell you what I did. There were some who hum'd and ha'ed; but I did not stand to press those people at all, because I did not intend to do anything of the sort.

28,949. Listen to the question. Did not you find that a considerable number of those people refused to give you any answer at all?—I don't know.

28,950. Did not some people refuse to give you an answer?—There might be some who refused.

28,951. Was there not a considerable number?—Well, no, I shall not say that, because we had very great offers and very liberal offers to vote for Sir Henry Stracey in our part.

28,952. Did not you find that there were men standing out who wanted to be paid for their votes?—No.

28,953. Not one?—Not one.

28,954. All I can say is that I don't believe your statement.—Very well.

28,955. It is absurd.—I assure you I was never asked for it.

28,956. (*Mr. Biron.*) You know by a man's manner whether he wants money or not?—I speak again, sir, candidly, that I never was asked for money.

28,957. That I can perfectly believe, but the question put to you by the Chief Commissioner was whether in your canvassing you had not reason to believe from the manner of the men, and what they said, that they wanted money?—I had no reason to believe it. We had such liberal offers for Sir Henry Stracey that I do not believe that. I do speak candid, if a man may be believed.

28,958. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) There was no single person whom you canvassed whom you believed to be waiting for money?—There was no person offered to ask me for money.

28,959. Do you mean to say that there was not a single person whom you believed to be waiting for money?—I don't know about that. Not a single person asked me for money.

28,960. The question is whether you believed any to be waiting for money?—I cannot tell you any other person's mind.

28,961. (*Mr. Biron.*) You are asked about your own mind. What did you believe?—I know my own mind. I will speak candidly. We put it down as doubtful. I don't know what you may term it. You gentlemen may put it into better terms than that.

28,962. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you canvass anybody at the workhouse?—Yes.

28,963. Whom?—I cannot tell you the names.

28,964. How many did you canvass there?—I think there was three.

28,965. Do you know whether they voted?—I cannot say.

28,966. Were they paupers?—No. I must leave it, but I believe they was officers. I am speaking truth, but I cannot say that.

28,967. Cannot you tell the difference between an officer in the workhouse and a pauper?—Yes, I can. What gentlemen I spoke to—I spoke to about one—that gentleman had a very nice suit of livery, and I should not fancy he was a pauper.

28,968. Did you canvass as many as five in the workhouse?—I cannot say. I was not the principal on the canvass.

28,969. You recollect going there?—Yes.

28,970. Were there many voters there?—I cannot tell you whether there was two, three, or four. I was

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A. Hibbett.

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told there were some voters there, and we were very anxious to get all we could, and I went with some of the other gentlemen.

28,971. Who were the other gentlemen with you?—Mr. Walker went with me and Mr. Hardy, as we canvassed together.

28,972. Mr. Hardy, the grocer?—No, Mr. Hardy a retired gentleman I believe he is now. I cannot say.

28,973. Had you any conversation with Hardy and Walker about these men whom you canvassed at the workhouse?—No.

28,974. You said nothing about them?—I cannot recollect that I said nothing about them, because these officers that were there—there were two or three—said they should support Stracey (with the exception of one) if they voted at all.

28,975. Were any of the persons canvassed by your party at that time, paupers or not?—I don't know. I spoke to three officers I daresay. I won't be certain whether there were three or four.

28,976. Do not you know that they were taken away from the workhouse to the poll?—I don't know that.

28,977. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is there anything that you do know?—Yes, there is.

28,978. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What do you know about this election?—I don't know anything about that, only as a working man I worked hard. I speak sincerely, if I am to be believed—I worked sincerely hard for it, I did indeed.

28,979. Did you go to the workhouse on the day of the election?—No. I was better engaged.

28,980. Can you tell me what public-houses you went to, to take up voters?—I did not want to go to any to fetch voters. We had plenty of work without going to public-houses for voters.

28,981. Where did you take up voters?—We had a very great many in my neighbourhood that I know as friends, and they said they would go up with me, and I took them up, or my horse did.

28,982. Did you go to none of the public-houses?—No, not for the purpose of asking a voter. Of course if you wish to know what I went to a public-house for I will tell you. I knocked up my horse by 2 o'clock and had another put in. There is a friend keeps a porter shop near me. I went and got one glass of ale and a pennyworth of biscuits. My good lady said, "Dinner is ready," but I said I had no time to stop. I would go on with my journey and finish it. I went and had a glass of ale and a biscuit.

28,983. Was that all the money you spent?—No, I spent 4½*d.* I will give you an account of the remaining 1½*d.* At the "Coach and Horses," a Tillett house close to mine, they hooted me, and I drew up and asked for a glass of ale. Next time I passed by they were very polite and bowed to me, so that took away the ill feeling. That is all that I spent truly.

28,984. Did you never subscribe anything?—Not a penny. I think I did my part, to do as I did without subscribing.

J. Hurry.

JOHN HURRY sworn and examined.

28,985. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote?—Russell and Tillett.

28,986. What time of the day?—At a quarter past 8.

28,987. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

28,988. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

28,989. Is there another man of your name?—There is one in the same ward, I believe.

28,990. Where does he live; do you know?—I don't know, in North Heigham, I believe. I was told that I was personated in the afternoon, but I was not positive about it.

28,991. Did you canvass for Russell and Tillett?—No.

28,992. Were you paid in any way?—No.

S. Rayment.

SAMUEL RAYMENT sworn and examined.

28,993. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Stracey and Tillett.

28,994. What time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

28,995. Had you promised your vote?—No.

28,996. Had you been asked for your vote?—No, I never was asked for it.

28,997. What made you vote for Stracey and Tillett?—Because they were parties I knew very well. I did not think of voting, but I happened to finish my work about 3 o'clock, and I thought I would go and vote.

28,998. Did anybody take you to the poll?—No.

28,999. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not a halfpenny, or a glass of anything.

29,000. Have you had anything since?—No.

29,001. Did anybody give you a glass of beer on the day of the poll?—No, I never thought of such a thing.

29,002. Were you at work the whole of the day?—I was; I am an organ builder, and I was at work at Heigham Church. I thought I should not be able to go at all, but I got my work done at 3 o'clock, and I then thought that I would go and vote.

W. Metcalfe.

WILLIAM METCALFE sworn and examined.

29,003. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A collector of cottage rents.

29,004. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

29,005. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,006. At what time in the day?—About 9 o'clock.

29,007. You were one of Sir Henry Stracey's committee men, were you not?—I was put on the committee.

29,008. Were you paid anything for your services?—Nothing.

29,009. Neither as canvasser or manager, or anything of that sort?—No, I did not receive a penny, and I never asked for anything.

29,010. Did you canvass Tinkler's Lane and that district?—I canvassed part of Tinkler's Lane.

29,011. Did you canvass no part of the city but Tinkler's Lane?—Adelaide Street.

29,012. Is that in South Heigham?—That is in North Heigham.

29,013. And what other part?—Part of Union Place.

29,014. How many men did you get to vote?—Do you mean promises?

29,015. Yes?—I cannot tell.

29,016. Did they promise pretty readily?—No, a very few did.

29,017. They wanted money I suppose?—I cannot tell that.

29,018. You know human nature, and you are particularly concerned with money; now tell us, they wanted money, did they not, according to your judgment?—They did not ask for money.

29,019. I do not suppose they did, but did not they want money?—They hung back.

29,020. Did you see a man of the name of Crosbie?—When?

29,021. The Sunday before the election?—No, certainly not.

29,022. Are you quite certain that you did not?—Yes.

29,023. In King Street?—Certainly I did not.

29,024. Did you not receive anything from him?—No.

29,025. No money?—No.

29,026. No parcel?—No.

29,027. Nothing?—Nothing.

29,028. Are you quite sure about that?—Perfectly sure.

29,029. You have told me that in canvassing you supposed that the men wanted money, did you give any of them money?—No.

29,030. Or the promise of any money?—No.

29,031. Not one?—Not one.

29,032. You saw the wives of some of the voters, did you not?—I did not go into many of the houses; there were other people canvassed with me, and they went in.

29,033. Who canvassed with you?—Mr. Hibbett and Mr. Hardy, and I think Mr. Walker one part of the day.

29,034. Do you collect rents in part of Tinkler's Lane?—I had to collect a few in Tinkler's Lane.

29,035. Did you canvass that part in which you collect the rents?—No.

29,036. Do you tell me that you did not give a single man anything for voting at the last election?—Certainly not.

29,037. Did you bring a lot of voters up to the poll between 3 and 4 o'clock?—No.

29,038. Did you bring anyone up to the poll?—No I have called on Mr. Hassell in Union Place, and Mr. Scarf. I went up into the committee room about half-past 2 o'clock and found that they had not voted, and then I called on them, and I called on a person named Edwards, and a man named Smith came voluntarily; those are the only four I called on.

29,039. Did you induce them to go and vote?—I said that the time was drawing on, and if they intended to vote they had better go at once.

29,040. And did they go?—Yes, I believe they did.

29,041. Did you give them anything to go?—No.

29,042. Or did you promise them anything?—Certainly not.

29,043. Are you sure of that?—Perfectly sure.

29,044. Do you know of anybody having given any money to get up voters at the election?—I do not.

29,045. Have you heard since of anybody having given bribes?—Certainly not, except from report. I felt confident myself that no money had been given. I felt quite sure of it until I met one of my neighbours as I was going home to tea say that there had been bribery. I said I felt satisfied that there had been none.

29,046. The result proves that he was right and you were wrong.—I was wrong certainly.

THOMAS EDWARDS sworn and examined. *T. Edwards.*

29,047. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

29,048. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

29,049. Were you promised?—No, nor yet had I any promises.

29,050. What time in the day did you vote?—About 10 minutes after 8 in the morning.

29,051. At the time when the petition was about to be tried before Mr. Baron Martin you were taken over to Yarmouth?—Yes.

29,052. Who took you over?—Mr. Jarvis.

29,053. What did he give you for that?—We had a crown a day and our expenses.

29,054. For how long?—A fortnight.

29,055. Was that to prevent your being served as a witness upon the petition; to keep you out of the way?—Yes; not to keep us out of the way, but that so that we might not be interrupted by the Liberal side.

29,056. Did you see anybody else besides Mr. Jarvis about that business?—There was another gentleman took us to Yarmouth.

29,057. Was that a gentleman named Hunter?—I do not know his name. I never heard his name.

29,058. You do not know Hunter?—No, I do not know that I do.

29,059. Did anybody canvass you?—Yes, young Mr. Stracey.

29,060. And who was with him?—There were several other gentlemen with him; Mr. Patteson I believe was one, and several other gentlemen, but I do not know who they was.

29,061. What was it that you knew that made it worth their while to send you to Yarmouth?—I know nothing about that.

29,062. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who had given you money?—No one.

29,063. What did they send you to Yarmouth for?—I do not know, only so that we might not be interrupted by the Liberal party.

29,064. What did you know?—Nothing. I did not know anything only by my being at Mr. Mackley's after I had voted.

29,065. Which Mr. Mackley's?—Mr. John Mackley's.

29,066. Were you there before you voted?—No, after.

29,067. At what time in the day?—I voted at 10 minutes after 8 in the morning, and I was there between 11 and 12.

29,068. (*Mr. Biron.*) You were there when Mr. Womersley came in?—Yes, they told me it was Mr. Womersley.

29,069. And Moy was there also?—Yes.

CHARLES LEEDS sworn and examined. *C. Leeds.*

29,070. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A whip maker.

29,071. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,072. At what time in the day?—I think about a quarter to 3.

29,073. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

29,074. Or the promise of anything?—No, not a farthing.

29,075. Why did you not vote sooner?—I had not time. I was busy at my work.

29,076. Where were you busy?—At home.

29,077. Was there any particular order that you had to finish?—Yes.

29,078. For whom?—For people that I work for in London.

29,079. But you are your own master?—Yes, but I was busy and wanted to get my work away.

29,080. Had you promised to vote?—Yes, I had promised the canvassers that I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

29,081. When was that?—When they called.

29,082. Who called?—A young man named Howse and some other gentleman with him. I think his name was Hardy.

WILLIAM LACEY sworn and examined. *W. Lacey.*

29,083. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A bricklayer.

29,084. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,085. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

29,086. Had you promised your vote?—No.

29,087. Had you been asked?—No.

29,088. What made you vote so late?—I always vote that way.

29,089. Had you voted before?—Yes.

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W. Lacey.

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29,090. And you always voted Tory?—I always voted that way.

29,091. Have you had anything for your vote?—No.

29,092. Neither at this election nor at any other?—No.

29,093. Did you get beer this time?—No, not a drop.

ROBERT READ sworn and examined.

R. Read.

29,094. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A coal-heaver.

29,095. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

29,096. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,097. At what time in the day?—I left off at 1 o'clock.

29,098. What did you get for voting?—Nothing, nor yet half a pint of beer.

29,099. Did you not get 3*s.*?—No, not half of 2*s.*

29,100–1. You are a Tory?—I am, I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

29,102. Are you a member of the Eldon club?—No, I belong to no club.

29,103. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

29,104. Or the promise of anything?—No, I went up for old England and voted.

29,105. Did not your wife get anything?—No, I never heard a word about her getting anything; if I had got it I should have been very glad of it.

29,106. Did you go up and vote of your own accord?—Yes, they left the papers at my house, and I went and voted.

R. Horsley.

RICHARD HORSLEY sworn and examined.

29,107. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a printer.

29,108. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Stracey and Russell.

29,109. What made you split your vote in that way?—That was my fancy; it was not because I got any money by it, because that is a thing that I would not have. I never got any money or a draught of beer except what I paid for with my own money.

29,110. Were you canvassed?—No, I was never canvassed by either party.

29,111. Was this your first time of voting?—No, I have voted many times.

29,112. On which side?—I voted for two Whigs always before, but I had a little objection to one of the Whig candidates, and therefore I voted one and one.

29,113. I suppose your objection was to Mr. Tillett?—Yes.

29,114. You belong to the old Whig party?—Yes.

29,115. Did you ever receive anything at any former election?—No, never in my life.

J. Green.

JAMES GREEN sworn and examined.

29,116. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

29,117. At what time in the day?—At 3 o'clock.

29,118. Did you get anything for voting?—No, I never saw anything. I stood outside.

29,119. Did you get the promise of anything?—No.

29,120. Had you promised to vote for him?—No, I never promised anybody.

29,121. You went up and voted of your own accord?—Yes.

W. Hansell.

WILLIAM HANSELL sworn and examined.

29,122. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shopkeeper.

29,123. Where do you live?—In Union Place, Heigham.

29,124. Who asked you for your vote?—Mr. Hibbett.

29,125. Did you promise him?—Yes.

29,126. What did he offer you for your vote?—Nothing.

29,127. Have you had anything since?—No.

29,128. Has your wife had anything?—Ah, I do not know.

29,129. Do you think she has?—I should hope not.

29,130. Do you know whether she has or not?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

29,131. Was anything left at your house?—No.

29,132. Are you quite sure that you have had nothing since?—Yes.

29,133. Did you get any beer?—No.

29,134. Are you certain that nothing was left for you?—I am.

29,135. At what time in the day did you vote?—I think at about 20 minutes to 4, as nigh as I could guess.

29,136. Did Mr. Hibbett come to fetch you?—No.

29,137. Who did?—No one. I was coming out of Union Place, and I saw Mr. Hibbett driving up the road, and he said, "Have you voted?" I said, "No;" and then he said, "Jump in," and I did jump in, and then I went and voted. I was going down to the market, for I value a vote so little that I do not care whether I vote or not.

29,138. At how much did you value your vote?—Not anything.

29,139. Would you have taken anything for it if you could have got it?—I cannot say.

29,140. Would 10*s.* have tempted you?—I do not think it would.

29,141. Or 1*l.*?—No, nor yet 1*l.*

W. Lock.

WILLIAM LOCK sworn and examined.

29,142. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.

29,143. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

29,144. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,145. At what time in the day?—A little after 1.

29,146. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

29,147. Or the promise of anything?—No.

29,148. Was any beer going at your house?—No.

29,149. Was any money left with you that you might supply voters with beer?—No.

29,150. Were there any voters at your house that day?—No.

29,151. Were there no men there?—No.

29,152. Then was your house empty?—There was none except my regular customers.

29,153. I asked you just now if you had any voters in your house that day, and you said no; and then I asked you if you had no men in your house that day, and you said no, but you said afterwards that you had your regular customers?—Only those that came in in the regular way for their meals.

29,154. Were there people sitting and drinking there?—No. I had no strangers come into my house.

29,155. Or customers?—Only people who came in for beer for their meals.

29,156. Is the beer which you sell beer not to be drunk on the premises?—They may drink if they think proper.

WILLIAM MANN sworn and examined. *W. Mann.*

29,157. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

29,158. Do you live in Heigham?—Yes.

29,159. Who asked you for your vote?—No one.

29,160. Did you give no promise of your vote to anyone?—No.

29,161. At what time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4.

29,162. Who took you up to vote?—Mr. Walker.

29,163. What did he give you?—Nothing.

29,164. Did he not promise you anything?—No.

29,165. Have you had anything since?—No.

29,166. Has your wife had anything, or has anything been left at your house?—No.

29,167. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

29,168. Did anybody treat you to beer on the day of the election?—No.

29,169. Nothing was given to you at all?—No.

29,170. What made you vote so late?—Why I was busy that day.

29,171. What were you doing?—I was at work.

29,172. Were you not out the whole day?—I went out a little while in the afternoon.

29,173. Why did you not vote earlier, then?—Because I did not choose to vote at all.

29,174. What made you change your mind so late in the afternoon?—Because I saw Mr. Walter going, and others, and I thought I would give my vote along with them.

29,175. Did you go up in a carriage to the poll?—Yes.

29,176. Who took you up, Mr. Hibbett?—Yes.

29,177. Did he give you anything for voting?—No.

JAMES ARMES sworn and examined. *J. Armes.*

29,178. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A brewer's servant.

29,179. Who is your master?—Steward and Patteson.

29,180. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

29,181. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,182. At what time in the day?—At half-past 2 in the afternoon.

29,183. How came you not to vote before?—I was grinding malt at the brewery, and did not get my work done till 12 o'clock.

29,184. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

29,185. Or the promise of anything?—No.

ROBERT NEAVE sworn and examined. *R. Neave.*

29,186. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A porter at the Victoria station.

29,187. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Stracey and Russell.

29,188. What time in the day did you vote?—About 10 minutes past 3.

29,189. Why did you not vote earlier?—I went up to the polling place on Grapes Hill at a quarter before 9, and I found 50 or 60 voters there, and if I had stopped to give my vote then I should have lost my morning's work, and therefore I went to breakfast, and then went back to my work, and afterwards went to vote at half-past 2, and it was as bad then as it was in the morning.

29,190. Had you promised your vote?—No.

29,191. Had you been canvassed?—I had been asked for my vote, and I said I should vote for Stracey and Russell.

29,192. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

29,193. Did you get any beer?—No, not even a glass of beer.

JOSEPH SCARFE sworn and examined. *J. Scarfe.*

29,194. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,195. At what time in the day?—At a quarter to 4.

29,196. What did you get for voting?—Not anything.

29,197. Why did you not vote before?—Because I was at work the whole day.

29,198. How came you to turn out when you did?—Mr. Metcalfe came and asked me if I had voted, and I said no; that was between 3 and 4, and he said, "You had better go now." I said I had not voted as I had work that I was obliged to be about all day.

29,199. Did he say he would give you anything if you went and voted?—No, not at all.

29,200. Had you been canvassed before?—Only once.

29,201. By whom were you canvassed?—Mr. Hibbett and Mr. Metcalfe.

29,202. Had you promised them to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

29,203. Did you not promise at all?—No.

29,204. Why not?—I did not know which way I might vote.

29,205. You wanted something, did you not?—No.

29,206. Were you not waiting to see what you could get?—No, not at all.

29,207. Would you not have taken half a sovereign if it had been offered to you?—No, I should not have done anything of the kind.

29,208. Why did you vote at last?—Mr. Metcalfe asked me if I had been and voted, and I said no; and he said, "Then you had better go and see about it;" and then I went, I voted.

29,209. Do you know Mr. Metcalfe?—Yes.

29,210. Is he a customer of yours?—No, he is my landlord.

29,211. Did he pay your rates?—No, I paid them myself.

JAMES FITT sworn and examined. *J. Fitt.*

29,212. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A millwright.

29,213. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey and Russell.

29,214. At what time in the day?—At half-past 1.

29,215. Had you promised your vote?—No.

29,216. Had you been asked for your vote?—No, not by anyone.

29,217. Have you had anything for your vote?—No.

29,218. Were you treated to any beer?—No, I was at work all day, only going to meals.

29,219. Did you go back to your work directly after you had voted?—Yes.

29,220. And nothing was promised to you?—No.

29,221. Had you ever voted before?—No, this was the first time I ever voted.

HENRY PAULING sworn and examined. *H. Pauling.*

29,222. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker.

29,223. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,224. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

29,225. Why did you not vote before?—Because it was not convenient for me to go before.

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H. Pauling.

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29,226. Are you a master baker?—Yes.

29,227. Were you engaged in your business the whole day?—Yes.

29,228. Did you take an active part in the election?—No.

29,229. You did not canvass?—No.

29,230. Did you take up any voters?—No.

29,231. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

29,232. Or the promise of anything?—No.

W. James.

WILLIAM JAMES sworn and examined.

29,233. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A cab driver.

29,234. Did you vote at the last election?—For nobody at all.

29,235. Have you a vote?—Yes, I have had a vote for nearly 45 years.

29,236. Had you voted on former occasions?—Yes; I do not know that ever I neglected voting only once before in my life.

29,237. Where do you live?—In the "Nag's Head" yard, on the Castle meadow.

29,238. At other elections have you ever had anything given to you for your vote?—No, nothing worth mentioning.

29,239. Did you get a trifle from Mr. Waters?—No.

29,240. From whom have you had money on former occasions?—I am sure I cannot say.

29,241. The Whigs or the Tories?—I am sure I cannot say; I cannot tell you that.

29,242. (*Mr. Biron.*) How much money did you get?—I am sure I cannot say now, it is so long ago.

29,243. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) I suppose you were willing to take what you could get?—No, I do not know for that.

29,244. (*Mr. Biron.*) You say you have taken money on former occasions?—A trifle, not much.

29,245. How long ago?—20 years, perhaps.

29,246. In the time of Scarlett was it?—I cannot say.

29,247. Did you live in King Street?—That is many years ago.

29,248. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you get a trifle at this election for anything?—No, not a farthing; there was a neighbour offered me half-a-crown.

29,249. Who was that neighbour?—Why Mr. Bacon; he offered me half-a-crown, and I said, says I, "Everyone that solicits me for my vote I have told "that I shall not vote at this election at all;" and then he came again in the afternoon, and told me he would double it, and I said, "You may go and treble and "treble it again if you like, I shall not vote at this "election."

29,250. Had you any reason for not voting at this election?—No, not particularly; I made up my mind not to do it.

J. Perry.

JACOB PERRY sworn and examined.

29,251. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A mat maker.

29,252. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

29,253. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,254. At what time?—Between 3 and 4.

29,255. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all.

29,256. Where were you all day?—I was at home till after dinner, at my own house, doing my work.

29,257. You were waiting to see what would turn up?—I do not know; I do not think that is likely.

29,258. Were you not waiting to see if anybody would come and give you anything?—No, I should not think so. I was waiting to get my children's dinner as much as anything.

29,259. If anybody had come to you and offered you money you would have taken it, I suppose?—I do not suppose I should. I do not know what I should have done.

29,260–1. Nobody did come?—No.

29,262. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No.

29,263. And you got no money and no beer?—Not till after I had voted, and then I had half a pint of beer, but that I paid for myself.

T. Abel.

THOMAS ABEL sworn and examined.

29,264. (*Mr. Mansfield,*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,265. At what time in the day?—At about half-past 2 as near as I can tell.

29,266. Had you promised your vote?—No.

29,267. Had you been asked for your vote?—Well, I had been asked for it in the forenoon.

29,268. By whom?—By Mr. Cubitt.

29,269. What answer did you give?—I told him I did not think proper to vote at that time.

29,270. Why not?—Because I had not time. I was after my work.

29,271. Did Cubitt offer to take you up to the poll?—No.

29,272. Did he give you some beer?—Not then.

29,273. When did he give you some beer?—I think I got a glass at half-past 3, after I had voted.

29,274. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Cubitt.

29,275. Was that Cubitt, the publican or David Cubitt?—Mr. Cubitt the publican.

29,276. You did not pay for it?—No.

29,277. Who did pay for it?—I do not know who paid for it; the woman drew it.

29,278. Did he tell you that if you went and voted for Stracey he would give you some beer?—I did not go to dinner till 2 o'clock nearly, and I thought I would walk about Magdalen Street, and then I saw Mr. Cubitt again in the street, and he asked me to vote. I said, "I shall not vote yet, I have not time." He said, "Oh, nonsense, go up and vote;" and then I thought proper to go up and vote, and after that he said, says he, "Go up to my house and you can have "something to drink." I did not go directly.

29,279. Did Cubitt go up with you to the poll?—No, not exactly; he went about half the length of the street, or something like that.

29,280. Had you promised him to go and vote?—I went and voted myself.

29,281. And then he told you to go to his house and get some beer?—He did not tell me to go.

29,282. There were a good many people there, were there not?—Not many then.

29,283. There was a good deal of beer going?—No; there was nothing stirring then, but perhaps there was ten or a dozen of them in there, and they said, "If you will come up in the evening there will be "plenty of drink," and I went up in the evening.

29,284. And you found that there was plenty of drink?—Perhaps there was plenty of drink going on, but I got very little of it.

29,285. I suppose you got as much as you could?—I got my share, I daresay, among the rest, but who paid for it I do not know.

29,286. You did not pay for it?—No, I did not.

29,287. Do you know the names of any of the men who were there?—I know one or two of them; there was one of the name of Horth, and one of the name of Caps.

29,288. Where do those two men live?—I think that Horth lives in Cross Keys Yard. I think that he voted in the forenoon.

29,289. And where does the other live?—Somewhere in St. Paul's churchyard, I think.

29,290. Did you not try to get any money for your vote?—No, I never saw a copper.

29,291. I suppose you were looking out to see if there was any chance of getting any?—Yes, I looked out as well as the rest; if there was a chance of getting a little I should have taken it as well as the rest, but I never saw a copper stirring.

29,292. Did you make any inquiries as to whether there were any coppers stirring or not?—No.

29,293. You walked about in the hope that somebody would come up to you and make a bargain for your vote?—No, I had not time to walk about, I was working from 5 o'clock in the morning till 8 o'clock at night. I was after my business.

29,294. Have you had anything before for voting in Norwich?—No, I never voted before.

29,295. Not at the municipal elections?—No.

SAMUEL MOORE sworn and examined.

S. Moore.

29,296. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A weaver.

29,297. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,298. At what time in the day?—Between 1 and 2.

29,299. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

29,300. Where were you all day?—At work.

29,301. Were you not in any public-house?—I only had one glass of beer.

29,302. Where was that?—At the "Lord Nelson" in Ber Street, and I paid for that myself.

29,303. After you had voted what did you do?—Went home to my work.

WILLIAM CHARLES THOMPSON sworn and examined.

W. C. Thompson.

29,304. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) I believe you did not vote at this election?—No.

29,305. Were you asked to vote?—I was asked to vote about 3 minutes to 4 in the afternoon.

29,306. Who asked you to vote?—John Nockles.

29,307. What did he offer you?—5*s.*

29,308. And some beer?—Yes.

29,309. You would not take it?—No.

29,310. You stood out for something more?—Yes.

29,311. And did he raise his price?—Yes, he raised it a shilling.

29,312. Then he offered you 6*s.*?—Yes.

29,313. Did he make any further offer?—I do not remember it.

29,314. Did you say you were ready to vote for the 6*s.*?—I did not vote.

29,315. You were too late?—He took and shoved me through the crowd, and just as I got to the window it was pulled down.

29,316. You could not vote?—No.

29,317. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you get your 6*s.*?—No, he took and shoved me through. I did not do it of my own accord, because I was not of the mind.

29,318. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) But still you took the 6*s.*?—No, I did not.

29,319. You were willing to take it?—No, I was walking away from him, but he shoved me along.

29,320. And you neither got the 6*s.* nor any beer?—No.

JOSIAH BUTTIFANT sworn and examined.

J. Buttifant.

29,321. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you take an active part in the last election?—I did.

29,322. Were you one of the ward managers?—I was the manager for South Heigham.

29,323. On which side?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,324. Was your committee room at the "Tuns"?—Yes.

29,325. Did you canvass at all yourself?—I canvassed one half day, I think, in St. Giles' parish.

29,326. Did you find in the course of your canvass that men were hanging back?—Not more than five or six, and they were poor people, living in yards. But I should mention that St. Giles' is a first-class parish.

29,327. When you got among the poorer class of voters, there was the well-known reluctance?—The new voters would not promise one way or the other.

29,328. Have you got any canvass books here?—Yes. I think I may say that mine was the only ward in the city that had canvass books. I made them for my own use. I was not aware that I had them; I thought Mr. Chittock had them, but since I received your summons I have looked them up. I think they will not be of much service; the promises we got were few and far between. (*The books referred to are handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*)

29,329. Do you know anything of any corrupt practices?—None whatever at the last election.

29,330. Did you know anything about Waters' business?—I acted as agent for Mr. Waters up to the time when the disagreement took place between Mr. Waters and Mr. Goldsmid, and then I ceased.

29,331. That was when an agreement was entered into that Mr. Goldsmid was to pay a lump sum?—That agreement was entered into, I think, after the election was over.

29,332. There was a division between Mr. Goldsmid and Mr. Waters from some cause or another?—Yes. I had been acting till that time, and then Mr. Skipper was appointed two days before the election. We could not get an agent, and in fact I was obliged to do the work for a certain time; and when the division took place, Mr. Skipper acted for Mr. Goldsmid, and Mr. Atkinson was appointed for Mr. Waters.

29,333. Did you know anything of any money going at that election?—No; I had nothing to do with the election.

29,334. You did not know of Mr. Waters having got 1,000*l.*?—No; I heard after the election was over that money had been going, and that there had been bribery on the election day.

29,335. From whom did you hear that?—From different voters. I was about a great deal on that day, in consequence of my not being employed as agent, and I went about endeavouring to persuade people to vote for the two parties, notwithstanding the division.

29,336. You had not the handling of any money at that election?—No, not a farthing. I had always acted as one of the legal agents, and therefore I thought it my duty not to interfere with money. I left that to the underground people.

29,337. You know these subterranean people?—Yes.

29,338. Who were they?—Mr. William Kitton was the chief man.

29,339. Would he have been the person to give us all the information we require upon the subject?—Yes; I should think the late Mr. Kitton on the one side, and the late Mr. Wilde on the other.

29,340. Did Dawson act under Mr. Kitton?—No; Mr. Dawson was with me till the last election.

29,341. Is there anybody else besides Mr. Kitton who could give us information upon the subject?—I cannot call anyone to mind just now, after this lapse of time. I do not know who distributed money at Mr. Waters' election, but at Bignold and Lushington's election I believe there was a great deal of money spent in bribery.

29,342. I am speaking of Waters' election and the preceding election of Lewis and Forlonge?—There I acted as deputy to Mr. Lewis, the brother of the candidate.

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29,343. Do you know of any money having been spent by Mr. Lewis?—No.

29,344. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is there anybody, so far as you know, who can give us the same information that Mr. Kitton could have given with reference to that election?—There were people in each ward always open to employment. Mr. Kitton, I should say, would communicate direct to his staff in each ward.

29,345. Your impression is that there was a staff acting under Mr. Kitton?—There would be in cases of bribery previously agreed to; but an agent would be the last person to know anything about it.

29,346. Who they were you do not know?—No; I might, perhaps, be able to tell you if I were to consider the matter a little. I should say that Mr. Kitton was a man who would not trust to a second or third person.

29,347. (*Mr. Biron.*) If you could give us anything like information which would enable us to get at the whole or anything like the whole truth of the matter, we should be very glad, with reference both to Waters' and Lewis and Forlonge's election?—There was nothing in Lewis and Forlonge's election, I am perfectly satisfied. There was none on our side; from what has transpired since I am perfectly satisfied of it. There might be treating by individuals.

29,348. But no organised bribery?—No, I am perfectly satisfied that there was not.

29,349. There was not what they call here "plant" money?—No. I do not suppose that any election could take place in Norwich without bribery or treating to some extent. I do not think that either side can win without it.

29,350. Do you remember the preceding election, when Colonel Boldero, Lord Bury, and Sir Samuel Bignold were candidates?—Yes; I had to do with that election.

29,351. Do you know of any bribery on your side at that election?—No.

29,352. Or on the other side?—No. I think it was a pure election. It was not an election to call for the spending of money, because Colonel Boldero was merely a nominee who was put up without his consent, to take the chance of a petition.

29,353. You would know, from your experience, whether bribery was carried on on the opposite side?—I do not think that there was any bribery on that occasion. At the last election I took no active part.

29,354. I am not speaking of the last election but of the election in 1860, in consequence of Lord Bury accepting office?—That was a bye election which took place between the former election and the petition being heard.

29,355. Can you form any opinion as to whether there was any bribery at that election?—I should think there was none at all; there was no cause for it, because we felt satisfied as to the result of the petition. We served a protest on that occasion upon the voters against Lord Bury's election, saying that he was not qualified, in consequence of the petition standing over.

29,356. Therefore it would not be worth his while to bribe, or yours either?—No; we considered that he was not qualified to sit, and it turned out that he was not.

29,357. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You trusted to win on that technical ground?—Yes; the committee was against us. We expected that Mr. Lewis would be returned as the next on the poll, but the election was declared to be void, and therefore we lost our "tip" on that occasion.

29,358. Did you take the precaution of giving notices?—Yes; every voter who came up to poll for Lord Bury was served with a printed form, signed, I think, by me, to the effect that he was disqualified to serve in Parliament, he having taken the office of treasurer of the household, or something of that sort. Colonel Boldero was merely put forward as an electioneering dodge. Sir Samuel Bignold was affected by the same inquiry, so that he might be disqualified as well as Lord Bury, and we thought that in the event of Sir Samuel being disqualified he would go in.

29,359. Then I understand it to be your impression that there was no bribery on that occasion on either side?—Yes.

29,360. Were you engaged then as agent?—Yes; all the agents at that election worked voluntarily; nobody was paid, it being a bye election.

29,361. Do you know who was Lord Bury's agent then?—No, I do not recollect.

29,362. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Wilde?—Wilde was one of the agents, no doubt; he was always looked upon as the working agent, not the legal agent.

29,363. The legal agent they take care shall know very little?—Yes, that is understood; they never do know anything. It would not answer their purpose.

29,364. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know who did the underground work at the last election?—I did not believe that there was any till after the election was over. I live in a district where there is very little to operate upon.

29,365. At Waters' election the man who did a great deal was Mr. Arthur Bignold?—So I have heard.

29,366. And he was pretty active in this?—I found he was cashier or financial agent to Mr. Waters. I tried to get paid for my services, but never did. I tried to get paid through Mr. Arthur Bignold, but I never could.

29,367. He was pretty active at this election?—I never saw anything of him at this election. I took very little interest in it, and it was only the week before that I was induced to enter into at all. I had retired from agency, and had made up my mind to retire from political matters altogether.

29,368. Did you never see Mr. Arthur Bignold at this election?—No, I did not see him till after the election was over. I never attended at the central committee room. I did not take what may be called a general interest in the election. I merely took my own ward that I reside in.

29,369. You thought everything was plain and above board, and that there was no underground action?—I did not think there was any on the last occasion. I thought there was treating going on.

29,370. That you could see?—I saw people standing about public-houses and going in and out, and I thought treating was going on.

29,371. I suppose that at former elections nothing so low as half a crown was given for votes?—I can scarcely conceive that a man could debase himself so much as to take so little as half a crown; but the payments this time were merely nominal, what we should call in election matters a mere bagatelle, a thing not worth talking about.

A. Master.

ALFRED MASTER sworn and examined.

29,372. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) I believe you took a very active part in this election?—No, I do not think I did take a very active part.

29,373. You canvassed a certain number of voters?—Yes, I did, some voters.

29,374. How many did you canvass?—I could not tell you. I spoke upon the matter to people that I met, but I did not go canvassing at all. I was a great deal about in my profession, and when I had an opportunity I spoke to people and canvassed their votes.

29,375. Did you give any money to anyone?—Not a farthing.

29,376. Did you treat anyone?—You know the great breakfast case; that is the only treating that I had to do with.

29,377. Give us your account of that?—My account of it is this: a notice was issued to call the Conservative voters to meet opposite my house, to go in a body to the poll. The street being a little wider there than in other places I suppose, and it being a cold wet morning, I asked two or three people to come in and

have some coffee, it was in my servants' hall, and the servants were just going to breakfast. There was coffee upon the table at the time; the people were waiting out there, and rather than that they should be waiting in the cold I asked them to come in; and whether they were voting for my candidate, Sir Henry Stracey, or for anybody else, I really did not take the pains to inquire; but I have found, since the inquiry, there were two or three that voted the other way, though of course the majority were for the Conservatives, because they were meeting there by appointment.

29,378. Do you know how many there were in the house altogether?—Not above five or seven at one time; two or three people came dropping in afterwards, but I should say that two of them were my farming men, and one was my partner's coachman, who is very often in; they all more or less were in the habit of frequenting my house, and having a glass of beer whenever they came in, and have had a good many since. I never made any canvass on that occasion at all.

29,379. (*Mr. Biron.*) I think you told Mr. Baron Martin that you put them altogether at 23 that you could reckon up?—I think it was so. I tried hard to reckon them up at the time; they were most of them people who had been in my house frequently before and since.

29,380. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you promise anyone any money for voting at this election?—Not a farthing.

29,381. Did you canvass a man of the name of Smith?—I do not know at all; I did not knowingly.

29,382. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You know the person to whom we allude. You know the person you saw in the presence of Mr. Vassar?—I do not know Mr. Vassar. I should not know him if I were to see him.

29,383. Do you not recollect having some conversation with a man who said you should not bribe another?—No; I am quite sure I should have recollected it if he had said such a thing to me.

29,384. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know a man of the name of Bygrave?—No, not at all; I think it is an extremely improbable thing that a man would come and tell me I was not to bribe anyone; whoever knows me would know better than that I think.

29,385. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Your political opponents are not very charitable?—No, not very.

29,386. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you remember talking to some men at half-past 3, and trying to persuade them to go and vote?—Yes.

29,387. Was there a man of the name of Bygrave?—I could not tell you his name; somebody said to me as I was coming home from my farm that there was a man or two in the street who had not voted yet, and would I go and speak to them. I could not tell you who it was who told me of it even.

29,388. Did you find a man who was unwilling to go and vote?—Yes.

29,389. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you recollect the circumstance that he said he had been ill?—I think I do recollect something of that sort, now you name it. I think he said so, but it was nothing that made any impression on my mind at all.

29,390. (*Mr. Biron.*) While you were talking to him did a man came up to you and say something?—I had many who came round directly, but what one person said I do not know, though certainly no one said anything to insult me

29,391. You heard nothing said of which you could take notice?—No.

29,392. Did anyone come and interfere with your talking to the man and take or get the man away from you?—No, I do not think so; there was nothing of that sort at all.

29,393. A man has been examined here who has stated that he saw you talking to Bygrave and endeavouring to persuade him to vote, and that he went up to you and said, "I will not have any of this bribery"?—Nothing of that sort took place, and if he had said so I should have let him know what I thought about it.

29,394. You would have said something to him?—Yes.

29,395. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) This is the statement: "I saw Dr. Master urging them to vote for Stracey. "I spoke to Bygrave and reminded him that he was "a member of the organisation and professed to be a "Liberal, and asked him how he could possibly vote "for Stracey. He then told me that Dr. Master "would give him money, and asked me how much I "would give. I then expostulated with Mr. Master, "who urged Smith to go and vote, but did not address "himself to Bygrave. Bygrave again asked me what "I was going to give, and I told him that I dare not "and would not give him anything, and said there "was a heavy penalty against it. I again remon-"strated with Mr. Master, and he then left, neither "of the men going with him"?—The remonstrance is entirely a lie. I can venture to say that no man made any remonstrance to me at all.

29,396. That is the statement which was made here by Vassar; there is considerable difficulty certainly in believing anybody in Norwich.—If all the statements are like that I can quite understand your difficulty.

29,397. (*Mr. Biron.*) You were talking to the two men?—Yes, I did talk to them, but I never offered anybody anything at the election, not a single farthing, nor any promise of any kind whatever.

29,398. Did the man make any remonstrance with you?—No, certainly not; he might have said, "You "have no business to come here," or something of that sort, but he did not say that I was attempting to bribe, or that I should not bribe him; it was in a public place and I did not make any secret of it, so that it is hardly likely I should go and accost a man in that way.

29,399. Did you hear a man say anything about your giving money?—No, not at all.

29,400. According to this account it was a thing that must have occurred in your very presence?—It was not so, decidedly not. I read it in one of the papers in London, and there it was put in I suppose by accident, that he saw me attempting to bribe somebody. I see his evidence now will bear another construction, that I was simply trying to persuade him.

29,401. He seemed to have got it into his head that you were doing it?—He probably knew something about it himself I should think. I never did anything of the sort.

29,402. As the chairman has said your opponents at an election are not the most charitable?—I should like to have it put upon record that I never offered a single shilling.

ROBERT ROLL sworn and examined.

R. Roll.

29,403. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A brickmaker.

29,404. Who did you vote for?—Stracey.

29,405. What time in the day?—2 o'clock.

29,406. Who asked you to vote?—Not anyone.

29,407. Did you not promise your vote?—No.

29,408. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

29,409. Have you had anything since?—No.

29,410. Who took you up to the poll?—Not anyone.

29,411. Did anybody treat you that day?—Not at all.

29,412. Where were you all the morning?—At work till 1 o'clock.

29,413. After 1 o'clock where did you go?—I got my dinner, came down into Magdalen Street, and voted, and then went for a walk just where I thought proper.

29,414. Did you go to any public-house?—Yes, lots.

29,415. Which?—All round the market. I went to Holmes', and Miller's, and lots of places, but not to get any treatment.

29,416. Did you not get any beer?—What I paid for.

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29,417. No one treated you ?—No.

29,418. Did you hear of any money going ?—No.

29,419. Did you ask for any ?—No.

29,420. Did you want any ?—No.

29,421. You have had nothing paid you since ?—No.

WILLIAM PRATT sworn and examined.

W. Pratt.

29,422. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A coal carter.

29,423. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

29,424. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

29,425. What time in the day ?—Between 3 and 4.

29,426. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

29,427. How was that ?—I did not ask for anything, and was not offered anything.

29,428. You waited to find out if anything was going ?—No ; I took a load of coal and went into the country in the morning, and when I got home it w getting latish, and I got my dinner and went and voted.

29,429. Had you promised your vote ?—No, I had not promised it to anyone and I was not asked for my vote.

29,430. Not by anybody ?—No, I was not.

29,431. Had you ever voted at former elections ?—No.

29,432-3. This was your first vote ?—Yes.

29,434. You have told me you got nothing for it ?—No.

29,435. Nor the promise of anything ?—Nor yet a promise.

J. Edwards.

JAMES EDWARDS sworn and examined.

29,436. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A weaver.

29,437. Who did you vote for ?—Tillett and Russell.

29,438. What time in the day ?—About 3 o'clock.

29,439. Who asked you to vote ?—There were several gentlemen came to my door and asked me, and I told them I was going to vote for Tillett and Russell.

29,440. Did you get anything for voting ?—No, no one offered me a single farthing.

29,441. Nor yet a glass of beer ?—No, nor yet a glass of beer.

29,442. Have you had anything since ?—No, I have had nothing since. I have never seen anything, nor yet a fraction of anything.

29,443. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you voted at former elections ?—Yes, I voted for many years.

29,444. Which side did you vote for ?—All but one I have voted for the Whigs.

29,445. Did you get anything for it then ?—Oh yes, several times.

29,446. You have often had money ?—Yes, several times, in former times back.

29,447. What is the biggest sum you ever got ?—I have been offered 10*l.*

29,448. Did you ever get 10*l.* ?—Yes, I have.

29,449. Who from ?—A woman gave it to me at a cellar house at St. Martin's, and asked me whether I would vote.

29,450. What election was that ?—Gurney and Grant's, I think a number of years ago.

29,451. This time you could not get anything ?—Not a single fraction.

29,452. Did you look out for anything ?—No, and never asked for nothing.

29,453. Did you hear whether there was any money going ?—No, I never saw anything, nor yet anybody offered me anything.

29,454. You wanted it ?—Yes, no doubt I did ; an old man like me wanted something, but I got nothing and had nothing nor yet a fraction offered me.

29,455. You did not know there was as much as 10*l.* going among the whole lot ?—No, I had not a fraction offered me.

29,456. Did you hear of anything going ?—No, I never heard of anything.

29,457. You would have been there if you had ?—I should like to have had something, it would have been very useful to me.

W. Maris.

WILLIAM MARIS sworn and examined.

29,458. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A potato salesman.

29,459. On your own account ?—Yes.

29,460. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes, I did.

29,461. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

29,462. What time in the day ?—Half-past 8 in the morning.

29,463. Had you been canvassed for your vote before ?—No.

29,464. Had you promised to vote ?—No.

29,465. You went of your own accord and voted as soon as the poll was opened ?—Yes.

29,466. What did you do after you voted ?—Went and got my breakfast.

29,467. That is natural ; I mean after that ?—Well, I done a little bit.

29,468. Did you get up any voters ?—Yes, I did.

29,469. Whereabouts did you go to get up voters ?—I cannot say, a good many places.

29,470. Just give me the names of one or two you got up ?—I do not remember one name.

29,471. Do not state such a thing as that.—I do not remember one, that is the truth.

29,472. Do not say that is the truth.—I do not remember one.

29,473. I would much rather you would not say that is the truth. Did you go about with your cart ?—No.

29,474. Did you go about with any cart ?—No, I went about in a cab.

29,475. Did you take up voters in your cab ?—Yes, I did, a great many.

29,476. Some of them were very drunk, were they not ?—No.

29,477. They were drunk ?—No.

29,478. Did you not take up any man that was drunk ?—No.

29,479. Did you stand any beer that day ?—Yes, I did, a few pints of beer or a few pots of beer, that would not make anyone drunk.

29,480. Where did you stand your beer ?—At two or three different places. I do not know the signs exactly.

29,481. What were the houses, in what streets ?—There were several different houses, but I do not know the names of the streets or the houses.

29,482. Are you a native of Norwich ?—Yes, I live in Norwich, and belong to it.

29,483. How long have you lived in Norwich ?—A few years.

29,484. You know Norwich perfectly well ?—Yes, I know Norwich.

29,485. Do you mean really to tell me that you do not know where you stood the beer ?—I do not know the names of the houses where I stood the beer.

29,486. If you answer like that I shall know what course to take.—I do not know the signs of the houses where I stood the beer.

29,487. You do not know the name of the street or the name of the house ?—I know the names of some of the parishes, but not the streets.

29,488. Do you know the landlords?—Yes. I stood half a gallon of beer at Wright's, at the "True Briton," at Catton.

29,489. What time in the day was that?—I cannot exactly say.

29,490. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many voters was that for?—Not for any voters.

29,491. (*Mr. Biron.*) How many voters did you get up from Wright's?—I cannot say.

29,492. Did you get any?—I do not know that there was any through that half gallon of beer.

29,493. I did not ask you that. You told me you stood beer at Wright's, and I ask you did you get up voters from Wright's?—No.

29,494. Not one?—No.

29,495. What did you give the beer for?—I treated the cabman with half a gallon of beer, and I drank with him.

29,496. You saw some men there?—No.

29,497. What did you say; repeat it again?—I treated the cabman with half a gallon of beer, and I drank with him.

29,498. You treated him with half a gallon of beer?—A few people stood about that had no votes that I know of, and they drank out of it.

29,499. How many men did you take away from that place?—I cannot say.

29,500. Did you take any?—There was some in the cab at the time, but they did not come from there.

29,501. Where had you got them from?—From Old Catton.

29,502. How many?—I cannot say; several of them.

29,503. You brought them from Old Catton, and stopped there to give them a drink?—I did not treat them, I treated the cabman. The cabman said, Was I going to have anything to drink? and I said, "Yes, have what you like," and he got half a gallon of beer, and I paid for it.

29,504. And they drank it?—Yes.

29,505. Give me the names?—I do not know the names.

29,506. We shall be under the unpleasant necessity of detaining you here.—So you must; I cannot help it. I tell you the truth. I do not know the names. I do not recollect the names.

29,507. You do not know a street, a name, or a public-house. All you know is you took up a great number of men.—I took them from all parts, where I could gather them.

29,508. You cannot give the name of one single man that you took up?—I do not remember the names.

29,509. You told me that you paid for some beer?—Yes, I spent a few shillings.

29,510. How much did you spend?—I cannot say. No more that day than I do another day.

29,511. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Not more for that day than other days?—Not a bit.

29,512. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you stand half a gallon every day in your life?—So I do a few gallons, and have done for the last few years.

29,513. You stand gallons of beer every day of your life?—I stand gallons of beer.

29,514. Where have you spent your money to-day for your gallon or two?—Several houses. I cannot tell where I have been.

29,515. To-day?—I do not know the signs.

29,516. You must think this over.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I think you had better take a week in gaol to consider it.

(*Mr. Biron.*) We will have a warrant prepared for you, and you shall go for a week, if you prefer that.

JAMES COMAN sworn and examined.

J. Coman.

29,517. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A labourer.

29,518. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

29,519. What time in the day?—About half-past 3, as near as I can tell.

29,520. Who asked you for your vote?—No one at all to the best of my knowledge.

29,521. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

29,522. Where were you during the day?—At work.

29,523. The whole day?—Barring the time it took me just to go and vote.

29,524. Where were you working?—At Messrs. Steward and Patteson's.

29,525. Most of them voted for Stracey at that establishment, did they not?—I believe so.

29,526. Did you go back to your work as soon as you had voted?—Direct.

29,527. You had nothing for it?—No, nothing at all.

JOSEPH GARDINER sworn and examined.

J. Gardiner.

29,528. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a lodging-house keeper.

29,529. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

29,530. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,531. At what time in the day?—About a quarter past or half-past 1.

29,532. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

29,533. Or the promise of anything?—No, nothing; certainly not.

29,534. Who brought you up to the poll?—I went myself.

29,535. Had you promised your vote?—Nobody asked me.

29,536. Nobody asked you at all?—No. I have voted for the party for the last three or four elections.

29,537. Have you always voted for the Tories?—Yes.

29,538. Did you ever get anything on former elections?—No.

29,539. Never in your life?—No.

29,540. You said that no rather faintly?—I say no, I never did; I never asked the question.

WILLIAM LIMMER sworn and examined.

W. Limmer.

29,541. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A painter.

29,542. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

29,543. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

29,544. What did you get for your vote?—Not anything.

29,545. Who asked you to vote?—I cannot say.

29,546. Did anyone ask you to vote?—I was asked by different people at different times, but I never took anything. I never asked for anything, and never was offered anything.

29,547. Did you promise to vote?—No, I did not promise anybody.

29,548. Did you say you would not promise?—I cannot say nothing about that.

29,549. You must know whether you promised or not?—I never promised anybody.

29,550. Are you certain nobody asked you to promise?—I cannot say about whether anybody asked me. I was asked by both sides whether I would vote for them.

29,551. Who took you up to the poll?—Not anybody.

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W. Limmer.

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29,552. With whom did you go to the poll?—I did not go with anybody, I went by myself.

29,553. Have you had anything since?—No, nor yet before.

29,554. Did you get any beer given you that day?—No.

29,555. Where were you during the day?—About different places.

29,556. Where?—I cannot say where I was; I was about at different places.

29,557. At what public-houses were you?—I cannot say any particular public-houses.

29,558. Were you at any public-houses?—Yes, I was in, perhaps, two or three in the day.

29,559. Cannot you recollect where?—Yes, I was in the "Tuns."

29,560. You got some beer there, did you not?—None but what I paid for.

29,561. Were there any other people there getting beer without paying for it?—I never saw anyone.

29,562. Do you mean to say you got no beer there without paying for it?—I mean to tell you I never got any beer anywhere without paying for it.

29,563. What other houses did you go to?—I cannot say; I might be in one or two during the day.

29,564. You cannot recollect them?—No, I do not know that I can.

29,565. Have you had anything paid you since for your vote?—No, nothing at all. I never was paid anything. I never asked for anything, and never was offered anything.

29,566. Have you ever been paid before?—No.

C. Widdows.

CHARLES WIDDOWS sworn and examined.

29,567. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a teacher of music.

29,568. Did you vote at the last election?—I did not.

29,569. Have you a vote?—I have a vote.

29,570. Are you the master of the band?—Yes.

29,571. Were you hired at all for the last election?—Yes, I was.

29,572. You and your band?—Yes.

29,573. On which side?—The Liberal side, the Whig side.

29,574. Was that for the nomination day?—That was for the election day.

29,575. The polling day?—Yes.

29,576. Who paid you?—I was paid by Mr. Copeland, through Mr. Tuxford.

29,577. How much was it?—I had 16*l.*, I think it was, or 16 guineas; I forget which almost now; it was one of the two.

29,578. What were you to do?—Simply to send out a band to play in the streets anywhere they chose to go.

29,579. To go round the streets playing?—Yes.

29,580. Popular airs?—Yes.

29,581. Why did you not vote?—Because I did not approve of the coalition.

29,582. Amongst your band were there any voters?—Yes, several voters.

29,583. Did you pay them anything?—Yes, I paid them the same as the others. I paid them all alike.

29,584. How many voters did you pay?—I do not know. There were about 20 or 21 in the band altogether.

29,585. You had a list of them?—Yes. I have not got the list before me, but I know who they are.

29,586. You could tell me?—Yes.

29,587. Could you remember them now?—It would take some little time.

29,588. How many of them do you think were voters?—I should think they were all, under the new Act.

29,589. Do you know how they voted?—Some one way and some the other. I had both Whigs and Tories in my band.

29,590. How much did you pay them each?—I did not keep any account. I distributed the money amongst them after paying for the refreshments of the day.

29,591. Some got more than others, I presume?—No, I think they were pretty well all paid alike.

29,592. What was it, something like half a guinea?—More than that; 12*s.* 6*d.*, I think.

29,593. Try and make out a list of the voters in your band?—I will do so.

R. Mear.

ROBERT MEAR sworn and examined.

29,594. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

29,595. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 4 in the afternoon.

29,596. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

29,597. Did you not try?—No, I did not.

29,598. Did you not hear there was some money going?—No, I did not.

29,599. Did you get any beer?—What I paid for.

29,600. Where did you go to that afternoon?—I cannot say the sign of the house exactly, but it was, I think, the "Prince of Wales," kept by Reuben Cann.

29,601. Have you had anything since the election?—No, and never had.

29,602. Did you try to get anything?—No, certainly not; I did not wish anything.

29,603. Was nothing offered you?—No, not in the least.

29,604. Did you promise your vote?—No.

29,605. Were you asked for it?—I cannot positively say respecting that; the parties called at my house. I think it was Mr. Tillett's party, but I would not be certain about that. I did not promise them; I never promise them until I go up and vote, and then I know what I am doing.

29,606. Have you ever voted before?—Yes.

29,607. Upon which side have you voted before?—Always on the Conservative side.

M. Debbage.

MILES DEBBAGE recalled and further examined.

29,608. (*Mr. Biron.*) Were you at the "Pigeons"?—No, not on the election day.

29,609. Are you perfectly clear about that?—Yes.

29,610. What was your public-house on the day of the election?—I never went to any. I had not a glass of ale anywhere that day in the 24 hours.

29,611. Were you near the "Pigeons" on the day of the election?—Yes, I was standing on the kerb directly opposite the bar door; that was about 2 yards or 2½ yards from the bar door.

29,612. Did you see any clergyman go to the "Pigeons" that day?—I saw Mr. Dombrain in the bar.

29,613. What was he doing there?—He was speaking to a man whom I do not know, and should not know if I was to see him again; he was standing on the left hand of Mr. Dombrain.

29,614. What time in the day was that?—I should think as near as I can recollect, but I would not say to swear positively, that it was between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

29,615. Who was present there besides?—I do not know who that man was; the bar was full of people besides Mr. Dombrain. I was not in the bar.

29,616. Was anybody with you?—No, I was standing at the outside. I live in Charing Cross when I am at home.

SAMUEL RUST sworn and examined. *S. Rust.*

29,617. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a wood turner.

29,618. Were you at the "Pigeons" on the day of the poll?—Yes, I was in the house in the afternoon a short time.

29,619. What were you doing there?—I went in for a pint of ale.

29,620. Who gave you the pint of ale?—I do not know who drawed it; I paid for it myself.

29,621. Who else was there at that time?—I could not say. There were several persons there, but I could not call anybody to mind particularly.

29,622. Was Miles Debbage there?—He was not in the house while I was there.

29,623. Did you see a clergyman there?—No.

29,624. Not at any time?—I did not see any clergyman.

29,625. Do you know Mr. Dombrain?—Yes.

29,626. Did you see him there?—No, not while I was there; I never see the man that day.

29,627. For whom did you vote?—Russell and Tillett.

29,628. At what time in the day?—About 10 o'clock; it might be a little after or a little before.

29,629. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

29,630. Did you get any beer?—No.

29,631. Who canvassed you?—I was not canvassed at all.

29,632. Had you not promised your vote?—No.

BENJAMIN NEWMAN sworn and examined. *B. Newman.*

29,633. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

29,634. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

29,635. For whom?—For Stracey.

29,636. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

29,637. Why did you not vote sooner than that?—I had some work to do which I could not give over before.

29,638. Were you at work the whole day?—Yes.

29,639. Until you voted?—I was at work till 3 o'clock.

29,640. Where did you go then?—I went to vote then.

29,641. Did you get anything for voting?—Not anything.

29,642. Or the promise of anything?—Not any promise.

29,643. Had you promised your vote?—I was canvassed by some gentleman, but I do not know who he was.

29,644. Did you tell him you would vote for Stracey?—I promised him to vote for Stracey.

FREDERICK GEORGE PRESS sworn and examined. *F. G. Press.*

29,645. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

29,646. At what time in the day?—About half-past 10 in the morning.

29,647. Had you promised your vote?—I never promise my vote. Mr. Stracey and three or four more were canvassing in the lane a morning or two before the election, and I was on my cart, and I said, "You "do not want to go to my house; my vote is answer-"able for you on the election morning."

29,648. Did you get anything for voting?—No, nothing at all; I never saw anyone on the day.

29,649. Have you ever voted before at other elections?—Yes.

29,650. On which side?—The Tory side.

29,651. Always?—Yes, always.

29,652. Have you ever got anything for it?—No.

29,653. Did you vote for Waters?—Not to the best of my knowledge; I almost forget. I do not think I did.

29,654. Were you promised anything?—No.

29,655. Did you go to any public-houses?—I was going about during the day, but I did not stop anywhere.

29,656. What public-house were you at?—I do not know that I stopped anywhere two minutes during the day.

29,657. Do you not know the public-houses you were at?—I can tell you where I spent most of the day, and that was at Mr. Marshall's, in St. Clement's, where I got two glasses of porter.

29,658. What is the sign of the house?—I do not know. I went and paid for my own drink.

29,659. No one treated you?—No, not one.

29,660. You are quite certain of that?—Not one treated me, unless a friend came in and said, "Here is a glass of beer for you."

PHILIP LINES sworn and examined. *P. Lines.*

29,661. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a hackney master and a publican.

29,662. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

29,663. What time in the day?—Ten minutes before 1.

29,664. Did you get anything for it?—No, certainly not, and I never was asked for my vote by any creature.

29,665. Were there any people at your house that day?—Not a soul; I never drawed a pint of beer that day; that is what I wish I had done.

29,666. How was it? Were you at home all day waiting?—I had no company at all, and never had at any election. When I kept the "Somerleyton" I never had a soul come to my house on the election, because I was quite away from all the town.

29,667. You never interfered with the election at all?—No.

29,668. Had you promised your vote?—No, certainly not to a soul. I never promised to any; but Sir Henry Stracey is the gentleman I meant to vote for, and no other man.

29,669. You kept that to yourself, and went and voted when it suited you?—Yes, certainly I did.

JAMES SNELLING sworn and examined. *J. Snelling.*

29,670. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

29,671. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Stracey.

29,672. At what time in the day?—Three o'clock.

29,673. What did you get for it?—Nothing at all.

29,674. Did you try to get something?—No.

29,675. Did you get any beer?—No.

29,676. What made you vote so late?—Because I did not leave off till dinner time.

29,677. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—No.

29,678. Had you never told anybody how you were going to vote?—No.

29,679. You never spoke about the election at all?—No.

29,680. Have you ever voted before?—No.

29,681. Did anybody ask you to go up to the poll?—No.

29,682. You never spoke about it at all?—No.

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29,683. You cannot expect me to believe it; you must have talked about it to somebody?—No, I did not.

29,684. What made you go and vote?—I came and voted at the first place I saw open.

29,685. Did no one speak to you about it?—No.

29,686. Tell me what you got?—I got nothing at all.

29,687. Did you get some beer?—Not a drop, only what I paid for.

29,688. Where were you all day?—I was at work in the morning at home.

29,689. When you left your work did you not go and get some beer?—Yes.

29,690. Where did you go?—I came down Magdalen Street, and went into Mr. Cubitt's and ordered a pint of beer and paid for it, and went and voted; no one ever axed me about it.

29,691. Have you got anything since?—No.

D. Kirby.

DAVID KIRBY sworn and examined.

29,692. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A master shoemaker.

29,693. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

29,694. For whom?—Tillett and Russell.

29,695. At what time in the day?—Something after 3, but I cannot tell you exactly the time.

29,696. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

29,697. Nor the promise of anything?—No, not a farthing.

29,698. Do you know a man of the name of Dover?—Yes.

29,699. Did he not give you something for voting?—No, I never saw him, and had not seen him for a fortnight before the election.

D. Cook.

DANIEL COOK sworn and examined.

29,700. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A hawker.

29,701. Have you ever voted before?—No.

29,702. For whom did you vote this time?—Sir Henry Stracey.

29,703. At what time in the day?—Between 1 and 2.

29,704. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

29,705. Who asked you to vote?—Mr. Maris.

29,706. Did he take you up to vote?—Yes.

29,707. Did he not give you some beer?—No, only what I paid for myself; that is the only beer I got.

29,708. Did you not get any beer all day?—Yes, by paying for it.

29,709. There was a great deal of beer going without being paid for?—I got none of it.

29,710. Did you not hear that there was some money going?—No, not a farthing.

29,711. Did you hear nothing about it?—No.

29,712. Were you not looking out for it?—No, I never thought nothing about it.

29,713. You would have been glad enough to get it?—No; I should not think about the like myself.

29,714. Are you sure you would not?—Yes.

29,715. Where did Maris pick you up?—I was at work for Mr. Maris at the same time.

29,716. What were you doing?—Digging potatoes.

29,717. He took you from the potatoes and put you in his cab and took you to the poll?—He asked me to go and vote.

29,718. Did he not give you anything for it?—No, not a farthing. I never asked him.

29,719. No beer on the day?—I never see none, only what I paid for myself.

29,720. Did you not get something afterwards?—No, not a farthing. I went from the poll up to Mr. Dover's.

29,721 Did you get no more beer that day?—Yes, what I paid for.

29,722. What public-house did you go to after polling?—Mr. Cubitt's, and from that I went up to Mr. Dover's, up at New Catton.

29,723. Who gave you the money to pay for the beer?—It was my own money.

29,724. Who gave it to you?—It was money that I had with me.

29,725. You got beer both at Cubitt's and Dover's?—Yes, by paying for it.

29,726. At both those houses beer was going for nothing?—I never got none of it, only what I paid for.

C. Fox.

CHARLES FOX sworn and examined.

29,727. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am an independent man.

29,728. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

29,729. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

29,730. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

29,731. Had you promised before to vote for him?—I did not promise to vote for anyone on either side.

29,732. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

29,733. Nor the promise of anything?—No, nothing.

W. Warnes.

WILLIAM WARNES recalled and further examined.

29,734. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What more can you tell us about what happened in your house?—I can only tell you what I told you yesterday. I took money for all the beer I drawed.

29,735. Where did you get that half-a-crown from?—That was spent in my house.

29,736. Yes.—From Mr. Woodrow.

29,737. Is that all the money you got?—Yes.

29,738. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you mean to say you did not have some money from Cubitt?—No, not a penny piece. Mr. Cubitt, poor fellow, had not a penny to give to me.

29,739. The question is whether we are to believe him or you.—If you think his statement is a fit and proper statement for any gentleman to believe I will say done with it. Look at Mr. Woodrow's statement and mine; if you think we are all wrong we will put up with it. I am very sorry to think that Mr. Cubitt is a false speaking man, though I do not think he knows what he has said.

29,740. We are quite satisfied that the publicans in this city are determined to keep everything back. I have not seen a single publican in the witness-box yet in whose statement I can place the slightest reliance. I have not seen a single publican yet whose statement is even decently credible, and as to your statement, the way in which you gave your evidence yesterday satisfied me that you were trying to conceal the truth. You told the most atrocious lie that a man could utter in reference to the personation of that man Parnell, and then you expect me to believe your statement in preference to the statement of Cubitt.—I beg your pardon; what was that?

29,741. In the first instance you swore you did not personate Parnell.—Not at 9 o'clock; that was at 2 o'clock.

29,742. Do not tell me that. You told me the most atrocious lie that a man could utter, and you ought to be severely punished. I cannot believe a single word that you say after that statement.—I have told you the truth.

JAMES GEORGE ZOBEL sworn and examined.

29,743. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An artist.

29,744. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

29,745. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

29,746. At what time in the day?—About 1 o'clock.

29,747. Did you get anything for voting?—Not anything.

29,748. Or the promise of anything?—Not the least.

29,749. Had you promised your vote before?—No.

29,750. You voted of your own accord?—Yes, I did.

W. Wurr.

WILLIAM WURR sworn and examined.

29,751. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Russell and Tillett.

29,752. At what time in the day?—I think between 2 and 3 o'clock, just after dinner.

29,753. What did you get for it?—The same as I always did before, and that is nothing. I never asked for a penny, and never was offered one.

29,754. Have you voted before?—No, never.

29,755. Did you get any beer?—No, I never had so much as a glass of ale.

29,756. Did you promise your vote to anyone?—No.

29,757. Were you not asked for your vote?—Yes, I was.

29,758. By whom?—Mr. Berry.

29,759. Did he not offer you anything?—No, certainly not.

29,760. Have you had anything since?—No.

29,761. No promise of anything?—No, and never expect anything.

W. Bolingbroke.

WILLIAM BOLINGBROKE sworn and examined.

29,762. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

29,763. For whom?—Sir William Russell.

29,764. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

29,765. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

29,766. Or the promise of anything?—No.

29,767. Were you offered anything to vote on the other side?—No.

29,768. Were you about in any of the public-houses that day?—Yes.

29,769. In which of them?—At the "Ship," in St. James'.

29,770. Did you see anybody there paying for beer for the men?—I saw plenty of beer, but I did not see anybody pay for it.

29,771. You saw plenty of drinking, and no pay?—Yes, I did.

29,772. That was at the "Ship"?—Yes.

29,773. Were there voters there?—Yes.

29,774. How long were you there?—Several times during the day.

29,775. And the same thing was going on; beer was being supplied, and no money paid; was that so?—No.

29,776. As far as you saw?—Money was paid by different people. I paid money myself, but there was a lot that was not paid for.

29,777. That is what I mean; who supplied the beer?—Mr. and Mrs. Warnes.

29,778. Did you see Hardiment there?—Yes, I did.

29,779. What time in the day was it?—Between 1 and 2.

29,780. Did he say anything when he came in about voting?—There was a man there of the name of Dyer, who kept the "Black Boy," Blackfriars Bridge, who says to Hardiment, "Don't talk to that man, he is a Tillett's man." Hardiment says to me, "I will lay you a shilling you do not vote for Stracey;" and I says, "I will lay you a shilling I will not;" and a man of the name of Moggs caught hold of his collar and led him away from me altogether, and I did not speak to Hardiment again.

29,781. Did he speak to any other men besides the men you have mentioned?—Only to Daniel Moggs.

29,782. What did he say to him?—I do not know; they were in close conversation.

29,783. You did not hear what they said?—No.

29,784. Did Hardiment come there in a trap?—I cannot tell you.

29,785. How did he go away?—I cannot tell you.

29,786. Was Warnes, of the "Elm" tavern, with him?—I do not believe he was there at the time.

29,787. Did you see Warnes and Hardiment together at all during the day?—No, I do not think I did. I saw Warnes there, and I saw Hardiment there, but I do not think I saw them together.

29,788. Did you see Warnes in the "Ship"?—Yes.

29,789. Did he come in the room where you were?—Yes, and I rode along with him to the poll.

29,790. What time was that?—Between 2 and 3.

29,791. I thought you polled earlier?—No.

29,792. He took you up to the poll?—Yes, he was on the start when I went away, and he says, "Come on, jump up; are you going to vote for Stracey?" "No," I says, "I am not going to vote that way." He says, "Jump up, I am going your way;" and I went riding along with him.

29,793. What was it he took you up in?—Mr. Maris' cart, I believe; it was a long cart.

29,794. Did you see anybody else there during the day?—I saw several people there during the day.

29,795. Waiting for money, I suppose?—I believe they were.

29,796. Did you see anybody bring money there?—No, I did not.

29,797. Or take any voters away privately into a room?—No, I did not.

29,798. How long did you stay there?—I was there three or four times during the day, perhaps an hour or an hour and a half at a time.

29,799. Can you give me the names of any of the men who were there?—Yes.

29,800. Who were they?—William Bensley, two Staffs, James Wasp, Isaac George, James Simpson.

29,801. Who else?—I cannot think of no more.

29,802. Is there not somebody else that you can recollect?—I cannot recollect anybody else. I saw plenty of people there, but I cannot remember the names.

F. Tuxford.

FREDERICK TUXFORD sworn and examined.

29,803. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A bookseller and stationer.

29,804. Where is your shop?—In St. Andrew's Hall Place.

29,805. Do you do a pretty good business?—Middling.

29,806. At what is your house rated?—30*l.*, that is the rent, and it is rated at, I think, 27*l.*

29,807. Do you recollect on the day of the poll being at the "Three Pigeons," or near it?—I was near it.

29,808. Did you see a clergyman of the name of Dombrain enter the "Three Pigeons"?—I saw him by the door, just next the door; just inside the door.

29,809. Will you swear it was inside the door?—It was just inside, on the step.

29,810. Did you see him doing anything?—He had a memorandum paper; it looked like two sheets of

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note paper doubled in half, but I did not see him do anything particular.

29,811. Is the "Three Pigeons" in the market-place?—No.

29,812. Was it the committee room?—Yes, the Conservative committee room.

29,813. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How far from the market-place?—Three minutes walk, not more.

29,814. (*Mr. Mansfield*) Is that all you saw of Mr. Dombrain that day?—I saw him two or three times in the market-place.

29,815. Have you known him before?—Yes.

29,816. Are you intimate with him at all?—He comes into my shop occasionally. I know him quite well.

29,817. Have you ever had any difference with him?—Not the slightest; rather the other way.

29,818. He is a customer of yours?—He is hardly a customer, but he comes into the shop as he is going to St. Andrew's Hall; he comes and leaves his umbrella, and looks at the paper or anything of that sort, and once or twice he has come in to wait for somebody.

29,819. Will you positively swear that you saw him on the doorstep of the "Three Pigeons"?—Yes, on the doorstep; I am quite certain of it.

29,820. Who was he talking to?—He was not talking to anybody in particular; there were a lot of men round, and he stood on the doorstep looking at the paper in his hands.

29,821. Was he writing on it?—No, he had the paper in his hands, which was about the size of a couple of sheets of note paper folded lengthways, narrow ways, and he was looking at it.

J. Sly.

JOHN SLY sworn and examined.

29,822. (*Mr. Biron.*) Were you about on the day of the election?—Yes, part of the day.

29,823. Do you know John Thaxter?—Yes.

29,824–5. Where does he live?—He lives next door to me.

29,826. Did you see Cunnington come down to your neighbour's house on the day of the polling?—Yes.

29,827. At what time of the day was that?—I do not know what time it was.

29,828. After dinner, or before?—I do not know what time it was.

29,829. Was Mrs. Thaxter at home?—Yes.

29,830. Did you see him give her anything?—No, I did not.

29,831. Did you see anybody give her anything that day?—No.

29,832. Are you sure?—Yes.

C. Pleasance.

CHRISTOPHER PLEASANCE sworn and examined.

29,833. (*Mr. Mansfield*) What are you?—A brewer's servant.

29,834. What brewer?—Messrs. Steward and Patteson.

29,835. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

29,836. At what time in the day?—About half-past 9.

29,837. Was anything offered to you for your vote that day?—No.

29,838. Have you had anything since?—No.

29,839. Did they treat you?—Never. I did not get a glass of ale, nor yet a drop of ale.

29,840. Most of your people voted that way, I believe?—I believe they did.

W. Hayden.

WILLIAM HAYDEN sworn and examined.

29,841. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

29,842. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

29,843. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3, I think; that is about the time.

29,844. Why did you not vote earlier than that?—My business kept me at home.

29,845. Were you busy the whole day?—Pretty well the whole day. A friend of mine asked me if I I would wait for him until he could go, and I said I would, but he could not go until after dinner; I said I would go whenever he liked.

29,846. Did you get anything?—No.

29,847. Or the promise of anything?—No.

29,848. Had you ever voted before?—No.

29,849. Had you promised to vote for Stracey?—I did not promise anyone; I had made up my mind to vote for Stracey, but no one asked me, except young Mr. Stracey came down to mine and canvassed me, but I did not promise.

29,850. Why did not you promise?—Merely for this reason, I did not want to tell him which way I was going to vote.

29,851. Why not?—I don't know why I wanted to tell him that; he asked me which way I was going to vote, and I said, "I do not know; I shall not vote for Mr. Tillett, because I don't like Mr. Tillett."

29,852. What conceivable reason could you have for keeping back from young Mr. Stracey that you were going to vote for his father?—I had no reason for it.

29,853. You can understand that he would want to know whether you were going to vote for his father or not?—No, I said I would not promise.

29,854. Did you want something?—No; if they would have given me 5*l.* I would not have taken it.

29,855. Why did you not say at once, "I am going to vote for your father, you need not bother me"?—I have no reason; it was simply because I did not want to do such a thing.

29,856. What is there about it that you should not do it?—Was it not optional with me whether I answered that question or no? I was not obliged to answer him that.

29,857. You were not obliged, but a straightforward man would have done it.—Well, I always was straightforward.

J. Thaxter.

JOHN THAXTER sworn and examined.

29,858. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

29,859. Your wife got something?—No, I never see any money, neither me nor yet my missus.

29,860. Are you quite certain of that?—I can take my oath of it; I never saw no money.

29,861. Was not money left at your house?—No.

29,862. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, and my wife will say the same.

29,863. Has anything been given to your wife since?—No.

29,864. Were you taken up to the poll?—Yes.

29,865. By whom?—Young Buttifant and Mr. Cunnington.

29,866. Well, they gave something to your wife?—No.

29,867. Are you certain your wife would have told you if she had got it?—No, sir. I tell you the truth, sir, and I cannot speak no other thing. Neither me nor yet my missus never took nothing, nor yet never see nothing of the sort.

JAMES CHAPLIN sworn and examined. *J. Chaplin.*

29,868. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

29,869. For whom?—Mr. Tillett.

29,870. At what time in the day?—A quarter after 2.

29,871. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing.

29,872. Or the promise of anything?—Nor the promise of anything.

29,873. Did you see anything in the shape of bribery at this election?—Nothing.

29,874. Do you know the shop of a man of the name of Page, opposite St. Clement's Church?—Yes.

29,875. Did you see any men there?—No, none that I am aware of.

29,876. Did you not see any men get 4*s.* there?—I did not see anything of it.

29,877. Have you ever told anybody that you did?—No.

29,878. Have you ever told anybody that you saw people get money from the Liberals?—Nothing on either side; I have not seen anything.

29,879. Did you ever tell anybody that you had seen it?—No.

29,880. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

29,881. You never said it in Page's shop?—No, I never said such a thing.

ISAAC CATTERMER sworn and examined. *I. Cattermer.*

29,882. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

29,883. At what time in the day?—About a quarter past 12.

29,884. Had you promised your vote?—I had promised my vote to Mr. Stracey, or to his son.

29,885. Did he offer you anything for it?—Not a farthing.

29,886. Have you had anything since?—No.

29,887. What are you by trade?—I keep a grocer's shop.

29,888. Did any money pass through your hands for other people?—Not in the slightest.

29,889. Did you treat anybody?—No.

29,890. Were you treated yourself?—No.

29,891. Did your wife get anything?—No.

29,892. Were you a voter before?—Yes.

29,893. Which side did you vote?—At the last election I voted for Russell and Warner.

29,894. What made you change your opinion this time?—Because I was determined not to vote for Mr. Tillett.

29,895. But you might have voted for Russell?—So I should if he had not taken Tillett by the hand and walked in with him.

29,896. You determined not to vote for Tillett, and you determined to spite Russell for coalescing with Tillett; is that so?—Yes, I would not vote at all that way.

WILLIAM DENMARK sworn and examined. *W. Denmark.*

29,897. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

29,898. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

29,899. What time in the day?—About 3 or a quarter past.

29,900. Did you get anything for it?—No, and never asked, and never was offered anything.

29,901. Or promised anything?—No. The reason I did not go up and vote was that I had got some work to do in a hurry, or else I should have voted for Mr. Stracey the first thing in the morning, but I could not leave my work.

RICHARD SEAMAN sworn and examined. *R. Seaman.*

29,902. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A tailor.

29,903. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

29,904. What time in the day?—Half-past 3.

29,905. Had you promised your vote?—No.

29,906. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

29,907. What made you so late?—I had my business to attend to.

29,908. Did anyone ask you to go up to the poll?—No.

29,909. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

29,910. Had you anything promised?—No.

29,911. Nothing since?—No.

29,912. Where had you been all day?—I had been at home.

29,913. Had you not been out during the day?—No.

29,914. I believe you promised to vote for Tillett and Russell?—No.

29,915. You had been asked to vote for them?—Yes, I was asked.

29,916. What answer did you make?—I told them I should not vote for anyone.

29,917. And then at a quarter to 4 you altered your mind?—It was not a quarter to 4 when I voted.

29,918. What time was it?—Half-past 3.

29,919. What did you get then to make you change your mind?—Nothing.

29,920. I think you went up to the poll with Pauling?—Yes.

29,921. What did he give you?—He did not give me anything.

29,922. Do you know a man of the name of Howse?—No.

29,923. Or a man of the name of Pooley?—No.

29,924. Did you not tell the people who canvassed you for Russell and Tillett that you would not vote unless you were paid for your day's work?—No.

29,925. You said something to that effect, did you not?—No.

29,926. What did you say?—I told them I should not vote.

29,927. Did you tell them why you should not vote?—No, they did not ask me.

29,928. Did you say anything about a day's wages?—No.

29,929. Did you try to get something from the other side?—No.

29,930. You knew money was going, did you not?—No.

29,931. Had you not heard anything of the sort?—No.

29,932. You were on the look out for it?—No.

29,933. Will you swear you got nothing?—I can swear that.

29,934. Where were you when Pauling took you up to the poll?—I was in my backyard, and he said, "Are you not going to vote?"

29,935. Is there a public-house near there?—There is one about 200 yards of.

29,936. What public-house is that?—The "Victoria."

29,937. Did you not go there with Pauling?—No.

29,938. Did you not get any beer for voting that day?—No.

29,939. Are you quite certain of that?—Quite certain.

29,940. Has no money been paid to you since?—No.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

J. B. Williment.

5 Oct. 1869.

JOHN BARNABAS WILLIMENT sworn and examined.

29,941. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A boot and shoe maker.

29,942. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

29,943. For whom ?—Mr. Tillett.

29,944. At what time in the day ?—Ten minutes to 4.

29,945. Was your house one of the committee rooms ?—I was in the committee room the whole of the day.

29,946. Was one of the committee rooms in your house ?—No.

29,947. What were you doing at the committee room ?—I was connected with the organisation prior to the election, and I was working all the day in our committee room at the "Grapes."

29,948. Were you paid for it ?—No, I never got a penny.

29,949. Why did you not vote earlier ?—Well, I said the night before that I had no faith in the man that pretended to be our friend, that is the Whig, and I wished we had a reserve force, but I hoped we had got sufficient that at the last hour we could have carried our man, Mr. Tillett, and therefore I did not vote earlier in the day on purpose to see whether we could get in Tillett alone, and I am glad I did vote for Tillett alone.

29,950. Your object was to secure Tillett ?—That was it ; nothing else.

29,951. Was there a Conservative committee room opposite yours ?—Quite opposite.

29,952. Did you see anything going on there ?—I saw a great deal that looked very suspicious the last two hours of the day

29,953. What was that ?—I saw certain gentlemen (I can name some of them), with a great number of waggons and things bringing up gangs of voters, drunken men and others, setting them down there ; and from the "Tuns" they were escorted down to the polling place.

29,954. Can you give me any of their names ?—I saw Mr. John Abel for one ; Mr. Hardy, of Park Lane, was two ; Mr. Gilbert a third ; a Mr. Newton, a fishmonger, who lives down in the City Road, was there very active in pulling up men at this time of the day, the men being mostly drunken men.

29,955. Bringing them to the "Tuns" ?—Bringing them to the "Tuns," and then going off for other lots ; then they sent them down to St. James' to record their votes.

29,956. When did this begin ? — I observed it from 2 to 4, but more especially from 3 to 4 ; and when I went and recorded my vote there were men there actually pulling them about on the hill to get them to vote, one man in particular. There was a man wanted to get in to vote and they would not allow him inside along with the voter, and he was holding up his hand and saying, "Mind who you vote for ; you vote for Stracey."

29,957. Who was that ?—Mr. Bacon, of the "Swiss Cottage" tavern, on the Dereham Road.

29,958. Do you know who it was that he was treating in that way ?—I don't know who it was, and I have been trying to ascertain his name, but I have not been able.

29,959. Was Maris one of these men ?—No, I don't think Mr. Maris was in that ward at all. I did not see him.

29,960. What time in the day was it that you saw Abel at the "Tuns" ?—From 2 to 4 in particular. He was driving about the whole of the day, but in particular from 2 to 4 o'clock.

29,961. Was he driving when you saw him ?—He was driving himself ; a four-wheeler with a pair of horses. He was very active in pulling up these men ; and there were men standing against the polling-booth saying, "Come on ; this is the way for Stracey ;" and I saw numbers of men set down there in a state of intoxication.

29,962. Did you see Abel get down from his trap ?—No, he set the men down, and as soon as they got off he went away again for some more.

29,963. Do I understand that he brought them up to the "Tuns," and left them there ?—I saw him bring lots up to the "Tuns," and leave them there.

29,964. Did you see him take men away to the poll ?—No, he drove off directly. That seemed to be the rendezvous to set the men down for polling.

29,965. Who were the men that took them from the "Tuns" to the poll ?—I don't know. But there is another house which ought to be named, near the "Grapes," a very notorious house, and that is another public-house at the other corner, called the "Wine Vaults," a new public-house. I observed there that the shutters were up in the early part of the day, and we took it as the inference, as we could see quite into the public-house before, that it was that we might not see what was going on.

29,966. That is a place kept by a man of the name of Bunn, is it not ?—Yes.

S. Fletcher.

SAMUEL FLETCHER sworn and examined.

29,967. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

29,968. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

29,969. You did a good deal of canvassing for him did you not ?—Yes.

29,970. You were very active on the day of the poll ?—Yes.

29,971. You were taking up voters, were you not ?—Yes.

29,972. In your own carriage ?—I had no carriage.

29,973. Did you walk up with them ?—Yes.

29,974. What public-houses did you take them from ?—Some from my own house, and some from the "Dog" public-house.

29,975. Which is your own house ?—The "Anchor," on Silver Road.

29,976. There were a good many people in and out that day ?—There were several in and out.

29,977. Voters for Stracey ?—Some were and some not.

29,978. You did not take up the men who were not going to vote for Stracey ?—No, certainly not.

29,979. You did not give them any beer, I suppose ?—Not before they voted.

29,980. But after they voted ?—After they voted I did.

29,981. Who paid you for that ?—I paid it out of my own pocket.

29,982. Have you been repaid since ?—Yes.

29,983. By whom ?—Mr. Henry Lamb.

29,984. How much has he paid you for beer scores ?—10*s*.

29,985. Is that all you have been paid ?—That is all I have been paid.

29,986. Can you tell me the names of the men that you took up ?—I could not tell you all of them.

29,987. Did you take up a man called Burrows ?—I believe I did.

29,988. Did you take up a man called Green ?—I believe he was with the lot.

29,989. Holmes ?—Yes.

29,990. Arnupp ?—Yes.

29,991. Barnes ?—He might be amongst the lot, but I am not positive.

29,992. Did you see Claxton there that day ?—I don't know a man named Claxton ; I know a man named Clayton.

29,993. Was there a man called Colman ?—I did not take him up.

29,994. Did you take up a man called Rudd ?—No.

29,995. Perry ?—No.

29,996. Chittock ?—No ; but there were several

men went with me that I did not know their names, although they went with me.

29,997. Did you take up a man called Gardiner?—No.

29,998. Moore?—I don't know a Moore that I am aware of.

29,999. Foster?—No.

30,000. Resdale?—No.

30,001. These men had been in your house the whole day, I suppose?—Well, nearly so, the men that went with me.

30,002. You told them to come back and get some beer, I suppose?—No, I did not.

30,003. You let them understand that they would have beer if they came back?—No, it was not an understanding; as I was taking them up and they voted, I treated them to a pot or two of beer at the "Dog" public-house, and after the election was over I asked them to drink at my own house.

30,004. How much did you pay for at the "Dog"?—I might have seven or eight quarts there.

30,005. Would that be 2*s.* or 3*s.*?—Somewhere thereabouts; between 3*s.* and 4*s.*

30,006. Then is that sum, 3*s.* or 4*s.* at the "Dog," and 10*s.* at your own house, all you laid out?—It was 10*s.* altogether; there might be a penny or two over or under; I cannot say.

30,007. Is that including the score at the "Dog"?—Yes.

30,008. And the rest was at your own house?—Yes.

30,009. Did anybody ask you to do this?—No.

30,010. Were you a member of any committee for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

30,011. Which committee?—I went to the meeting at the "Swan," at the back of St. Peter's, where they chose the committee.

30,012. The central committee?—Yes.

30,013. I suppose you told them that you should do what you could?—No, I did not speak, for I was not asked, not there.

30,014. They let you know that you were expected to be as active as you could be?—Most decidedly they did; of course they would not have put me on the committee without.

30,015. Then your activity amounted to 10*s.* spent for beer for these voters?—Yes.

30,016. I suppose that had the effect of getting up about 20 voters altogether?—It might be 30; I could not say; I took them up four or five at a time.

30,017. Ten shillings spent upon 30 voters would be about 4*d.* apiece?—Some might have nothing at all, and some might have 8*d.*; I cannot say.

30,018. (*Mr. Biron.*) You said that Lamb repaid you the 10*s.*?—Yes, about a fortnight after the election.

30,019. Why did you go to him for it?—I spent 5*s.*, as near as I could tell, out of my own pocket, and I saw Mr. Lamb on the afternoon of the election, about half-past 3, and he said, "How are you getting on, Fletcher?" I said, "Well, I am doing what I can; but I cannot do it without spending a few shillings;" and he said, "Well, you must spend a crown." I saw Mr. Lamb after the election, and told him I had spent 5*s.* besides the 5*s.* at my own house, and he gave it to my wife.

30,020. Who is Lamb?—A clerk at Patteson's brewery.

30,021. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I am glad to find that there is at least one publican in Norwich who is disposed to tell us the truth; you are an honourable exception to the class we have seen before.—I have told you the truth, sir, as far as I know.

DANIEL MARIS sworn and examined. *D. Maris.*

30,022. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker and shopkeeper.

30,023. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,024. For whom?—Stracey and Russell.

30,025. At what time in the day?—Just after 2.

30,026. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

30,027. Or the promise of anything?—No.

30,028. Had you been canvassed?—No.

30,029. Had anybody been to you to ask you to vote?—No.

30,030. Did you take any active part at all in the election?—No.

30,031. Did you endeavour to persuade any men to vote that day?—No, I was not interested at all.

30,032. Did you see Frederick Balls that day?—Not that I remember.

30,033. Did you see Bailey?—I don't know him.

30,034. Did you see Amos Hibbett?—No.

30,035. Did you say anything to Balls about voting?—No.

30,036. Do you know which way he voted?—No, I don't think he have a vote.

30,037–8. Did you give anybody money for voting?—No.

ROBERT PLUMSTEAD sworn and examined. *R. Plumstead.*

30,039. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Stracey.

30,040. What time in the day?—Between half-past 11 and 12.

30,041. Had you promised your vote?—Not to anyone.

30,042. Had you been asked for it?—I had been asked for it, but I did not promise it to anyone.

30,043. Why did you not promise it?—Because I did not think proper.

30,044. Had you been asked by the other side to vote?—Not at all; I never promise to anyone; I vote just as I think proper. I had been canvassed on the other side.

30,045. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) When you were canvassed by the other side what did you say?—I never gave a decided answer at all.

30,046. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You kept a house called the "Victoria Tavern," did you not?—Yes.

30,047. There were a good many voters there that day, I suppose?—There were several round about.

30,048. You were very active in your own ward, were you not?—No.

30,049. You were canvassing?—I beg pardon, I was not canvassing at all.

30,050. What did you do that day?—Nothing at all; I went and voted and went back to my house, and remained there all day.

30,051. Did you take up any voters to the poll?—No.

30,052. What were you doing all day?—I did not get up until 11 o'clock in the morning.

30,053. What did you do the rest of the day?—Went about and enjoyed myself, the same as the rest of the people.

30,054. Did you not try and get up any voters that day?—No.

30,055. Did you not go back to your house at all?—No, I believe not.

30,056. Who carried on your business in your house?—My wife.

30,057. Don't you know your house was full of voters, drinking the whole day?—Not at all, that I am aware of.

30,058. You heard nothing about that?—Not a word.

30,059. Have you heard of Hibbett being at your house?—Certainly not. Mr Hardy has called round once or twice at mine, but Mr. Hibbett never called at mine.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

R. Plumstead.

5 Oct. 1869.

30,060. Not that day?—Certainly not, nor yet any other day.

30,061. You have just now said you were not at your house that day; how can you know?—Not from 11 o'clock in the morning, but I was there before that time.

30,062. But from 11 to 4?—From 11 to 4. I never said my house.

30,063. Do you know whether these men were there or not?—That I cannot say.

30,064. Have you heard?—That I do not know; I don't suppose they could be there.

30,065. Do you know that voters were being treated at your house?—Certainly not.

30,066. Are you certain they were not being treated there?—Certainly not.

30,067. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) If you were not at home, how could you know?—If voters had been treated at my house my wife would have told me.

30,068. If a man comes in and gives another a pot of beer, do you mean to say your wife always tells you?—No, certainly not.

30,069. That is what we call treating.—Oh.

30,070. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you not said since the election that you knew of distinct cases of bribery?—Certainly not; never in my life.

30,071. Have you heard of any bribery at this last election?—Only that I have heard people talking about it.

30,072. What have you heard?—I don't know, I am sure.

30,073. Did you at the time of the election hear of any money going?—Certainly not.

30,074. Have you been paid any money since for beer supplied at your house during that day?—Certainly not; neither before nor after.

C. Widdows.

CHARLES WIDDOWS recalled and further examined.

(*The witness.*) I just wish to make a little statement with regard to what I paid the men; I find that I paid the majority of them 15*s.* each instead of 12*s.* 6*d.*

30,075. (*Mr. Biron.*) That did not leave anything for yourself, did it?—Yes, it did, a very little indeed; but I had no object in gaining anything myself.

30,076. That would leave you less than 2*l.* for yourself?—Yes, it does; I did not get 2*l.*

30,077. Of those men you say about half voted one way and half the other?—I should think pretty well half of the voters were Tories and half Whigs.

30,078. How many of them were voters?—I don't know how many; I don't know whether they were all voters or no; I cannot say.

J. Arnup.

JAMES ARNUP sworn and examined.

30,079. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a carter.

30,080. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,081. For whom?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

30,082. What time of the day?—About half-past 2 to 3.

30,083. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

30,084. Or the promise of anything?—No.

30,085. Or anything after you had voted?—No.

30,086. Were you canvassed before?—No.

30,087. Had you promised your vote to anybody?—No.

30,088. What made you vote?—My mind led me to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

30,089. And you went up with your neighbours, was that it?—I went up in the afternoon.

30,090. Did your wife get anything?—No.

J. Bussey.

JAMES BUSSEY sworn and examined.

30,091. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you vote?—I did not vote at all.

30,092. Why was that?—Why, my business lay between the parties.

30,093. You were down at the "Marquis of Granby," Mackley's public, were you not?—No.

30,094. Are you quite certain of that?—I am quite certain of it.

30,095. Where were you all the day?—I was on my land all the day at work, and did not go into the town all the day.

30,096. Did you promise to vote for anyone?—I never intended to vote at all, and never did vote.

30,097. You never did vote?—Oh yes, I voted several times before.

30,098. Why did you not vote this time?—Because my business lay between different gentlemen, and I made up my mind that I would not vote. I did not go amongst them at all.

30,099. On which side have you voted on former occasions?—Well, sir, I have voted both sides.

30,100. Did you ever get any money for it?—No.

30,101. Not a farthing?—Not a farthing.

30,102. Only a little beer, I suppose?—No, nor yet no beer.

30,103. Was anything offered you?—No.

W. Maris.

WILLIAM MARIS recalled and further examined.

30,104. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told me you were driving about the city all day, and yet you know nothing.—I was a little excited when I first came in.

30,105. You did not know what houses you went to, who you saw, or anyone you took up. I will give you a night to think over it. You shall be called the first thing to-morrow morning, and see whether you can recollect anything then.—Yes, sir.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) If you do not want to spend a week in gaol you will consider this.

(*Mr. Biron.*) The story you were telling us that you knew nothing about it is simply incredible.

30,106. (*Mr. Biron.*) You will recollect where you were by to-morrow morning, I daresay.—I don't know the names of the houses I went to.

30,107. You can just brush up your memory.—I will go round and find them out.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

Wednesday, 6th October 1869.

HENRY MUNDAY sworn and examined.

30,108. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were at Cubitt's house on the day of the election ?—Yes.

30,109. What did you require for your vote ?—Nothing.

30,110. No beer or money ?—Nothing.

30,111. You had beer ?—By paying for it.

30,112. Do you mean to say that you did not have beer supplied to you in Cubitt's house without paying for it ?—No.

30,113. No beer at all ?—No.

30,114. Did you see Warnes there ?—No.

30,115. Were you so drunk that you do not recollect whether Warnes was there ?—No.

30,116. Were you drunk ?—No ; I had some beer.

30,117. Were you sober all day ?—No.

30,118. When did you get drunk ?—I could walk and record my vote, and if I could do that I don't consider myself drunk.

30,119. If you can walk you do not consider yourself drunk ?—I do not consider myself drunk as long as I can walk.

30,120. What quantity of drink had you ?—I suppose I spent 5*s.* on drink, but I don't think I drunk it all myself.

30,121. What time did you go to Cubitt's ?—About 20 minutes past 3.

30,122. But you had been at Cubitt's long before that, you know ?—I don't think it.

30,123. How do you recollect that it was 20 minutes past 3 exactly ?—Because I looked at the clock.

30,124. Then you took notice of it ?—Yes ; so that shows I was not drunk.

30,125. What made you take notice when you went to Cubitt's that it was 20 minutes past 3 on the election day ?—I looked at the clock to see the time. The clock was there, and I lifted up my eyes.

30,126. How many times in the course of a week do you look at a clock to see what time it is ?—I did look at the clock.

30,127. How many times a week do you look at the clock to see what time it is ?—It happened to be that I looked at the time.

30,128. What made you recollect that you looked at this clock upon that particular day ?—I just happened to put my eye on the clock and see the time.

30,129. What public-house were you at besides Cubitt's ?—The "Cross Keys."

30,130. Perhaps you looked at the clock at the "Cross Keys" ?—No.

30,131. What time was it when you went into the "Cross Keys" ?—About 10 in the morning.

30,132. You went from the "Cross Keys" to Cubitt's ?—Yes.

30,133. And you had been drinking all the time ?—Yes, all the time.

30,134. What beer had you at the "Cross Keys" ?—I don't know. I did not take no particular account of how much I had. I paid for what I had.

30,135. Did you go anywhere before you went to the "Cross Keys" ?—Yes. I think I had a little stout in the morning.

30,136. Where had you been in the morning ?—At the "Windmill."

30,137. You took a turn at the "Windmill" before you went to the "Cross Keys" ?—Yes.

30,138. How long were you at the "Windmill" ?—About two hours.

30,139. You started early in the morning ?—Yes ; I suppose a little after 8.

30,140. Did you do anything a little before 8 ?—No ; I don't know.

30,141. You forget, do you ?—No ; but I don't know that I am supposed to tell you what I did before that.

30,142. Yes, you must.—I got up and dressed myself.

30,143. What public-house had you been in before 8 ?—None.

30,144. Your first start was at the "Windmill" ?—Yes.

30,145. Then at the "Cross Keys" ?—Yes.

30,146. Then from the "Cross Keys" you went to Cubitt's ?—Then I went to Mr. Cubitt's.

30,147. How long did you remain at Cubitt's ?—Perhaps 10 minutes.

30,148. From Cubitt's where did you go to ?—To vote.

30,149. You could not make up your mind to vote till you went to Cubitt's ?—No.

30,150. What was it after you got to Cubitt's that made you make up your mind to vote ? — I had nothing particular to make me make up my mind.

30,151. Something in general ?—No, nor yet in general.

30,152. Was the beer very good at Cubitt's ?—Very good.

30,153. Good sound Tory beer ?—I don't know anything about that. The Tory beer is what I paid for, what I drunk myself.

30,154. There were a good many people there ?—I did not see anything liberal at Cubitt's myself.

30,155. Were there not a good number of men in Cubitt's when you were there ?—No.

30,156. Was anybody in there besides yourself ?—Yes, but not a good number.

30,157. How many ?—About two or three. There might be four.

30,158. Who were the two or three in Cubitt's when you went in there ?—Mr. Maris was one.

30,159. Did Maris take you up in his cart ?—No.

30,160. You went up from Cubitt's to the poll ?—Yes.

30,161. Besides Maris, who had spoken to you in Cubitt's ?—Mr. Maris did not speak to me at all.

30,162. Then, with the exception of Maris, who had spoken to you at Cubitt's ?—In what way do you mean ? A gentleman asked me to drink there. He was a pint, and I was a pint.

30,163. And you did drink ?—Yes, but I paid for one out of the two.

30,164. Who was the gentleman who asked you to drink ?—Mr. John Denmark.

30,165. What did you have—beer or spirits ?—I never drink spirits. I don't like it. Beer suits me. It's quite enough for a working man.

30,166. You did not like to mix your fluids that day ?—No. I always drink beer.

30,167. Was he there when you went in ?—No.

30,168. Did he come in immediately afterwards ?—Yes.

30,169. You voted for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Yes.

30,170. After you had voted where did you go to ?—I went into Mr. Cubitt's again.

30,171. How long did you remain at Cubitt's then ?—About a quarter of an hour.

30,172. From Cubitt's where did you go ?— The "Elm" tavern.

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30,173. How long did you remain at the "Elm"?—About a quarter of an hour.

30,174. Drinking there?—No, I did not. I paid for a pint, and never touched it. I left it.

30,175. After leaving the "Elm" where did you go?—Home to bed.

30,176. That is your account of the election day?—That is my election day.

30,177. A very respectable account, highly creditable to you.—If there is any more I shall never vote again—never.

30,178. Now we shall be able to form an estimate of what induced you to vote.—It will take all your time, or any gentleman living in the world, or any judge in the world.

30,179. Did you get any money?—No.

30,180. Was anything promised you?—Yes.

30,181. Who promised you anything?—Cubitt.

30,182. What did he promise you?—The old man's hospital, when I got old enough to take it.

30,183. I should think you were in a fit state for the hospital that night. You have not got the hospital yet?—No, I shall have to live some years yet.

A. Brigham.

ANNA BRIGHAM sworn and examined.

30,184. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you the widow of Brigham, a voter in this city at the last election?—He was my husband.

30,185. Do you recollect seeing Mr. Bacon on the day of the election?—Yes.

30,186. What passed?—Nothing, only in reference to the state of the poll. Mr. Bacon was there near my house when my husband and I returned from town, and all that passed was with reference to the state of the poll. He asked my husband if he should give him a ride up. He said, "Thank you, I can walk when I wish to go."

30,187. Did he give your husband any money?—No, he did not.

30,188. Did he promise him any?—No, he never offered him anything.

30,189. You never heard him offer him anything?—No.

30,190. Did he offer you anything?—No.

30,191. Or give you anything?—He gave me nothing, and offered me nothing.

30,192. Then if Mr. Bacon says he offered your husband 10*s.*, it is not true as far as you know?—It is not true.

30,193. Your husband voted for Mr. Tillett, I believe?—Yes, he did.

30,194. Was Brigham at work on the railway that day?—Yes, he was.

30,195. Do you know whether Bacon spoke to him at the railway?—No, he did not. Bacon was in the lane at the time my husband went down to the railway, and I saw him pass over the railway bridge. Bacon was after other voters round our house at the same time.

30,196. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Mr. Bacon was coming after him to vote?—Mr. Bacon was against the turn, against the passage that go into our house.

30,197. Mr. Bacon came to him for the purpose of getting him to vote?—Yes, but he did not see him at all.

30,198. But whether he saw him anywhere else you cannot tell?—Yes. I went out with him in the morning, and returned with him.

30,199. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Mr. Bacon did not see your husband except in your presence?—No, he did not.

30,200. You are quite certain of that?—Quite certain. My husband passed into the house before me, and left me speaking to Mr. Bacon.

A. W. Morant.

ALFRED WILLIAM MORANT sworn and examined.

30,201. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A civil engineer.

30,202. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

30,203. At what time?—About half-past 1, I think.

30,204. Did you get anything for your vote?—Certainly not.

30,205. Or the promise of anything?—Nothing at all.

30,206. Did you take an active part at all in the election?—Not the slightest. I was engaged all the morning, or else I should have voted earlier.

E. Balderson.

EDWARD BALDERSON sworn and examined.

30,207. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A blacksmith.

30,208. You were very busy in Thorpe hamlet and Spitalfields on the day of the election, were you not?—No, I never went in Spitalfields that day at all.

30,209. Where were you on the day of the election?—At work half the day out of the day.

30,210. Where?—The Great Eastern, the railway. I left off at half-past 11 the half day.

30,211. Leaving off your work at half-past 11, where did you go to?—Home, and washed, and then went and voted.

30,212. You went home at half-past 11?—Yes, and washed myself.

30,213. How long did you remain at home?—About a quarter of an hour or 20 minutes; something like that; I don't know exactly to five minutes.

30,214. Where did you go to then?—To the polling place then, on Chalk Hill.

30,215. Did you poll?—Yes.

30,216. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

30,217. Had you that day seen a person of the name of Baldry?—No. I know a man named Baldry, living round our corner.

30,218. Did you see Baldry, of St. George's, Tombland?—No.

30,219. Did you see his brother?—No.

30,220. Are you sure you did not?—This man that I mean has not got a brother. The John Baldry that I mean is a pensioner, and he lives in Thorpe hamlet.

30,221. Do you know Robert Baldry of Princes Street?—No.

30,222. Did not any person come to you that day to ask you to go up and vote?—No.

30,223. Nor the day before?—No. There was not a person asked me for my vote at all; only Mr. Russell when he came through the shop.

30,224. Did not some people come to you, or did not a person come to you and offer you money?—No.

30,225. Not that day at all?—No.

30,226. Nor the day before?—No.

30,227. Did nobody speak to you about your vote?—No; no further than Mr. Russell asked me when I was at work whether I would oblige him with my vote, and I told him I had made up my mind to vote for Mr. Stracey.

30,228. When did he ask you that?—A day or a couple of days before the election, I don't know which.

30,229. Your employer asked you for whom you would vote?—No; Sir William Russell, the candidate did, him that is now the member.

30,230. Did he come to your employer's place?—He come to me at my work. He come through the shop.

30,231. Did you tell him that you would not vote

for him, but you intended to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I told him at once I intended to vote for Stracey. That is all there was passed.

30,232. Had you been canvassed for Sir Henry Stracey before that?—No.

30,233. That was your own independent opinion?—Yes.

30,234. You are sure of that?—Yes. I believe there were some gentlemen went to my house; so my wife told me. I never saw them.

30,235. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

30,236. Nor the promise of anything?—Not anything, nor half a pint of beer at the expense of no man in this world.

GEORGE WILSON sworn and examined. *G. Wilson.*

30,237. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a hairdresser by trade, but I have not followed it for some years.

30,238. You have retired from business?—Yes.

30,239. Did you take any active part in the business of this election?—Not the least.

30,240. Did you canvass at all?—Not at all.

30,241. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,242. Had you promised your vote?—No; I was never asked to vote by anybody.

30,243. Did you always vote Tory?—I have for many years. I do not always vote.

30,244. Did you give anything to anybody to induce him to vote?—No, nor asked anybody else to vote.

30,245. Nor give anybody beer?—No, nor tasted any myself.

30,246. Did you take anybody up to the poll?—Not at all.

30,247. I suppose you got nothing yourself?—No.

THOMAS PHILLIPS sworn and examined. *T. Phillips.*

30,248. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,249. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,250. What time of the day?—About five minutes before 3, I think; I spoke to a policeman; I thought I was too late. I did not know hardly what o'clock it was, and the policeman looked at the clock, and said it wanted five minutes to 3.

30,251. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

30,252. Nor the promise of anything?—No, nobody came to my house, no further than a man of the name of Elmer when I was going upstairs He asked me if I was going up to vote. I told him I must finish a job that I had to do, and I did not finish before half-past 2.

30,253. You said you would vote after finishing your job?—If I got it done in time enough.

30,254. Did you tell him you were going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes; he and another man come a canvassing almost a week I should say, I cannot tell how many days, before the election. I promised them, he knew.

WILLIAM BODEN sworn and examined. *W. Boden.*

30,255. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,256. What time of the day?—Half-past 3 in the afternoon.

30,257. Had you promised your vote?—No.

30,258. Had you been asked to vote?—Yes.

30,259. By whom?—Several came round; I was not at home at the time; I was doing my duty.

30,260. Had you anything for voting?—No.

30,261. Were you promised anything?—No.

30,262. No promise of promotion or assistance of any kind was given you?—No, not anything.

GEORGE LIDDAMENT sworn and examined. *G. Liddament.*

30,263. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

30,264. What time of the day?—Nearly 4 o'clock.

30,265. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all.

30,266. Why did not you vote before?—Because I was at my employment.

30,267. Where?—Mr. Pointer is my master.

30,268. What is he?—A coal merchant, skin merchant, and manure manufacturer.

30,269. Had you promised to vote at all?—I never saw anyone, only they left a ticket at my house.

30,270. Then you did not promise to vote?—No.

30,271. How came you to vote so late?—On account of my occupation.

30,272. Were you at work all day long?—Yes, I was with a horse and cart that day, and I could not leave.

30,273. Have you ever voted before?—No.

30,274. You tell me you got nothing for voting?—Nothing at all.

30,275. Nor the promise of anything?—No, neither direct or indirect.

JAMES WEBB sworn and examined. *J. Webb.*

30,276. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

30,277. Did Abel take you up to the poll?—He did.

30,278. Where did he pick you up?—Just past my own house; I lived again him for 15 years in one house.

30,279. Were you in the road?—No, in the yard.

30,280. Did he offer you anything to vote?—Not a penny.

30,281. He asked you to get up?—He did.

30,282. What did he say to you?—He said, "Will you go to the poll?" and I told him "Yes."

30,283. Did you say for whom you were going to vote, or did he ask you?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,284. Did he ask you that?—He axed me that.

30,285. Did he say he would give you anything?—No.

30,286. Had you made up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

30,287. Had you promised your vote beforehand for Stracey?—I stopped till the last day; the blues came up to me, so I would not vote for them, and I voted for Sir Henry Stracey the next day.

30,288. Had you promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey before the day of the election?—Well, sir, I think it was; but I went and voted between 9 and 10 that morning, and went home and got my breakfast. I did not go out no more that day.

30,289. Had you ever voted before?—No, never.

30,290. You had known Mr. Abel before?—My wife had been backward and forward at the house this 15 years; worked there.

30,291. Did he drop you at the "Tuns"?—No, down at the "Grapes," a red brick house at the right-hand side; I should say about 10 minutes from the house where I live.

30,292. Do you know the "Tuns"?—Yes, I went past that.

30,293. Did he drop some people at the "Tuns"?—That I don't know. I don't think there was anyone in but myself.

30,294. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a halfpenny.

30,295. Nor yet the promise of anything?—Nor yet the promise of a halfpenny.

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H. Fellingham.

6 Oct. 1869.

HENRY FELLINGHAM sworn and examined.

30,296. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,297. What time in the day?—I daresay it was about half-past 3.

30,298. Who asked you to vote?—A great many gentlemen employed me, and they went down to vote, and there was a crowd, and I thought there was plenty of time for me to vote between 8 and 4. Then there came a lot of gravel carts up and filled the road. I thought there was plenty of time for me to vote, and I voted free, as a man should do.

30,299. Who asked you to vote?—Mr. Stracey.

30,300. Sir Henry Stracey himself?—Yes.

30,301. Did you promise him that you would vote for him?—I told him I had no objection to vote for him.

30,302. Did he give you anything for it?—No.

30,303. Did you get anything for it?—Not at all.

30,304. Did you get a drop of beer?—That I paid for as a man. I never asked for any.

30,305. Is this the first time you ever voted?—No.

30,306, Did you always vote Tory before?—Yes.

30,307. Have you ever had anything for your vote?—No.

30,308. Not at any time?—I have not voted much, because there was nothing less than the 10*l.* hire; it is a shilling hire now.

30,309. Did you get 10*l.*?—No, it was a 10*l.* hire, you understand.

30,310. Do you mean that at former elections you have had 10*l.*, and only a shilling at this?—No, I don't mean that. It is the hire—10*l.*

30,311. Were you never paid or treated at any election before?—No. As for treat, there was a dinner given at St. Andrew's Hall, and 800 of us dined there.

W. Maris.

WILLIAM MARIS recalled and further examined.

30,312. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told me yesterday that after voting you drove up in a cab getting up voters.—I was a little excited, and worse for drink.

30,313. We will say nothing about yesterday, if you will tell the truth now.—I went up in the morning with 40 or 50 voters, and we all voted by 9 o'clock. Then I went home and had my breakfast. Then I went about with a cab, and got what I could.

30,314. Can you give me the names of any men you got up?—Yes, the names of a few of them. Three persons of the name of Adis.

30,315. What time did you get them up?—About 11 or 12 o'clock.

30,316. Did you give them any beer before you got them up?—No.

30,317. Where did you get them from?—From Catton.

30,318. After you polled them what did you do?—I stood several pots of beer during the day; but it might be before they voted or after.

30,319. But you stood beer for them during the day?—Yes.

30,320. Were they three men whom you took to Wright's?—No.

30,321. Now as to the men whom you took to Wright's. You pulled up at Wright's with some men in your cab, and stood half a gallon of beer there. Who were those men?—There were some of my workmen.

30,322. Who was there?—There was Mr. Pointer.

30,323. What is he?—A farmer.

30,324. Who else?—A man named Leighton.

30,325. What is he?—He works for me.

30,326. Who else?—Daniel Cook.

30,327. Did he work for you?—Yes.

30,328. Where does he live?—Catton.

30,329. Who else?—Robert Pitcher, I think.

30,330. Where does he live?—Somewhere at the back of Catton.

30,331. Does he work at all for you?—No.

30,332. You stood beer at Wright's for them?—Not for them; I did not stand for them only. The flyman asked me if I would stand, and I called for half a gallon, and I don't think they drank it all.

30,333. Did not you stand beer for them during the day?—Yes, during the day.

30,334. At what other place?—We stopped at Cubitt's. I think we had a pot of beer there.

30,335. Anywhere else?—At the "Prince of Wales," I think.

30,336. However, you treated these men?—I did.

30,337. Well, now, besides these men of whom you have told me, do you remember taking up any others?—I took up several during the day.

30,338. Besides the cab, did you go about in your cart at all?—No.

30,339. How many more do you think you got up?—I cannot say. I might get up 20 altogether. It might be more.

30,340. Putting them all together?—Putting them all together.

30,341. You stood beer?—Yes, I stood beer that day; a few pots of beer.

30,342. Tell us, now, what you did?—I treated almost anybody, as far as a pot of beer went. I might spend 10*s.* or 15*s.*

30,343. You got more or less excited over the election, and you spent money out of your pocket to get up voters?—Yes.

30,344. I suppose you found late in the day that giving the men beer was enough to induce them to go?—That was plenty.

30,345. Did you give any of them money?—No.

30,346. You found that beer was quite enough?—That was quite enough.

30,347. Did you ever get repaid the money you were out of pocket that day?—Never. I never thought about it.

30,348. Have you ever asked anybody for it?—Never.

30,349. Do you know of any fund, or anything of that sort, you could go to?—No.

30,350. Or any person who paid such monies?—No. I never inquired about anything of the sort.

30,351. You did this on your own account?—I did.

30,352. Are you a tolerably well-to-do man for your station?—Pretty middling.

30,353. Could you give me any more names of people whom you took up?—When I got up in the city there were several others; they knew me, but I did not know them. I treated them with a little beer.

30,354. The names you have given me are in your own neighbourhood, Catton?—Yes.

30,355. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You see, if you had only told the truth in the first instance, what ignominy, shame, and annoyance you would have saved yourself.—I was a little excited yesterday.

30,356. Your first statement showed a determined resolution not to tell the truth. I am very glad that we have given you the opportunity of considering this matter at home instead of in gaol, which I felt it our duty, almost our imperative duty, to do. Let it be a warning to you for the future; and, moreover, let those persons whom we have to examine hereafter take warning by you, and see what folly they will be guilty of when they attempt to conceal the truth. We know a good deal more about this matter than to believe such a story as that you came to tell.—I could not have told you six houses that you axed me about, not for the worth of Norwich, nor yet the streets they were in.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

W. Hopson.

6 Oct. 1869.

WILLIAM HOPSON sworn and examined.

30,357. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where were you on the election morning ?—At home.

30,358. What is your work ?—A bricklayer.

30,359. What work, as a bricklayer, were you doing at home ?—I were not doing nothing that morning.

30,360. What time did you vote ?—Half-past 2.

30,361. Why did you not go and vote before half-past 2 in the day ?—I was at home. I stood about at home. I was not away from home.

30,362. Did anybody come and take you up to the poll ?—No, I went myself.

30,363. Did not you see anbody before you went to the poll, about going there ?—Oh yes.

30,364. Who was it ?—I see two. I don't know what their names were.

30,365. Did anybody come to you on the part of Sir Henry Stracey ?—Yes.

30,366. Who was that ?—I don't know who it was, I am sure. It was quite a gentleman.

30,367. Were not you waiting in order that you might get something for your vote ?—No, never axed a question for nothing.

30,368. Had you been asked for your vote before the day of the election ?—Yes, I had a paper sent to me before the day of the election.

30,369. Did anybody call upon you and ask you for your vote personally ?—A gentleman came and axed me.

30,370. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

30,371. Why had not you promised your vote when you were asked for it ?—Because I was at home. There I was. I did not feel inclined to hurry myself. I was at home most of the day.

30,372. When you were asked for your vote, why did not you promise your vote ?—There was one party came there about 10 o'clock ; another party came about 11 at my house.

30,373. Why did not you give your vote then ?—I might as well have given it then as at 3 in the afternoon.

30,374. Were not you looking out for what you could get ?—No, I did not think nothing about that.

30,375. Did you get anything for your vote ?—Not a farthing, nor yet a glass of beer.

30,376. Were you promised anything ?—No.

30,377. The hospital, or anything of that kind ?—No, nothing of the kind.

A. Cupper.

ARTHUR CUPPER sworn and examined.

30,378. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,379. What time of the day ?—Dinner time.

30,380. What did you get for your vote ?—Nothing.

30,381. Were you asked to vote for Sir Henry Stracy ?—No.

30,382. Did nobody canvass you at all ?—No.

30,383. Did no one come to you that day ?—No.

30,384. Have you had anything given you since for your vote ?—No.

30,385. Were you at any public-houses that day ?—Yes.

30,386. Which ?—The "Butchers' Arms," Ber Street.

30,387. Any others ?—No, I don't think that I were.

30,388. Did they give you any beer there ?—No ; only what I paid for.

30,389. Was there any beer going there ?—Only what we paid for.

30,390. Nothing else ?—No.

30,391. Did you hear that there was any money going anywhere else ?—No.

30,392. Did you look out for it ?—Not I.

30,393. Did you try to hear of anything of the sort ?—No.

30,394. You were not at work that day ?—No.

30,395. Where were you ; standing about ?—I went in for half a pint, that's all. I went up with the intention to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and I went in and had a glass of ale going along.

30,396. Did you not hear that there was any beer going ?—No.

30,397. Did not you try to get anything ?—No ; only what I paid for.

P. Youngs.

PETER YOUNGS sworn and examined.

30,398. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you keep the "Richmond Hill" tavern ?—Yes.

30,399. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

30,400. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,401. After you voted, were you active in getting up voters ?—Well, sir, I went for two ; that's all. I drove two.

30,402. Who were they ?—They were out of the city people ; they did not know where to go to. I had a horse and gig standing outside my door, so I drove them up.

30,403. Did you give them anything ?—No.

30,404. Or promise them anything ?—No.

30,405. Or treat them ?—No.

30,406. Were there not a lot of men collected at your house ?—There were not so many there as I have seen at an election.

30,407. There were a good many ?—There were a good many hanging about.

30,408. They were hanging about till late in the day before they voted ?—All the day, some of them.

30,409. Some of them stayed there all day drinking ?—Yes.

30,410. Who paid for the beer they drank ?—They paid for it as they had it.

30,411. Did you see Gowing ?—Yes.

30,412. Did he come into your house ?—I would hardly swear that he came in.

30,413. He came to your house ?—Yes.

30,414. Did he try and persuade these men to vote ?—That I don't know.

30,415. You saw him there ?—I saw him there. He came up with three or four people in his phaeton, but who they were I don't know.

30,416. Was William Brighton, a servant of Mr. Reed's, there ?—He might be, but I did not see him.

30,417. You did not see him treating the men in your house ?—No.

30,418. Did you hear any of the men say they had had money given them for drink ?—No.

30,419. Was a man of the name of Trumbetta there ?—I don't know him.

30,420. Do you know George Randell Holmes ?—I know George Randell Holmes was the managing man in the committee room.

30,421. He is a sixth ward man ?—Yes.

30,422. Was he in your house that day ?—He was there all the day. My house was a committee room.

30,423. Did you see him give any men money or drink ?—No.

30,424. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you, when the men were out and in your house from time to time, learn from them that they wanted something for voting ?—No. I never heard anything of the sort breathed at mine. It might be, but I never heard it.

30,425. You perfectly understood what they were loitering about for ?—I cannot say.

30,426. As a sensible man you could form your own judgment ?—If there had been anything stirring they would not have minded taking it.

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P. Youngs.

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30,427. Were there a pretty good number of them?—Not at mine.

30,428. In front of your house were there a great number of men loitering?—I have seen a great many more at elections. There were not so many about my house that day as I have seen.

JOSEPH LATTEN sworn and examined.

J. Latten.

30,429. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where do you live?—In Spitalfields.

30,430. What were you doing on the morning of the election?—Not anything.

30,431. Except drinking?—Never drinking at all that day.

30,432. Not at all?—No.

30,433. Do you mean to say you had a dry election day?—I never drank a drop of ale at anybody's expense.

30,434. Did you have a drop of ale?—Yes, I had at my own expense, no one else's.

30,435. Where did you have that?—Mr. Hobrough's; "Bishop Bridge."

30,436. What is the name of his public-house?—"Bishop Bridge House."

30,437. What time did you go there in the morning?—Half-past 5 in the afternoon.

30,438. Where were you in the morning?—Part of the time in the market.

30,439. What were you doing in the market?—Looking about.

30,440. For what you could get?—No.

30,441. What were you looking about for?—Like the rest of the people, looking and walking round; that's all.

30,442. Do you mean to say that you were not looking about for what you could get, to see if there was any money afloat?—I do mean that. I were not looking after money, nor yet after drink.

30,443. You would have taken it if you could have got it?—No, I should not.

30,444. You would have refused it?—I should.

30,445. A 10*l.* note would have made no impression on a man of your independence?—I was not offered anything; neither one thing nor the other.

30,446. Do you know a man named Leander Brown?—Yes.

30,447. Did you see him in the course of the day?—Yes.

30,448. What did he offer you?—Not anything.

30,449. Do you mean to say that Leander Brown did not offer you anything for your vote?—No, never.

30,450. How came you not to vote till 3 o'clock in the day?—Because I had not made up my mind.

30,451. Having nothing to do the whole day, why had not you made up your mind before 3 o'clock in the afternoon?—I had not made up my mind.

30,452. Did you see Leander Brown before you made up your mind?—I see him, but he never spoke to me.

30,453. You saw him before you made up your mind?—Yes.

30,454. Did he not say something which induced you to make up your mind?—No.

30,455. What did induce you to make up your mind?—I don't know about that.

30,456. Can you give me any rational account of how you came to vote upon that day?—I had a mind to vote for Mr. Stracey, and I done so.

30,457. At 3 o'clock what made you make up your mind?—I thought there was plenty of time between 3 and 4.

30,458. Not to make up your mind?—That is soon made up.

30,459. Then why could you not make it up before 3 o'clock on that day if it could be soon made up?—I don't know.

30,460. Did not you see Leander Brown, and did not he or some other person give you money that day?—No, not anyone.

30,461. Nor promise you anything?—Nor yet never promise me anything.

30,462. Have you had anything since?—No.

30,463. Have you a wife?—Yes.

30,464. Did some money happen to be left for your wife?—No, no money at all.

30,465. Are you sure your wife did not get a little money?—No.

30,466. Just tell me what induced you at 3 o'clock that day to make up your mind. If money or beer did not do it, what did?—I had a mind to vote for Mr. Stracey.

30,467. You told me you had not made up your mind?—I voted before 3 o'clock.

30,468. How much before 3?—I should say half-past 2.

30,469. There is plenty of time between 8 in the morning and half-past 2 for a man who says it does not take much time to make up his mind. Had not you something that led you to make up your mind?—No, I had no particular cause.

30,470. Was there not a little something that induced you to make up your mind? Who was it that gave it you?—No one.

30,471. Did not you have a little drop of Tory beer?—Not a drop of Tory beer did I get, nor yet Tory money.

30,472. What was it, then?—I never got anything; never had the offer.

30,473. You say you would not have taken a 10*l.* note?—No.

30,474. (*Mr. Biron.*) You were waiting for what you could get?—No, I was not.

C. Fox.

CHARLES FOX sworn and examined.

30,475. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,476. What time of the day?—About half-past 2.

30,477. Had you promised your vote?—No.

30,478. Had you been asked for it?—I had been asked for it, but I did not promise it.

30,479. You made up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

30,480. Have you ever voted before?—No.

30,481. Were you promised anything for your vote?—No.

30,482. Did you promise anybody anything?—No.

30,483. Have you had anything since?—No.

30,484. Did you treat anybody on the day of the poll?—No.

30,485. Were you very active in this election?—No. I never left off till dinner time.

30,486. What are you by trade?—A boatwright.

30,487. Were you at any public-houses that day?—No.

30,488. Not one?—No.

30,489. What were you about all day?—I did not leave off till after dinner.

30,490. What did you do after dinner?—Walked about.

30,491. Did you hear of any money going?—No, I did not see any.

30,492. Did you not hear of it?—No.

W. Carver, jun.

WILLIAM CARVER, junior, sworn and examined.

30,493. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,494. For whom?—Stracey.

30,495. What time of the day?—I should think about five or six minutes to 4.

30,496. How came you to put it off so late as that?

—In the first of the morning I had some work to do that I wanted to get done. I got done by 12. I see several parties ill-used in front of the "Greyhound," and I should not have gone up and voted had not it been for my brother coming up out of the third ward and saying, "William; Stracey is winning; I would go and vote if I was you." I said, "Look at the people about here." I had seen several of them ill-used. He said, "Come on," and I went and voted.

30,497. Do you mean to say that they were ill-used when they went and gave their votes?—Those that passed up the street I mean. I did not go out of my house. I live within four doors of the "Greyhound."

30,498. Was that a polling place?—No, a committee room.

30,499. How near to the polling place?—I should think it is about 150 yards from mine to the polling place.

30,500. At what time in the day did you first see this mob, or whatever you call it?—They assembled when the poll was opened first. A man I see insulted was a man of the name of Jonathan Hayes.

30,501. Which way did he vote?—He had orange and purple ribbon round his cap. That is what caused it.

30,502. The man that had colours about him got hustled?—Yes; so that in the middle of the day none of them with those colours came that way. They had to go another way.

WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW sworn and examined.

W. Stringfellow.

30,503. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where were you upon the morning of the election?—At work.

30,504. Where were you at work?—Mr. Petch, the boat-builder's.

30,505. Up to what time did you remain at work?—Till about 1 o'clock.

30,506. Could not you get away before 1?—No.

30,507. Had you promised your vote?—No.

30,508. Why did not you go and vote at 1?—I could not clean myself and get up town before the time I voted.

30,509. What time did you go to the poll?—About a quarter before 4.

30,510. There was ample time for you to clean yourself and go up town before a quarter to 4?—I had not a chance to get there before then.

30,511. You went home at 1 o'clock?—Yes, but I had my dinner to get.

30,512. To get dinner and to clean yourself would not take up all the time till a quarter to 4. Did anybody come in the meantime to get you up to vote?—No, not anyone.

30,513. What were you doing all the time between 1 o'clock and a quarter to 4?—I was at home some part of the time.

30,514. And during the other part of the time that you were not at home, where were you?—I went down the dockyard first of all.

30,515. Did not you go to a public-house?—No.

30,516. Had you no beer before you went to the polling place?—No.

30,517. Did anybody speak to you before you voted?—No.

30,518. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

30,519. Had you promised your vote before that?—No.

30,520. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not anything.

30,521. Or the promise of anything?—Not anything, nor yet the promise of anything.

30,522. Did you go to any public and have beer after you voted?—No, not any, not till after the poll was taken.

30,523. Where did you go after that?—I went up into the market.

30,524. What public-house did you go into and have some beer?—I never got beer anywhere; all I had was a glass of gin at Wiseman's.

30,525–6. Whereabouts is that?—Opposite "Exchange" tavern.

30,527. What is Mr. Wiseman?—A liquor merchant.

30,528. You went into Mr. Wiseman's and had a glass of spirits there?—Yes.

THOMAS LOOMBE sworn and examined.

T. Loombe.

30,529. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A cooper.

30,530. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,531. What time in the day?—Half-past 2.

30,532. What made you so late?—I did not leave off work before.

30,533. Had not you been about the town that day?—Not at all; I went home straight to dinner, and then to vote.

30,534. Who asked you to vote?—I was canvassed by the three candidates, Russell, Tillett, and Sir Henry Stracey.

30,535. Had you promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No; I promised I should not vote against him.

30,536. You did not promise to vote for the other two?—No.

30,537. What made you make up your mind at half-past 2, having left yourself free up to that time?—I did not pledge to anyone.

30,538. What made you vote at all?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey; nothing made me vote.

30,539. Was nothing offered to you?—Nothing; not a drop of beer or anything else.

30,540. Was nothing promised you?—Nothing. I had not a drop of beer all the day.

30,541. Are you a married man?—No.

JOHN NUDD, junior, sworn and examined.

J. Nudd, jun.

30,542. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

30,543. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,544. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,545. What time in the day?—About half-past 3.

30,546. What did you get?—Nothing.

30,547. Why did not you vote earlier?—Why, because there was not no one to persuade me to go. Master came and asked me whether I would oblige him, and I went down.

30,548. You went to oblige your master?—Yes.

30,549. For whom do you work?—I work for Mr. Moore now.

30,550. Who was your employer then?—Mr. Moore then. I had worked for Mr. Newman.

30,551. Was it Mr. Newman that came to you?—Yes. He asked me if I would oblige him, and I said yes.

30,552. Did not he give you anything?—No.

30,553. Or promise you anything?—No.

30,554. Did not he stand treat?—No; I went and voted, and then went back.

30,555. I suppose you would not have voted if you had not been asked?—I should have went and voted, perhaps. I never had a vote before, and so I would vote.

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W. Clarke.

William Clarke sworn and examined.

30,556. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

30,557. Were you in any public-house in the early part of the day?—The latter end of the day.

30,558. In the early part of the morning were you in any public-house?—No.

30,559. What were you doing in the early part of the day?—At work at my trade.

30,560. What is your trade?—A card spinner.

30,561. Why did not you vote before?—Because I had some work, and I could not get away from it.

30,562. With whom did you go to the poll?—No one.

30,563. Did not someone come and ask you to go up?—No.

30,564. You went up of your own accord?—Yes.

30,565. Had you promised before?—No.

30,566. Had not you been asked for your vote?—No.

30,567. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

30,568. Did anybody promise you anything?—No.

30,569. Did you get any beer given you that evening?—No. What I had I paid for.

H. Gedge.

Henry Gedge sworn and examined.

30,570. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—An attorney's clerk.

30,571. Were you engaged in this election?—I was.

30,572. For whom?—I was engaged as polling clerk.

30,573. By whom?—Mr. Pilgrim.

30,574. On which side?—Sir Henry Stracey's.

30,575. Did you get paid for your services?—I did.

30,576. Did you vote?—I did.

30,577. Did you get anything for your vote?—Nothing at all.

30,578. When were you paid for your services?—I think it was about two days after; somewhere like that.

30,579. You were paid by your employer, I suppose?—By my employer.

30,580. (*Mr. Biron.*) How much?—A guinea.

30,581. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know of any money going at this election?—None at all.

30,582. Were your duties simply confined to the polling clerks' work?—Simply confined to that.

30,583. Had you nothing whatever to do with the management of this election?—Nothing at all.

A. J. Clapham.

Arthur John Clapham sworn and examined.

30,584. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A grocer's assistant.

30,585. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,586. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

30,587. At what time of the day?—About 3 o'clock. I cannot say to half an hour. It might be about 3 o'clock.

30,588. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

30,589. Or the promise of anything?—No.

30,590. Did you take any men up to vote?—No.

30,591. Did you go to the "Jolly Butchers"?—Yes.

30,592. In the afternoon?—Yes.

30,593. Was that before or after you had voted?—Before.

30,594. Did you find a lot of men there waiting?—There were several backwards and forwards.

30,595. Were not there a lot of men waiting there who had not voted?—Yes.

30,596. Did you try to get them up to vote?—No.

30,597. Did not you say anything to them?—No.

30,598. Did not you take any of them up to the poll along with you?—No.

30,599. Not one?—Not one.

30,600. Did you see anybody there attempting to persuade them?—No, not anyone.

30,601. Do you know whether they voted or not?—I believe they all voted, what were there.

30,602. They were waiting there for money, were not they?—I cannot say. They were having their pints of beer, but I don't know what they were waiting for.

30,603. Did not you see anybody come in to talk to them?—No.

30,604. You left them there?—I left them there.

30,605. Did you go back at all after you had voted?—No.

30,606. Had they polled when you went to vote?—I suppose they followed me. I went and voted, and I suppose they did.

30,607. They came up to the poll after you?—Yes.

30,608. Had not you said anything to them?—No.

30,609. Had you stood drink there?—No.

30,610. What did you go there for?—I live opposite. He is a neighbour of mine, and I merely went in for a glass of ale, the same as the rest of them; that's all, nothing else.

T. Worledge.

Thomas Worledge sworn and examined.

30,611. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were at Clarke's beerhouse on the day of the election, were you not?—Yes.

30,612. And you gave some tickets for beer there?—I gave some address cards to Mr. Clarke, and asked him if he would oblige me by giving credit for 6*d.* upon them, and he said, "Yes."

30,613. If you have anything to tell us respecting your proceedings on the day of the election we shall be glad to hear you. I do not propose to examine you now, but we will examine you to-morrow morning; and I should advise you to be prepared to give a true account of what you did on the day of the election.—You may depend upon it I shall give a true account. I treated people during the day; there is no doubt of that.

30,614. To-morrow morning we will have from you a full account of your proceedings, and I hope you will give us that account with candour; if you do you will be protected from all consequences.—You may depend upon it I will.

W. Amy.

William Amy sworn and examined.

30,615. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

30,616. At what time in the day did you vote?—I believe between 3 and 4.

30,617. What made you vote so late?—I could not leave off work till 3 o'clock.

30,618. Were you not out at all before?—No.

30,619. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—Yes, to Sir Henry Stracey.

30,620. Did he canvass you personally?—Yes.

30,621. On what day was that?—I cannot say what day it was; it was a day or two before the election.

30,622. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

30,623. Or was anything promised to you?—No.

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JAMES BRADLEY sworn and examined. *J. Bradley.*

30,624. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A Tory.

30,625. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

30,626. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

30,627. For a Tory that was rather late, was it not?—I do not know about that.

30,628. Why did you not vote before 3 o'clock in the day?—I do not know. I did not know that it signified.

30,629. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

30,630. Or the promise of anything?—No, no one promised me.

30,631. What were you doing all the day?—I was at my work.

30,632. Where were you at work?—On Mr. Rump's brickyard; tile maker, in Thorpe Road.

30,633. Were you there all day?—No, I came to vote at 3 o'clock.

30,634. Did you remain there till 3 o'clock?—Yes.

30,635. Had anybody canvassed you?—No.

30,636. Had nobody asked you to vote?—No.

30,637. Is the man at whose place you work a Tory?—No, he is a blue.

30,638. Did nobody ask you for your vote?—No.

30,639. Are you sure of that?—No one ever came and canvassed me.

30,640. You went up and voted by yourself?—Yes, I went up and voted all alone.

30,641. What did you do after you had voted?—I went back to my work again.

30,642. Were you in any of the public-houses?—No, I never went into any on that day.

30,643. Not either before or after you had voted?—No, I did not go into one either before or after I had voted.

30,644. Are you married?—Yes.

30,645. Did your wife get anything?—No.

30,646. Are you sure about that?—She never got anything that I know of.

30,647. Did she say anything to you about voting?—No, she never said anything to me.

EDWARD WICKHAM sworn and examined. *E. Wickham*

30,648. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A publican.

30,649. What is the sign of your house?—The "Rosary."

30,650. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

30,651. Where were you all the day of the election up to the time of voting?—At home.

30,652. Who came to your house that morning on the Tory side?—A lot of people.

30,653. Had they a breakfast there?—No.

30,654. Who came and gave them beer?—No one.

30,655. Was there no beer given away in your house that day?—No beer, not a pint I do not believe.

30,656. Did you see Hardiment at your house that day?—No.

30,657. Did Benfather come in at all?—Not that I know of.

30,658. You know Benfather?—No, I do not think I do.

30,659. Do you not know Benfather of the "Oak"?—No.

30,660. Did Cubitt come in?—No.

30,661. Do you know David Cubitt?—Yes.

30,662. At what time did the voters begin to come into your house that morning?—A little after 8.

30,663. And did they remain drinking there the whole of the day?—No.

30,664. But did they keep coming in and out?—Yes, they were in and out.

30,665. Did you see anybody there giving them money?—No.

30,666. Or paying for beer supplied to them?—No, not a penny.

30,667. Did you see Worledge that day?—Yes, I saw him in Magdalen Street, but I did not speak to him.

30,668. Did he go into your house?—No.

30,669. Young Wiseman; do you know him?—Yes.

30,670. Was he there that day?—No.

30,671. Did you see anybody coming to take up voters from your house?—No; there is a polling place about 10 yards from my door.

30,672. Was there nobody there trying to persuade voters who were in your house to go and vote?—No, I never heard it.

30,673. I suppose that, as in other places, there were a lot of men who wanted something for their votes?—No, I do not think there was.

30,674. You think that all the men in your house were men who would not take a bribe?—I think they voted free.

30,675. And they would not take a bribe?—I think they would if they had the chance.

30,676. Do you not think that there were a good many of them hanging back?—No; most of them that came to mine are railway men; they have only an hour given to them, and I do not think they would take a bribe.

30,677. Are those the principal persons who were in your house?—Yes.

30,678. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

30,679. Or the promise of anything?—No.

30,680. Were you canvassed before for your vote?—Yes, I was canvassed by both parties.

30,681. Had you made up your mind which way you would vote?—I had made up my mind not to vote for Tillett.

30,682. And did you tell them so?—Yes.

30,683. Why did you not say to Sir Henry Stracey that you would vote for him?—I did not say so. I was not at home when he came.

WILLIAM CALVER sworn and examined. *W. Calver.*

30,684. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

30,685. At what time in the day?—About half-past 10.

30,686. Had you promised your vote?—No.

30,687. What did you get for it?—Nothing. I have been a voter for 23 years, and I have never had a halfpenny in my life.

30,688. Have you always voted orange and purple?—No.

30,689. You changed your side?—I changed this time.

30,690. Why did you change?—Because I respected Sir Henry Stracey.

30,691. Has your wife had anything?—No.

30,692. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

30,693. Did you get any beer on the day of the election?—No; I wanted some, but I was forced to pay for it.

30,694. Who canvassed you for your vote?—I was not canvassed by Sir Henry Stracey's party at all; I was by the other party.

30,695. And what did you tell them?—I told them that I should vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

30,696. You dislike the Tillett party?—Yes, I do dislike them, I assure you. If they had all acted as I have done we should not have required your presence here.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

J. Bugg.

6 Oct. 1869.

JOSEPH BUGG sworn and examined.

30,697. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An innkeeper.

30,698. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,699. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

30,700. What house do you keep?—The "Windmill" tavern.

30,701. Did you get anything for voting?—Certainly not.

30,702. Or the promise of anything?—Not a farthing.

30,703. Were there any men at your house that day?—Several, the same as any other day.

30,704. They were there drinking?—Yes.

30,705. Were they voters?—That I cannot say; I never asked them any question.

30,706. You did not know of any treating going on at your house?—Not a bit.

30,707. Do you know Leander Brown?—No, I cannot say that I do.

33,708. Did you see anybody in your house standing beer for the men?—No.

R. Gedge.

ROBERT GEDGE sworn and examined.

30,709. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

30,710. What is your business?—A boot and shoe maker.

30,711. Had you been asked for your vote?—No.

30,712. Had nobody been to canvass you on either side?—No, not on either side.

30,713. Did anybody come to you on that day to ask you to go up and vote?—No.

30,714. Did you go up entirely of your own accord?—Yes.

30,715. How came you to go up so late in the day?—Because I was busy at my work, and I wanted to finish the employment I was about. I did not get out till dinner time, and then I had to shave and wash.

30,716. Did anybody give you anything for your vote?—No.

30,717. Nor the promise of anything?—No; I had no one come to ask me who I would vote for.

30,718. And you received nothing?—Nothing at all.

J. Hobrough.

JAMES HOBROUGH sworn and examined.

30,719. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A contractor and licensed victualler.

30,720. Did you take any active part in this election?—No.

30,721. Did you canvass anybody?—No.

30,722. Did you vote?—No.

30,723. Have you been a voter long in Norwich?—No, I have not had the chance of voting before.

30,724. You had nothing whatever to do with the election?—No, not the slightest.

30,725. Do you know Leander Brown?—Yes.

30,726. Did you see him at your house on the day of the election?—He was there pretty well all day, backwards and forwards.

30,727. Taking men up from your place?—Yes.

30,728. Were those men drunk or sober?—Some of them were drunk and some were sober.

30,729. Were those men in your employment?—Some of them were.

30,730. Do you know young Mr. Stracey?—Yes.

30,731. Was he in your house that day?—I never saw him.

30,732. Do you know whether he was there or not?—He was not there.

30,733. Are you certain of that?—Yes; I was at home all day, and he was not there.

30,734. Was he there the day before?—He had canvassed me a day or two before.

30,735. And you promised, did you not, that you would do what you could to get up your men?—No, I made no promise of any sort.

30,736. Did you not intimate to him that you would help him in any way?—No.

30,737. How was it that you did not vote yourself?—I had to attend to my business. My house was full all day, and I could not get away.

30,738. How far off was your house from the polling place?—About half a mile.

30,739. Do you mean to say that you could not leave your house to go and vote?—No, I could not; there was nobody at home but my wife, and I could not leave her to manage the business.

30,740. Do you mean to say that you did not use any influence with these men to get them to vote?—Not the slightest.

30,741. Had you seen Leander Brown the day before the polling?—I am sure I could not say.

30,742. Did he speak to you about these voters?—No.

30,743. Did he only speak to you about them on the day of the election?—Only on the day of the election; he was backwards and forwards all day.

30,744. He took them up from your place?—Yes.

30,745. Did you spend any money on this election?—No.

30,746. Did any money go through your hands for paying voters?—No.

30,747. Or to pay for any beer drawn at your house for these men?—No.

30,748. Who paid for the beer they had?—Those that had it.

30,749. Did not Leander Brown pay for the beer?—No, he never paid for anything in my house all that day.

30,750. Are you certain of that?—Yes, I am quite certain of it. I was at home in my house, and was at the bar myself.

30,751. Do you know the names of any of the men who were taken up from your place?—No.

30,752. Were they regular customers of yours?—Yes, some were, and some were strangers.

30,753. Some of them were men in your employment?—I do not think he took up any men in my employment.

30,754. You said just now that he did.—I do not know whether he took my men up or not. I know he took several men up; he went several times from my house.

30,755. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time in the morning did your house begin to fill?—I should think about 11 or 12 in the forenoon.

30,756. And what time in the day did Leander Brown first come to your house?—I cannot say; somewhere about dinner time.

30,757. Was your house pretty full when he came?—Yes, I generally have a house full.

30,758. Are you near to any place where there are men employed in any particular work?—Yes, there are lots of men employed about my place on the chalk staiths, and coalmen and gasmen.

30,759. And they come and frequent your house?—Yes.

30,760. Did anybody come up with Leander Brown?—I never saw anybody, only the man that drove the conveyance.

30,761. Did Leander Brown leave the conveyance and come into your house?—Yes, it stood outside the door.

30,762. Where were the men?—In the tap-room, and in the bar.

30,763. I suppose you cannot see into the tap-room when you are in your bar?—No, not from the bar.

30,764. Then what he did in the tap-room you

would not know?—No, I should not know anything about that.

30,765. But there were a good number of men there that got drunk?—Yes, there was plenty drunk, and sober too. I had a whole house full all day from 11 or 12 o'clock.

30,766. And Leander Brown kept coming to and fro, carrying the men away?—Yes.

30,767. What sort of conveyance had he?—He had a 'bus or a fly, or something of that sort.

30,768. How many loads did he take away from your house?—I do not know. I know he took a great many.

30,769. Twenty or 30 loads?—I cannot say for that; he took them as fast as he could get them.

30,770. And when he came did he go into the tap-room and take them from there?—I do not know that he took them from the tap-room; he took them from wherever he could find them.

30,771. Did you hear the men say that Leander Brown had been standing beer?—No, I never heard them say that. I heard plenty of them say that they could not get any.

30,772. Did you hear afterwards a considerable number say that those that went to poll did get it?—I never heard anyone say that.

30,773. They kept that quiet, did they?—Yes, they did to me.

30,774. Did anybody besides Leander Brown come to your house and fetch up voters?—I saw another man there, but I do not know who he was; a man with a grey pony.

30,775. Do you know Hardiment?—No, I do not know him.

30,776. How often did that man come to your house?—Two or three times; he was a perfect stranger to me.

30,777. Did he come with a trap?—He had a light trap and a grey horse.

30,778. And he took away voters too, did he?—I cannot say; I do not know that.

30,779. Did he go into the tap-room?—No, he came into the bar.

30,780. Was he talking to the men inside your house?—I do not know; I could not see from the bar.

30,781. At what time did he first come to your house?—I am sure I do not know; I believe it was just after dinner.

30,782. He came two or three times?—Yes. I do not know how many times he came.

30,783. Was he a young or an old man?—A man of about 30, I should suppose.

30,784. A gentleman?—A gentleman in appearance.

30,785. Do you know Charles Sidney?—Yes.

30,786. Was he there?—He was at my house.

30,787. Do you know George Brooks?—Yes.

30,788. Was he there?—Yes.

30,789. Charles Gates?—Yes, he was there.

30,790. Minns?—I do not know him.

30,791. William Butcher?—Yes, I saw Butcher there.

30,792. Those men were pretty drunk when they went away, were they not?—I do not think that any of them were drunk.

30,793. Were they not?—No, they were not drunk I know.

30,794. Those were the sober men, were they?—Yes, they were sober enough.

30,795. Has anybody paid you any score for that day, since the election?—No, I had no score.

30,796. Was any lump sum given to you?—No, not the slightest; no one took any interest in it on my part.

30,797. No one came in and gave orders for a gallon, or anything of that sort?—No.

30,798. Each man ordered his own beer?—Yes.

30,799. How they got the money you do not know?—No; of course I had no business to ask them that.

THOMAS RATHMEL sworn and examined.

T. Rathmel.

30,800. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A master coppersmith and publican.

30,801. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,802. For whom?—For Russell and Tillett.

30,803. Did you get anything for voting?—Not a farthing.

30,804. Or the promise of anything?—No, nor the promise of anything.

30,805. Did you see Leander Brown in the course of the day?—Yes, he came up to my house to fetch me to vote, with a carriage and pair.

30,806. Did he ask you to vote?—He came and got hold of my collar, and said, "Come, Tom; I have come for you to vote for Stracey."

30,807. What did you say to that?—I made rather a vulgar phrase of it, but still I said that when I wanted to go and vote I could walk.

30,808. Did he then go to any of the men who were in your house?—Yes, one man.

30,809. Who was that?—Henry Laws; he called him out of the house into the passage, and Henry Laws told me that when he came in he offered him half a quid, and he would not take it; and he then asked him if a quid would be of any use, and he said, No, he should not take anything; and then Henry Laws went and voted with me.

30,810. What time was that?—Between a quarter and half-past 11.

30,811. Did Brown say anything to you about money?—No, he never spoke to me about it, because he knew better.

30,812. Did he speak to any other men about money in your presence?—No; there was only two besides myself in the house at the time when he came; Laws was one, and he never spoke to the other at all.

30,813. Was anyone else there when Laws mentioned this to you?—Yes, there was another person with him. I do not know his name. Laws knows him; he was a partner of his.

30,814. Was there anybody there who could have heard Brown say this?—No, I think not, because he called him out into the passage.

30,815. Did you hear anything else of bribery during the day?—No, not anything.

30,816. Or treating?—No. I never went amongst them. I went and voted, and never went among any of the voters.

THOMAS MITSON sworn and examined.

T. Mitson.

30,817. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

30,818. At what time?—A little after 2.

30,819. Did you take any interest in the election?—No.

30,820. Did you make up your mind before the election day which way you would vote?—Yes.

30,821. Had you promised your vote?—No.

30,822. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—No.

30,823. Having made up your mind, as you say you had, which way you would vote, why did you not vote before that time in the day?—I had not time. I was engaged.

30,824. What are you?—A groom.

30,825. Who is your master?—Mr. Pymar.

30,826. Which way did he vote?—I do not know; I think for Mr. Tillett.

30,827. Did anybody come and ask you for your vote?—No.

30,828. Did nobody come to fetch you?—No.

30,829. You went up of your own accord?—Yes.

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T. Mitson.

30,830. Were you at any public-house that morning?—No, nor yet that day.

30,831. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

30,832. Not the promise of anything?—No.

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J. Shenfield.

JOSEPH SHENFIELD sworn and examined.

30,833. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

30,834. Who asked you to vote?—I was never canvassed only once, seven days prior to the election.

30,835. Did you promise your vote?—Yes.

30,836. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

30,837. Had you any promise of advancement?—Not at all. I was only canvassed by one person.

30,838. What are you?—I am turnkey in the city gaol.

30,839. Did you give anything to anybody to induce him to vote at the election?—No.

C. Arnup.

CHARLES ARNUP sworn and examined.

30,840. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,841. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

30,842. At what time in the day?—About 20 minutes to 4.

30,843. Why did you not vote sooner than that?—I never left off work till 3 o'clock.

30,844. What were you at?—Carting turf. I began at 6 in the morning, and did not leave till 3.

30,845. What did you do then?—I went home, and went right straight and voted.

30,846. Did you go to the "Anchor" tavern before you voted?—No.

30,847. Did you see a man named Balls before you voted?—Not that I know of. I do not recollect it.

30,848. Had you promised to vote?—No.

30,849. Did not somebody ask you that day to vote?—No. I went on to Mousehold Heath at 6 o'clock in the morning, and never left till 3 o'clock, and then I went home and voted.

30,850. And you never got anything for voting?—No.

30,851. You went and voted of your own accord?—Yes. I went and voted right straight off.

G. Dunn.

GEORGE DUNN sworn and examined.

30,852. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your business?—A butcher.

30,853. What were you doing all the morning of the election day?—Not anything. I went and voted about 9 o'clock, and then went away after my business.

30,854. Where did you go after 9 o'clock?—To Dereham.

30,855. What were you doing up to 9 o'clock?—Carrying some beef out that I had to carry out for my master.

30,856. At what time did you come back from Dereham?—At 8 o'clock at night.

30,857. At what time did you vote?—About 9 o'clock, or a little after 9.

30,858. Had anybody come to you to ask you to give your vote the day before?—No, not anybody.

30,859. Had you been canvassed before for your vote?—No.

30,860. Did you get any money for your vote?—No.

30,861. How came your wife to say that you had?—I do not think she said such a thing as that.

30,862. She has said it?—I know better.

30,863. Are you sure you did not get any money for your vote?—Quite sure.

30,864. Had you promised your vote before?—No, not to anybody.

30,865. Did anybody ask you for it?—No, nobody. I went entirely of my own accord.

30,866. Have you not heard that your wife has told Ellis, the greengrocer, living next door to you, that you got money for your vote?—No.

30,867. You neither got anything, nor the promise of anything?—No, not anything.

J. Gardner.

JOHN GARDNER sworn and examined.

30,868. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) At what time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock.

30,869. For whom?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

30,870. What did you get for your vote?—I never got anything for it.

30,871. Did you not get some beer?—No.

30,872. Were you promised anything?—No.

30,873. Have you had nothing since?—No, nor spoke to anybody about it, nor has anybody spoken to me.

30,874. Were you never asked to vote?—No.

30,875. Had you ever voted before?—No.

30,876. Do you mean to tell me that you got nothing for your vote this time?—Certainly I do.

30,877. Where were you all day?—At my labour.

30,878. Where is that?—At the gasworks.

30,879. At what time did you get out?—I did not know that I could get out till the afternoon.

30,880. Most of the men at the gasworks voted for Sir Henry Stracey, did they not?—I cannot say; the biggest part of them I believe did, but I am not able to say; I know that four or five did.

30,881. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You agreed that that was the best way of voting, did you?—No, I had no agreement with no one for that; I was not asked for my vote, not by no one on the premises.

J. Chilvers.

JOHN CHILVERS sworn and examined.

30,882. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A wood turner.

30,883. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,884. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

30,885. At what time?—Between 3 and 4.

30,886. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not anything.

30,887. Or the promise of anything?—No, not anything.

30,888. Had you been canvassed?—No.

30,889. You voted of your own accord?—Yes.

30,890. Had you voted that way before?—I never had voted before.

J. Batch.

JOHN BATCH sworn and examined.

30,891. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you ever voted before?—No.

30,892. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,893. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

30,894. Did anybody come to you and ask you for your vote before the election?—No.

30,895. Did anybody come and ask you for your vote on the day of the election?—No.

30,896. Nobody came and asked you to go up to the poll?—No.

30,897. Where were you on the morning of the election?—At home.

30,898. What were you doing at home?—I had not anything to do that day.

30,899. Having nothing to do at home, why did you not go up and vote before 2 o'clock in the day?—I went up to the polling booth about half-past 9 o'clock, but I found that there was such a crowd there that I went away again. I thought I had better wait for an opportunity to vote when it was at liberty.

30,900. Did nobody promise you anything that day?—No, I had no promise from anybody.

30,901. Did anybody give you anything?—No, not a farthing, nor a farthing's worth of anything.

JOHN DOWNING sworn and examined. *J. Downing.*

30,902. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A boiler maker.

30,903. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,904. Where were you working?—At Mr. Tidman's.

30,905. Did he vote for Stracey too?—I am sure I cannot say.

30,906. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No.

30,907 Did you promise to vote?—No, I made up my mind vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

30,908. Has anything been paid you for voting?—No, nothing at all.

30,909. Has anything been promised you?—No.

30,910. Do you know Leander Brown?—No.

30,911. Were you at Hobrough's public-house on the day of the poll?—Yes.

30,912. Who took you up to vote?—Some gentleman said he was going up that way, would I ride with him; I was just going up.

30,913. What sort of a carriage was it?—It was a carriage with a pair of greys, I believe.

30,914. There were several other men who went up with you, were there not?—I believe I was the only one.

30,915. Did not the gentleman give you anything?—Not a farthing.

30,916. You had some beer at the public-house?—Not a drop but what I paid for.

30,917. Was there not any beer going that day at Hobrough's public-house?—No, not that I saw.

30,918. You were never treated the whole day?—No, not a drop.

30,919. Have you had nothing paid you since for your vote?—No, not a farthing. I came down there alone, and went up in the carriage by myself. I was going up as the carriage stood there.

30,920. Do the men from your works generally go for Stracey?—There are only one or two that have votes besides me.

30,921. Is this the first time you have had a vote?—Yes.

30,922. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time did you go into Hobrough's?—About 1 or a quarter past 1.

30,923. How long did you remain there?—I should say about half an hour or three quarters of an hour.

30,924. Were you having your dinner there?—No.

30,925. There were a large quantity of men there, were there not?—There were several. I only went as far as the bar.

30,926. You did not go into the tap-room?—No, only as far as the bar.

30,927. You stood in the bar?—I stood in the bar, and drank my glass of ale and came out again.

30,928. And then a gentleman came up to you and asked whether you had voted?—No, he never asked me; not then. It was after I came down again. I went in after I came down again.

30,929. Where did the gentleman pick you up who took you to the poll?—As I stood outside the door.

30,930. Was that before you went into Hobrough's at all?—I had been in in the first of the morning, about 6 o'clock.

30,931. Had you been in at that time before and came out again?—Yes, in the first of the morning.

30,932. I mean at that time were you going into Hobrough's house when this gentleman came up to you?—No, I was coming out.

30,933. How long had you been in the public-house before you came out, when the gentleman spoke to you?—About half an hour or three quarters of an hour.

30,934. Had he been in the public-house during the time you were there?—No, I had not seen him.

30,935. He came up to the public-house when you were coming out?—Yes, he came up there in a carriage.

30,936. Did he ask you whether you had voted?—No, he never asked me no such thing.

30,937. What did he say to you?—Another gentleman said, "Here is a young fellow now going to vote; he will ride up with you."

30,938. How did that gentleman know you were going to vote?—Because I told him, and asked him if he was going that way.

30,939. You got into the carriage, and he drove you down?—Yes.

30,940. You had made up your mind to vote at that time?—Yes, I had made up my mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

30,941. Did you see that gentleman there at all that day at Hobrough's?—No, I cannot say I did. I went home to dinner.

GEORGE MANN sworn and examined. *G. Mann.*

30,942. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A yachtsman.

30,943. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes; I was getting Mr. Stanley's yacht ready.

30,944. At what time in the day?—It might be 3 o'clock, or a little after 3.

30,945. How came you to be so late?—Because I had to get Mr. Stanley's yacht ready.

30,946. Is that Mr. Stanley, the solicitor?—Yes; I sail for him.

30,947. Did he ask you to vote for Stracey?—No, he never named anything to me about voting. I do not believe he knew I had a vote.

30,948. He said nothing to you a all about voting?—No.

30,949. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No.

30,950. Had you ever voted before?—Yes, these 23 or 24 years.

30,951. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

30,952. Which way did you vote before?—Always for the Tories.

30,953. And you voted for the Tories this time?—Yes.

30,954. Did you get anything for it?—No.

30,955. Or before?—No.

30,956. Did you ever get anything for voting?—No.

GEORGE HEWETT sworn and examined. *G. Hewett.*

30,957. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you keep a public-house?—No.

30,958. What business is yours?—A master foundryman.

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30,959. Do you work for any person in your business?—No, I am a master for myself.

30,960. You are not the master of a foundry under any people, but it is your own foundry?—Yes, my own foundry.

30,961. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,962. Did you get anything for voting?—No, that I did not.

30,963. Or the promise of anything?—No, nothing of the sort. I never see none of them. Neither parties did not come to me at all.

H. Box.

HENRY BOX sworn and examined.

30,964. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,965. At what time of the day?—Between 2 and 3.

30,966. Had you promised your vote?—No.

30,967. Had you not been asked for it?—No, not personally; a party came to my house, but I did not see them.

30,968. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

30,969. Has anything been paid you since?—No, not a fraction; not so much as a glass of pump water.

30,970. Have you ever voted before?—No. I can tell you the reason I did not vote before, because I am a rural messenger from Norwich to Plumstead, and my duties compel me to be about from that time. I walked away from Plumstead to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, free and independent as I thought.

30,971. Do you carry letters?—Yes, I do.

30,972. You know the people at Rackheath?—Yes, I do. I do not carry their letters.

30,973. You know them?—I know Sir Henry Stracey quite well, and have known him ever since I was a child.

30,974. That as the reason you voted for him?—Yes, I did so; it was my principle.

W. Fulcher.

WILLIAM FULCHER sworn and examined.

30,975. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker.

30,976. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes; I voted for Stracey and Russell.

30,977. At what time in the day?—About half-past 11.

30,978. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

30,979. Or the promise of anything?—No.

30,980. Do you keep a public-house?—Yes.

30,981. Were there men there waiting to vote?—No.

30,982. Were there men there during the day?—There was not above one or two people in my house during the day.

30,983. Was there any drinking going on there?—Only by one man: he came in after having voted, and he sat there pretty well all the day.

30,984. Was he the only man?—I do not think I had anyone else in that day.

30,985–7. Was there anybody there treating voters?—No.

R. S. Green.

ROBERT SAMUEL GREEN sworn and examined.

30,988. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

30,989. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

30,990. You voted late in the afternoon?—No.

30,991. Are you sure you did not?—I voted at about a quarter past 8 in the morning.

30,992. Are you a timber merchant, living in Julian Street?—Yes.

30,993. You took an active part, did you not, in support of Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, I did.

30,994. What money did you commission Larkman to pay?—None.

30,995. In what way did you exert yourself in support of Sir Henry Stracey?—I canvassed for him.

30,996. On the day of election what did you do?—I was there early in the morning. There were three or four voters I got up.

30,997. Where were you?—I was in Ber Street.

30,998. You know Larkman, who keeps a public-house?—Yes.

30,999. Were you at Larkman's?—I was in there two or three times in the afternoon.

31,000. There were a number of voters there, were there not?—Yes, there were.

31,001. How many voters did you take up from Larkman's?—I might take up one or two.

31,002. Did you take up one or two?—I think I did.

31,003. Did you not take up several voters from Larkman's?—Yes, I believe there were two I took up; I do not remember more.

31,004. You know, do you not, that Larkman promised money to men at his house?—No, I do not.

31,005. Did you not hear that day that Larkman was promising money to people at his house?—I do not remember. I never made any promises.

31,006. Do you not know that Larkman was promising money?—Yes, it is reported about Ber Street.

31,007. Did you not hear that very day Larkman was promising money to people in his house?—No.

31,008. When did you hear it first?—I have heard it since the election.

31,009. When did you first hear it?—I cannot say exactly the time. I have heard it since the election; since the petition.

31,010. Had you not heard it before?—No.

31,011. You never heard that Larkman had promised money to people in his house immediately after the election?—I heard it after the election.

31,012. Immediately after the election?—No, not immediately after.

31,013. Before the petition?—Yes, I heard it before the petition.

31,014. Did you see Larkman before the election day?—No.

31,015. You had not spoken to him?—No.

31,016. What time in the morning did you first go to Larkman's on the election day?—I should think I was in there from 10 to 11 o'clock. I went in several times during the day.

31,017. Between 10 and 11 o'clock, or some part of the day, did not Larkman speak to you about giving the men money?—In the afternoon, I should say between 3 and 4 it might be, he named the thing to me, and I said I had no promises, nor did I know of any money going anywhere, and I never gave him any authority to promise.

31,018. Did he not speak to you about giving the men money?—He asked me whether there was any money, and I said, No, there was not; that I had not heard of any; nor did I authorize him to make any promises.

31,019. Did you not say to Larkman that he might spend or promise a little money?—No, I did not say he might.

31,020. You were a very active supporter of Sir Henry Stracey's?—I took an active part, the same as other persons.

31,021. He told you there were a number of men there that wanted a little sum, a day's pay?—Yes. I

know there were 20 or 30 men that wanted some money.

31,022. They wanted their day's pay?—Yes.

31,023. A very little trifle would do it?—Yes.

31,024. Did you not say, "Yes, you had better promise them a little money"?—No, I did not; I never made any promise at all.

31,025. Did you not say that it would be well to do it?—No, I never gave him any authority at all.

31,026. Did you not say so, as a matter of advice, or did you not suggest that he could do it?—No, I never gave him any authority at all.

31,027. What did you say to him?—He asked me whether he might put the names down, and whether I thought there was any money to be had, and I told him I had not heard of any; nor did I believe there was any given anywhere.

31,028. The names were put down?—I believe he put the names down, but I did not see it done.

31,029. Was not that because he had promised them some money?—Well, I suppose it was. All I can say is, I never gave him any authority to put the names down in any shape whatever.

31,030. Perhaps you thought it would be a little unsafe to do that?—I should not like to be mixed up with anything of the sort.

31,031. If he did it, I suppose you, as an active supporter of Sir Henry Stracey, would not let the man suffer?—If he had paid anything he would have paid it out of his own pocket.

31,032. No doubt he would have paid it out of his own pocket, but you, as an active supporter of Sir Henry Stracey, would not let the man suffer for it, would you?—He would have had to suffer; he would not have had anything of me, because I never promised anything, and never gave him any authority.

31,033. I did not suggest that you promised anything. If he paid it you would not have let him suffer, would you?—He would have had to have suffered. I had no money to give, and I had no promise from any one of the party.

31,034. We know a good number of people in Norwich may do things from mere party zeal on their own account?—Very true.

31,035. I suppose you are not a person entirely destitute of public spirit any more than your neighbours?—I have not spirit enough to spend my own money about a thing like that.

31,036. He did talk to you, and you knew the names were put down. How many of those out of that list did you take to the poll?—I did not take above one or two from his house to the poll.

31,037. Out of that list?—No, not out of that list. There was a man, I think, by the name of Gathergood.

31,038. If you did not take them out of that list you saw the list?—No, I did not see the list.

31,039. How can you tell unless you saw the list that they were not on the list?—I did not see the list.

31,040. Then how can you tell that those men whom you took to the poll were not on the list?—Simply for this reason, the men were in the house.

31,041. And Larkman took a list of the men in his house, did he not, who wanted money, and you saw that list as a piece of paper?—I did not see it. I never saw it.

31,042. You only knew it was taken?—I only know he told me that he had taken a list of the men, but I never saw the list, and never authorised him to do it.

31,043. If that is so, how did you know that those men you took were not part of that list?—I cannot say they were part of the list.

31,044. How came you to tell me just now that they were not on the list?—Because I do not know whether they were or not.

31,045. I asked you distinctly whether they were on that list, and you said you knew they were not on that list. Now you mean to say you do not know whether they were on the list or not?—I do not know any more than you do.

31,046. You knew he had taken a list; any reasonable man would conclude that all the persons in his house were on that list, and yet you took two persons from his house?—I told you he made the list on his own responsibility. I never saw the list, nor do I know the names of any of the persons on the list.

31,047. You knew he made a list of the people in his house?—Only from what he told me.

31,048. And you believed him?—Yes, I believed him according to his own statement.

31,049. You knew he had taken a list?—I know he told me he had made a list or reported about it.

31,050. You took two of those persons who were in his house?—I cannot say whether he put them on the list or not.

31,051. You took two persons from his house?—I believe I took one or two persons from his house.

31,052. What made you suppose they were not put upon his list?—I do not say they were not on his list. How is it possible for me to say?

31,053. Do you not believe they were on his list?—It is impossible for me to answer the question, because in the first instance I never authorised him to make the list, and in the second place I never saw the list.

31,054. Only consider.—I know what I am saying, and what I am doing.

31,055. You took two of the people who were in his house. Do you mean to say you did not understand you were taking up people who were upon the list?—I mean to say, I do not know whether they were on the list or not.

31,056. You know, do you not, that these men who came from Larkman's house went up to the poll believing they were to be paid?—I do not know that.

31,057. Did you inquire of those two men you took up whether they had been promised money?—I did not. I advised them to go and vote. I told them over and over again in the house that there was not a farthing for anyone; that I had not heard of anything going; that I had not heard of any bribery going on in the city.

31,058. The men spoke to you about it?—Yes. I told you when I first commenced that the men were waiting for a bribe.

31,059. You did not tell me that they spoke to you about it.—Several of the men wanted a day's pay.

31,060. Did they not all go up?—I believe they did ultimately.

31,061. Have you any doubt whatever that every one of those men were induced to go up with the promise of money?—I believe they went without the promise, that is my opinion.

31,062. They were men who wanted money. They were men who would not vote up to that time without money. What induces you to suppose that they went up without the promise of anything? Do you not believe that every one of those men were promised money?—I do not, unless Mr. Larkman did it.

31,063. Do you not know Mr. Larkman did it, saying he was commissioned by you to do it?—I never gave him any commission, that I will swear to.

31,064. Has Larkman ever applied to you to pay some money?—No, not a penny.

31,065. Will you give me the names of the two men you took up?—There is one man that went up of the name of Robert Gathergood, but I cannot tell you the other one.

31,066. Where does Gathergood live?—He lives in Ber Street.

31,067. Will you give me the names of some of the men who were in Larkman's house; did you know Charles Daniels?—I do not.

31,068. Do you know Preston?—No.

31,069. Do you not know the names of any of the persons who were in Larkman's house?—No, I do not know one. If you were to give me the world or a thousand pounds to give you the names of the men who were there I could not do it. I do not come here to tell an untruth. I might just tell you this,

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that I gave up the election at 11 o'clock, taking any interest in it, and did not make any fresh commencement till about 3 o'clock, after I had done my business.

31,070. You were several times in Larkman's house. Unless it was for the purpose of getting up and influencing voters what took you several times to his house?—It was for the purpose of getting men to vote of course. I had no other interest in it, but I never had a penny from the party in any shape whatever, I am upon my oath.

31,071. Do you know a man of the name of Amiss?—Yes, he was engaged with me. We were both together. Mr. George Amiss. We were both together in the house, and Mr. Amiss can confirm what I have said.

31,072. Did he go every time with you to Larkman's?—I might go into the house without him; I will not say I did not. We were in and out of the house several times in the afternoon, and tried to get the men up to vote.

31,073. How many men were there together?—I should think between 20 and 30; I have no doubt of it.

31,074. They all wanted money?—They said they wanted a day's pay; that is the fact, but we had no authority from anyone to give them a farthing.

31,075. They all said they would not vote without it?—No, I never heard them say they would not vote without it, because they did vote without it.

31,076. How do you know they voted without it?—That is my firm opinion.

31,077. Have you been told that they voted without it?—All I can say is this——

31,078. Have you been told that they voted without it?—Yes, I have.

31,079. Did you hear that they voted upon the promise of having a day's pay, but that they have never been paid?—No. I heard they were promised byLarkman, and it was circulated that I authorised him to promise it, which is false; I never authorised him to promise it, because I had no money from anyone.

31,080. You heard they were promised by Larkman?—Yes, I think I did; I am not going to deny that.

31,081. Has Larkman ever applied to you for money?—No; I had no authority from any of the parties in any shape whatever.

31,082. A thing of that kind does not require an authority?—I had no money of my own to spend about a thing of that kind.

31,083. Those things are very well understood?—I daresay they are. It is the first time I have ever taken part in an election.

31,084. You did not say to Larkman that it should be all right?—No, I did not say so, nor did I ever make him any promise.

31,085. Did you go to any of the committee rooms?—Yes, I went to the central committee room in the afternoon.

31,086. Who did you see at the central committee room?—I met Mr. Joseph Stanley; he is a stonemason, and I told him there were several men there, and he says, "Go back as quick as you can and tell them to vote; there is not a penny for anyone." That is what he told me.

31,087. What time in the day was that?—About 3 o'clock I should think.

31,088. You could not get the men up?—Yes, we did get the men up in the afternoon. When I went back again the chief part of them went and voted.

31,089. And they never had a penny?—No, I do not believe they had a penny, nor yet a farthing; they never had any money at all.

31,090. They were worse treated than if they got it. They were promised, but they did not get it.—I am not accountable for what other people do; I never promised them.

31,091. You were a party to getting them up, and must have perfectly well known what was going on?—I have told you the truth.

31,092. I am quite sure you must have perfectly understood what was going on. There is a great deal that is understood between persons without being actually expressed?—I never authorised the man to do it; he did it upon his own responsibility.

31,093. That you were conscious of what had been done is clear to my mind.—You are quite wrong about that.

31,094. I must draw my own conclusions.—I never gave the man any authority.

31,095. Here are men who would not vote without having a day's pay, and firmly stand out till 3 o'clock, and because you walk in the room where they are, do you suppose they would immediately go and vote as a body, having seen you before, without your having tried to persuade them?—I say after they found they could not get any money they went up and voted. I have told you the truth. I told you in the first commencement they were waiting for a day's pay.

31,096. I take a different view entirely of the matter from what you do.—I have told you the truth.

T. Green.

THOMAS GREEN sworn and examined.

31,097. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A fireman at the gasworks.

31,098. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

31,099. At what time?—About half-past 12.

31,100. Had you been at work all the morning?—Yes. I went home about half-past 11 or a quarter to 12 to go and vote.

31,101. To whom did you promise your vote?—To nobody.

31,102. Had you anything for your vote?—No.

31,103. Have you had anything since?—No.

31,104. Not even a drop of beer?—No.

31,105. Most of the men at the gasworks voted for Stracey, did they not?—Some of them did, no doubt.

31,106. Who took you up to the poll?—I walked there myself.

31,107. With some other people?—No.

31,108. You went quite alone?—Yes.

31,109. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

31,110. Did the manager of the works ask you to vote?—No; I asked him whether he would give me leave to go and vote, and he said yes.

31,111. Did he not ask you for whom you were going to vote?—No.

H. W. Betts.

HORACE WALTER BETTS sworn and examined.

31,112. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,113. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

31,114. At what time of the day?—Between 10 minutes and a quarter to 4.

31,115. Did you get anything for it?—No.

31,116. Not anything?—No.

31,117. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

31,118. How was it you did not vote earlier?—I was stoker at the gasworks, and we cannot run away from our draws.

31,119. Had you to wait till the 3 o'clock draw?—Yes; and a lot of our men at the works had to do the same.

J. Frost.

JOHN FROST sworn and examined.

31,120. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

31,121. Where were you on the morning of that day?—I was at home in the morning.

31,122. Why did you not go and vote?—I voted in the afternoon.

31,123. Why did you wait till the afternoon?—Business kept me away till noon.

31,124. But you were at home?—I was at home in the morning, but business kept me at home till noon time.

31,125. What is your business?—A shoemaker.

31,126. A master shoemaker?—Yes.

31,127. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

31,128. Were you promised anything?—No. I neither got anything, nor was promised anything.

JOHN KING sworn and examined. *J. King.*

31,129. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A painter and decorator.

31,130. On your own account?—Yes.

31,131. Do you employ men?—Yes.

31,132. For whom did you vote?—Russell and Tillett.

31,133. Did you take any active part in the election at all?—No, not at all.

31,134. In no way whatever?—In no way.

31,135. Did you subscribe any money?—I did.

31,136. For the Tillett fund?—Yes.

31,137. How much?—*5l.*

31,138. That was for the legal expenses?—Yes, certainly it was.

31,139. So that he might not be out of pocket?—Yes, certainly.

31,140. Did you canvass your men for Russell and Tillett?—Not one.

31,141. Did you give them a holiday?—I allowed them to do as they pleased.

31,142. Did you give them a holiday?—Certainly not.

31,143. Did you give them a day's wages?—No, certainly not.

31,144. That *5l.* was the only thing you parted with at this election?—Yes, the only thing.

31,145. Did you offer any inducement of any kind to people in your employment?—No, not of any kind at all.

31,146. I suppose you did not receive anything yourself?—No.

GEORGE HEWETT sworn and examined. *G. Hewett.*

31,147. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A moulder.

31,148. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,149. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

31,150. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

31,151. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

31,152. Were you promised anything?—No.

31,153. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because I thought about getting some money; that is the reason, and I did not get any.

31,154. You wanted to see what you could get, and nothing turned up?—Yes.

31,155. Did you see anyone getting money?—No.

31,156. Were you treated with any beer?—No.

31,157. What public-houses did you go to?—Mr. Young's; opposite Ber Street Church.

31,158. There was nobody there giving anything?—No.

31,159. Did you try any others?—No.

HENRY LAWS sworn and examined. *H. Laws.*

31,160. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

31,161. For whom did you vote?—Tillett and Russell.

31,162. Had you any money offered you by them?—Not anything.

31,163. Were you promised anything?—Yes.

31,164. Was anything promised you by Tillett and Russell?—No.

31,165. Had you any money offered you that day?—I might have had some, but I would not accept it.

31,166. Who offered it to you?—Mr. Lea Brown.

31,167. Is that Mr. Leander Brown?—I do not know. We call him Lea Brown.

31,168. Where were you when he offered you that?—I was at the "Ostrich" when he came up in the carriage and wanted me to vote, and I told him I should not go in the carriage, I could walk up; if I wanted to go and vote I would walk there. I always did, and always would do so.

31,169. Did he come up to you when you were at the "Ostrich"?—Yes.

31,170. Did he offer it to anyone else?—That I cannot say.

31,171. How did he offer it to you?—He called me outside of the door close to the passage, inside of the passage; he says, "I suppose you want half a quid?" I says, says I, "I am not on that footing," and he says, "I suppose you want a quid?" and I says, "No, I am not on that footing at all; I shall go and vote by myself."

31,172. Did you tell him that you were going to vote for Tillett and Russell?—No.

31,173. For whom did he offer it?—He called me outside of the "Ostrich;" says he, "Is half a quid any use to you?" and I says, "No, I am not on that footing;" and he says "I suppose you want a quid?" and I says "No, I am not on that footing at all."

31,174. Did he say to vote for whom?—He came in a carriage for Mr. Stracey.

31,175. Had he been canvassing anybody for Stracey before that?—Yes, Mr. Thomas Rathmel, the landlord of the house; and he pulled him aside by the collar, and old Thomas Rathmel said (it is a vulgar phrase), "You may go to—— for I shall not vote at all." It is a vulgar phrase, but those are the very words.

31,176. He took hold of you, then?—No, he did not take hold of me, he called me out.

31,177. Where did this conversation take place?—The conversation with Mr. Rathmel took place inside.

31,178. But the conversation with you took place outside?—Yes, outside.

31,179. Was Mr. Rathmel there at the time this occurred?—Yes, he was in the house, close agin the door. He stood agin the door at any rate.

31,180. You did not take anything?—I never took a farthing, nor yet a glass of ale.

GEORGE PAUL sworn and examined. *G. Paul.*

31,181. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

31,182. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

31,183. At what time in the day?—Twenty minutes to 4.

31,184. What made you vote so late?—Because I had work to finish.

31,185. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

31,186. Are you quite certain you did not get anything for your vote?—Yes.

31,187. Was anything promised you?—Nothing.

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31,188. Have you had nothing since ?—Nothing.

31,189. What were you doing all day ?—I was at work.

31,190. At your own house ?—Yes.

31,191. Did you not go out till 3 o'clock ?—Not till half-past 3 o'clock.

31,192. You were very busy ?—Yes.

31,193. Had anybody been to you to ask for your vote ?—No, no one.

31,194. Had you promised it to anyone ?—No one.

31,195. Had you made up your mind ?—Yes.

31,196. Had you told anybody you were going to vote for Stracey ?—No.

31,197. Do you mean to say you never talked to anybody about the election ?—Not a word ; I had been hard at work.

31,198. But the day before ?—Mr. Brownfield had been to me and asked me how I was going to vote, and I said I was going to vote for Stracey.

31,199. What day was that ?—The day before the election.

31,200. Did he give you anything for voting ?—No, he gave me nothing.

31,201. Did you try to get something ?—No, I did not.

31,202. Did you know there was a little money about ?—I never heard ; I had never been out.

L. Brown.

LEANDER BROWN sworn and examined.

31,203. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A saddler.

31,204. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

31,205. For whom did you vote ? — Sir Henry Stracey.

31,206. Did you take an active part in getting up voters ?—Yes, I did ; I took a good many voters to the poll that I knew were about to vote.

31,207. You drove about in a carriage, did you not ?—I had a carriage that day.

31,208. And a pair of horses ?—Yes.

31,209. Where did you get the carriage ?—I came on to Tombland, and a gentleman was there, and I told him I knew where there was a voter or two who were not able to walk ; if he would go with me I would show him where they lived, and he went with me.

31,210. Who was the gentleman ?—A gentleman named Brown, an architect in the city.

31,211. What time was it you began with your carriage ?—I think it was about 12 o'clock in the day when I was on Tombland.

31,212. Where did you go to first ?—I could not positively tell you the first I went to, but I went to the "Bishopbridge" tavern—Hobrough's. Mr. Hobrough had told me the night previously he would vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and I went there to him.

31,213. Was he a cripple or an invalid ?—No ; but I had two other persons to go to, and I had a gentleman to meet first.

31,214. Why did you go to Hobrough ?—Because he told me he would vote, and I thought if I went for him he would go.

31,215. Did you think he was unable to walk ?—No, not Hobrough ; but I knew of one in particular who could not walk.

31,216. Who was that ?—A man living on Gas-house Hill.

31,217. Who was he ?—I could not tell you his name, but Mr. Fulcher is the man who informed me of him.

31,218. You took him up ; he was a cripple ?—Yes.

31,219. You took up a good many ?—Yes.

31,220. Were they all cripples ?—No.

31,221. Who else did you take up ?—I could not tell you the names of them all. I can tell you some of them.

31,222. Where did you go for them ?—To their houses.

31,223. Did you not go to any public-houses ?—Yes, to some of them.

31,224. Which houses ?—I went to the "Ostrich" and the "Bishopbridge" tavern.

31,225. We will take the "Ostrich" first. Did you see the landlord there ?—Yes.

31,226. Did you ask him to vote ?—Yes, I did.

31,227. What did he say ?—He would not.

31,228. Did you see anybody else there ?—Yes, a man of the name of Laws.

31,229. What did you say to him ?—I asked him if he would vote. I had been to his house, and his wife told me her husband was at the "Ostrich," and I would find him there. I went there and asked him if he would vote for Sir Henry Stracey, but he would not make any particular answer. I said, "If you have "made up your mind to vote, go with me at once and "do so." He made some growl about it, and I asked him to come outside the door. I said, "There is a "carriage, and you can go with me and vote if you "have made up your mind." During the time I was speaking to him the daughter of the landlord of the "Ostrich" (the landlord himself belongs to the opposite party) comes and says, "No, you do not want to ride in the carriage," or something to that effect, and persuaded him not to go. I got into the carriage and pulled the door to and laughed at him, because I had spoken to him about his vote previous to that. I said, "Well, Harry, I suppose you are waiting for half a sovereign or a sovereign," and went away without him.

31,230. Then it was a joke ?—Yes.

31,231. You did not mean to give it to him ?—No, I had not anything to give. I might have polled 30 or 40 votes, but ne'er a one got a glass of beer from me.

31,232. What did it, personal influence ?—Moral persuasion.

31,233. Personal influence and a carriage and pair ?—It might have had something to do with it.

31,234. Did you say, "Will half a sovereign do it" ?—I did not say so.

31,235. "Half a quid" was your expression ?—I said I supposed he wanted a sovereign or half-a-sovereign.

31,236. Did you not say to him, "Will half a quid be of any use" ?—No, I never said that.

31,237. When he said, "That will not do ; I am not on that tack," did you not say, "Suppose I make it a quid" ?—No, I never made use of that expression.

31,238. Or anything like that ?—I said, "I suppose you are waiting for half a sovereign." I said it merely as a joke, from what I had heard before ; but I never offered it to him or anyone else.

31,239. Did you go to Hobrough's place ?—Yes.

31,240. You took up some men from there ?—Yes.

31,241. They were unable to walk ?—Oh, no.

31,242. Have you not boasted that you took up a lot of men from Hobrough's who were so drunk that they could not walk, and did not know for whom they were going to vote ?—No.

31,243. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We have had the evidence of Hobrough, and we have also had the evidence of Laws. Hobrough has given us an account of what occurred at his house, and I caution you that you may be indicted for perjury, and, moreover, if we are satisfied that you do commit perjury we shall take such a course as to have you sent at once before the magistrates and committed.—I will not tell an untruth.

31,244. I caution you to be careful ; your story is incredible. Did you not go backwards and forwards to Hobrough's, taking a few men at a time, as you could get them ?—Yes.

31,245. Did you not go into Hobrough's and persuade the men from time to time to go and vote ?—Yes.

31,246. Did you not promise them anything ?—No, I did not.

31,247. Did you not give them anything ?—No, not a farthing.

31,248. What men did you take up from Hobrough's ?—I took a good many; some of them I knew, and some I did not.

31,249. Give me the names of those that you know ?—I took a man of the name of Gates.

31,250. Where does he live ?—Somewhere in the neighbourhood. I cannot tell you exactly; somewhere in the neighbourhood of Bishop Bridge, and I took a man of the name of Brooks, but it is impossible for me to know everyone's name.

31,251. Did you take Samuel Mumford ?—Yes, but not from there.

31,252. From where did you take him ?—On the road.

31,253. What did you give him ?—Nothing.

31,254. What time in the day did you get him ?—As near as I can tell, it would be 2 or 3 o'clock.

31,255. Did you take William Amiss ?—No.

31,256. Robert Clark ?—No.

31,257. John Downing ?—No, I do not know the name.

31,258. Do you mean to tell me that at Hobrough's you gave no beer ?—Not a glass of anything.

31,259. Did you give money so that the men might have beer ?—No, I had none.

31,260. None at all ?—I might have had a shilling or two in my pocket, but nothing to give away. I had no more than I wanted for my ownself.

31,261. Is a man of the name of Henry Newman a relative of yours ?—Yes.

31,262. Did you get any money from him ?—No.

31,263. Not a farthing ?—No.

31,264. Was there a man of the name of Amiss there ?—I do not know anybody of that name. I know Amy.

31,265. Did you see him ?—Yes, I know him.

31,266. Did you get him to vote ?—No, Amy did not go with me.

31,267. Did not Newman tell you if you spent some money he would make it all right for you ?—No.

31,268. In no way, directly or indirectly, did you get the promise of money for Newman ?—No, neither directly nor indirectly. I never had the promise from anyone that I should receive a farthing for anything I might do.

31,269. Were you told beforehand that if you spent a little money it would be made up to you ?—No, certainly not.

31,270. Do you know of any money being spent on that day ?—Only what I have read, and nothing further.

31,271. You know nothing of your own knowledge ?—Nothing at all.

31,272. Did you take up any drunken men that day ?—One.

31,273. And one only ?—He asked me to let him ride with me; he was going to vote, but he was too late, the poll was closed; it was 4 o'clock.

31,274. Did you not go up with men so drunk that the poll clerk would not take them ?—No.

31,275. Have you not said that ?—No.

31,276. Have you not said that you carried your game a little too far, and the poll clerk would not take the men that you brought ?—No, I never said that. I made some remarks as to the difficulty of getting people to remember the names of the candidates, but I never said they were drunk.

31,277. That was a symptom, was it not, of drunkenness, that they could not recollect the names of the candidates ?—No, it was one or two men that I took who would not be likely to read about the affair, and would hardly know, in fact, the candidates' names; but they had a vote, and I asked them if they would vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and they went with me to do so; but there was a difficulty at the poll to get them to remember the names, though they were not drunk.

31,278. Those men who could not recollect the names of the candidates were not drunk ?—No. The man that I took up, and whom I have admitted was tipsy, did not vote at all.

31,279. How should you describe these men who you say could not recollect the names of the candidates ?—One man I took away from his private house, he could remember Sir Edward Stracey; he was a very old man. He wanted to say Sir Henry Stracey, but said Sir Edward Stracey. He had known Sir Edward Stracey before Sir Henry Stracey; that was the only difficulty.

31,280. I thought you said that you had a difficulty with a lot of them ?—I did not say a lot. There was another one who was awkward in giving his vote, but not through anything of that kind. When he went up they asked him his name, and he said, "I vote for Stracey." They then asked him, "Where do you live?" and he said, "I vote for Stracey." The man was perfectly sober, for he went from his work with me.

31,281. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who is the gentleman who lent you the carriage ?—A gentleman named Brown.

31,282. Was it not a carriage from the "Maid's Head"?—I could not say; it very much resembled their carriages. The gentleman who went with me I met on Tombland, and I told him that I knew of a few voters if he would go with me; and one amongst them was a man who could not walk.

31,283. Had you any talk with Hobrough, the publican, the day before?—I merely asked him if he intended to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

31,284. The day before ?—I believe it might have been a day or two before, but he did not vote at all. When I went for him he was not at home.

31,285. Had you any talk with him before about getting up voters from that place ?—No, not a word. I did not know that there would be any voters in his house, but it appears the men left off work at the gasworks, which are close by, and they went to his house at the dinner hour. I found them there, and persuaded them to go and vote.

31,286. What made you go if you did not know they would be there ?—We went directly past the house to go to the poll.

31,287. Who called you in there ?—I went there for Hobrough in the first instance.

31,288. And after that Hobrough told you to come backwards and forwards ?—No.

31,289. What made you do it ?—I knew there were voters there, or heard of it.

31,290. What part did Hobrough take in bringing up these men ?—Nothing at all. He did his business. He never left his business that I know of. When I went the first time he was not at home, but the second time I called he was, and I never saw him leave the house afterwards.

JOHN DAMBROCK sworn and examined. *J. Dambrock.*

31,291. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election ?—Yes.

31,292. What are you by business ?—A musician and publican.

31,293. What is the sign of your house ?—The "Jolly Butchers," in Ber Street.

31,294. There were a good many men in that day, were there not ?—There was a few.

31,295. Were there voters in and out of your house the whole day ?—There were a few people in and out, but I do not know whether they were voters or not.

31,296. Who were they ?—They were strangers. I could not say who they were.

31,297. You do not know the name of any man who was in your house that day ?—Yes, a man of the name of Clapham; a neighbour of ours.

31,298. Who else ?—There was a man of the name of Charles Bond, a wheelwright.

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J. Dambrock.

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31,299. Who else?—I cannot recollect any more neighbours.

31,300. Were there not a number of your regular customers there?—No, they were all strangers.

31,301. Did you not hear them say that they wanted a day's pay?—No.

31,302. Was there any talk about the election?—No.

31,303. Not a word was said about the election?—No.

31,304. You stand down and consider the matter. Your story is altogether incredible.—I have told you the truth.

J. Catermole.

JAMES CATERMOLE sworn and examined.

31,305. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—An innkeeper.

31,306. What is the inn you keep?—The "Coach and Horses," on Thorpe Road.

31,307. For whom did you vote at this election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

31,308. Did you promise your vote?—No.

31,309. Had you been asked?—Never.

31,310. Have you always voted Tory?—I always did, as long as I have had a vote.

31,311. Were you employed as a clerk at this election?—No.

31,312. Was your son?—My two sons were.

31,313. Did you yourself take any active part in this election?—No, decidedly.

31,314. Were there any voters at your house that day?—Yes, I had four.

31,315. Was the place very full of voters?—No; there were four in my house.

31,316. Were they drinking there all day?—No, they came in about 2 o'clock.

31,317. Did anybody come to canvass them?—Sir Henry Stracey came and Mr. Patteson came; the other two gentlemen that were in the waggonette I do not know. These men said they should not vote, and neither they did I know, because they did not go away from my house not till 10 minutes past 4.

31,318. I suppose they wanted something for their day's work?—I do not know whether they did, they never asked for it.

31,319. You could tell what they were?—They were jolly sort of fellows, but they never asked for it at any rate.

31,320. They did not get anything that you do know?—I am sure they did not, because they never voted. They never went away from my house till 10 minutes past 4.

31,321. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you there when Sir Henry Stracey spoke to them?—Yes.

31,322. Did they not say something about rates, or money?—No, I did not hear them. I was in the kitchen when he came.

31,323. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You thought they wanted to have something?—I fancied they did, but they did not have anything, not even so much as half a pint of beer.

31,324. What did Sir Henry Stracey say to them?—He said, "If you be not very quick you will be lost, because the votes will be gone." It was after 3 o'clock.

31,325. What did they say then?—They did not say anything at all, and stopped till 10 minutes past 4.

31,326. Did Mr. Patteson say anything?—No.

31,327. Were you paid for any beer supplied by you to any voters that day?—No.

31,328. Not afterwards?—No, not a farthing.

31,329. I suppose you got nothing yourself?—No, not a farthing in any way.

31,330. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

31,331. You did not give anything to any voters?—No.

J. Crancher.

JOHN CRANCHER sworn and examined.

31,332. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

31,333. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,334. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

31,335. Did you get anything for voting?—Not a farthing.

31,336. Or the promise of anything?—Not a farthing.

31,337. Was any money left at your house to supply voters with beer?—Not with me.

31,338. With your wife?—There was a gentleman gave orders for a drop of drink.

31,339. Who was the gentleman?—Mr. Riches.

31,340. What is he?—A licensed victualler I believe.

31,341. To whom did he give the order?—To my wife.

31,342. For how much?—That I cannot say. He treated a few women there, that is all I can say.

31,343. Were they the wives of voters?—No, I do not think they were.

31,344. What induced him to treat the women?—I think most of the women he treated were travellers.

31,345. Did he ever do it upon any other day?—No, I do not remember his coming to my house any other day.

31,346. How much did he pay for the drink for these women?—I cannot say; I think about 6*s.* or 7*s.*; it might be a little more. He did not pay me; he paid my wife for it.

31,347. Did he stay there while they drank?—That I cannot say; I was not there. I was in the taproom, and he treated these women in the bar.

31,348. Were there any voters at your house that day?—I believe there were two or three.

31,349. More than that?—I could not say for more.

31,350. Give me the names of the two or three?—That I could not do.

31,351. Cannot you give me any name at all?—No, I do not know their names.

31,352. Were they waiting for money?—I believe they were.

31,353. Did you say anything to them about money?—No.

31,354. Or drink?—No.

31,355. Was any of the drink sent in to them by Riches?—I cannot say whether it was sent in particularly for them.

31,356. You really can, if you like.—It was sent in for anybody to drink.

31,357. It was sent into the room where those men were?—Yes, it was sent into the room where they were.

31,358. Now give me the names of those men?—I believe Mr. Frost was one, and Mr. Proud was another.

31,359. Who else?—I do not remember any other.

31,360. That is only two?—I do not remember any other.

31,361. What time in the day was this?—In the afternoon, about 3.

31,362. Did the men go up and vote afterwards?—I believe they did.

31,363. Where does Riches live?—The "Catherine Tavern," I think.

31,364. Did you get anything, or the promise of anything?—I did not.

31,365. Are you quite sure you have told me everything that took place?—I have told you the truth.

31,366. Is there any more truth to come, that is what I want to know?—Nothing to my knowledge.

31,367. Are you quite certain that you have told me everything that occurred as to treating?—I think I have to the best of my knowledge.

EDWARD BIRD sworn and examined. *E. Bird.*

31,368. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a labourer?—Yes.

31,369. Where were you on the morning of the election?—Carting stone for my master.

31,370. I suppose you went home to breakfast?—No.

31,371. Nor to dinner?—No.

31,372. When did you leave off work?—Not till 3 o'clock.

31,373. Did anybody come to you and ask you for your vote that day?—Not anyone.

31,374. The day before?—No, I never see anyone.

31,375. Nobody came and asked for your vote at all?—No, I never see anyone.

31,376. Did your wife tell you that somebody had been?—No.

31,377. How came you to go up to the poll?—I had a paper; that is all I know about it. I never see anyone, or heard anything further than that.

31,378. Did your master ask you to vote?—No, not at all.

31,379. You are sure you had no conversation with anybody with respect to anything of the kind?—I was going on the road with free good will to vote, and they asked me how I was going to vote, and I said I was going to vote for Mr. Stracey.

31,380. That is all?—Yes.

31,381. You went of your own free good will?—Yes, my own free good will.

31,382. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, not anything.

31,383. Nor the promise of anything?—No, not anything.

31,384. No beer?—No, not a drop.

ROBERT MOORE sworn and examined. *R. Moore.*

31,385. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A cabinet maker.

31,386. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

31,387. At what time in the day?—About a quarter past 2.

31,388. What made you vote so late?—On account of my employment. I did not leave off till 2, and that was my dinner hour, between 2 and 3.

31,389. What did you do after voting?—I went to work again.

31,390. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

31,391. Any beer?—No.

31,392. Were you anywhere else except at your work that day?—Not anywhere until the evening.

31,393. Had you promised your vote?—No, no one had canvassed me.

31,394. Had you told anybody how you were going to vote?—Only my neighbours about me.

31,395. Had you told them that you were going to vote for Stracey?—Yes.

31,396. Have you had anything since for your vote?—No.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS sworn and examined. *W. Williams.*

31,397. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An engine driver.

31,398. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,399. For whom?—For Mr. Stracey.

31,400. What time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

31,401. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

31,402. Or the promise of anything?—No.

31,403. You are employed by the railway?—Yes.

THOMAS FARROW sworn and examined. *T. Farrow.*

31,404. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

31,405. What is your business?—A shoemaker.

31,406. What sort of a shop do you keep?—A fish shop.

31,407. You went to vote for the Liberals, did you not?—Yes, they took me on a cart and carried me up: I did not intend to vote for them.

31,408. Do you mean that they took you bodily?—Yes.

31,409. Against your will?—Yes.

31,410. By force?—Yes.

31,411. And carried you right up to the poll?—Yes.

31,412. How many of them?—I could not say; there were three or four in the cart.

31,413. Did you ask the police to let you out?—No.

31,414. You went quietly enough, did you not?—I was forced to go at the time the horse was going.

31,415. Do you know Mr. Stephen Fitt of Ber Street?—Yes.

31,416. When you were going along to the poll did you not say, "Will you pay me my day's work?"—No.

31,417. Did you say anything to him about a day's work?—I said I would not vote without I was paid my day's work.

31,418. Did he not say he certainly would not pay you?—No.

31,419. He did not pay you?—No.

31,420. You made up your mind you would not vote without a day's work?—I thought I should get something.

31,421. Out of the Liberals?—No.

31,422. Mr. Fitt was a Liberal, and the Liberals were carrying you up bodily against your will?—Mr. Fitt pulled me on to the cart.

31,423. You told him you would not vote unless you had a day's pay?—Yes.

31,424. You thought you would get it?—I did.

31,425. Did Mr. Fitt give you a day's pay?—No, nor yet anyone else.

31,426. How came you to vote for Stracey?—I had the promise of 5*s.*

31,427. Who promised you the 5*s.*?—Mr. Larkman.

31,428. When did he give you the promise?—Just before I voted.

31,429. Did he promise anybody else at the same time?—That I do not know.

31,430. He promised you 5*s.* if you would vote for Stracey?—I had not 5*s.* I had nothing.

31,431-2. You were only promised it?—Yes.

31,433. Did you go to him for your 5*s.*?—No, I never troubled any more after it.

31,434. Has Mr. Larkman ever spoken to you about it since?—No.

31,435. You are a very forbearing creditor.—I am telling you the truth.

31,436. I suppose you thought after the noise about it you would not go to get it?—I did not think any more of it.

31,437. Going up with the Liberals you had that promise and then you voted?—I should not have gone up only Mr. Fitt took me on to the cart and took me up. I am telling you the truth, and nothing but the truth.

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F. Lince.

6 Oct. 1869.

FREDERICK LINCE sworn and examined.

31,438. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—Keeper of the Clerical Rooms.

31,439. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

31,440. Who canvassed your vote?—The Reverend William Cooke.

31,441. Did you promise him you would vote for Stracey?—Yes.

31,442. Did he give you any reason for asking you to vote for Stracey?—No, not particularly.

31,443. Did you get any money for it?—No, not any.

31,444. Were you promised any?—No, I was not promised any.

31,445. Have you had anything since?—No, nothing at all.

31,446. Have you been a long time the keeper of those rooms?—About 16 months.

31,447. Is Mr. Cooke one of the managers of the club?—No, I think not; he is one of the managers of the Churchman's Club, but not of the Clerical Rooms.

31,448. Is he a member of the Clerical Rooms?—Yes.

31,449. Have you ever voted before?—No, never.

31,450. You voted really for your employers; they are mostly Stracey people?—Yes, nearly all of them.

C. Gates.

CHARLES GATES sworn and examined.

31,451. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

31,452. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,453. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

31,454. At what time in the day?—Between 1 and 2.

31,455. Did you get anything for it?—No.

31,456. Or the promise of anything?—Not anything.

31,457. You did not come across Larkman that day?—No.

W. Hardingham.

WILLIAM HARDINGHAM sworn and examined.

31,458. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a labourer?—Yes.

31,459. Who gave you something for your vote?—No one.

31,460. Did you not get some beer?—I did not, not that day.

31,461. Where were you all the morning?—At home till I went and voted.

31,462. What were you doing at home?—I have a little piece of ground at home, a garden.

31,463. Were you at work in your garden all that morning?—I do not know that I was. I went home to breakfast; I could not be in the garden at the time I went to breakfast.

31,464. Why did you not go to vote before 3 o'clock in the day?—I voted about half-past 10.

31,465. Did you vote twice?—No, I could not do such a thing as that.

31,466. Where were you until you voted?—I came back to my own house to breakfast, and went up to the poll booths and voted then.

31,467. Are you aware that somebody went and voted in your name in the afternoon?—I know nothing about the afternoon; I came home after I had voted and went into my garden again.

31,468. Are you quite sure you did not go to the polling booth again?—I am quite sure of that; I must be a stupid man if I did not know that; I could not go twice.

31,469. Did you never hear before that somebody had gone and voted in your name, or that you had voted twice?—No, I never heard anything of the kind.

31,470. That is what has been done.—I know nothing about it.

31,471. Are you sure you got nothing for your vote?—Yes, I declare to you I did not.

31,472. Or the promise of anything?—No, I was not promised anything, nor yet had a glass of ale of anyone.

H. Childs.

HENRY CHILDS sworn and examined.

31,473. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A tailor.

31,474. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

31,475. At what time in the day?—Between 11 and 12.

31,476. Had you promised your vote?—Yes, a gentleman came down.

31,477. Do you know the gentleman's name?—Yes, Mr. Elwood; I promised the gentlemen that came round canvassing.

31,478. Was that two or three days before?—A day or two before.

31,479. Was anything promised you for your vote?—Nothing, not a farthing, nor a drop of beer; I can kiss the book to it.

31,480. I believe your statement.—That is right, sir.

J. Fitzgerald.

JAMES FITZGERALD sworn and examined.

31,481. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a pensioner.

31,482. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,483. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

31,484. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

31,485. Why did you not vote earlier?—I was busy at work.

31,486. What were you doing?—Working in my garden.

31,487. But you could have left that at any moment, could you not?—Yes.

31,488. Why did you not vote earlier?—Well, I wanted to finish what little work I was doing; no other reason.

31,489. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

31,490. Or the promise of anything?—No.

31,491. Had anybody canvassed you?—No.

31,492. You had not promised to vote, then, at all?—No, no one came to me from either party.

31,493. Have you ever voted before on other occasions?—No.

S. Clay.

SAMUEL CLAY sworn and examined.

31,494. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A blacksmith.

31,495. Where were you on the morning of the election?—At home.

31,496. What were you doing?—I was fetching coal from the wharf until dinner time, when I gave my vote.

31,497. Did anybody come and fetch you to vote?—No.

31,498. Or ask you to give your vote?—Oh, yes. I was asked several times.

31,499. Had you ever promised your vote?—Yes. I promised it to the "reds," but did not vote for them.

31,500. When did you do that?—When first they began to issue papers out.

31,501. For whom did you promise to vote?—Mr. Tillett.

31,502. Did you vote for Stracey afterwards?—Yes.

31,503. How came you to vote for Stracey, having promised to vote for Tillett?—Because my landlord was on that side; that was the cause of it.

31,504. Your landlord wished you to vote that way?—Yes.

31,505. Did you receive any money for voting?—No.

31,506. Or the promise of any?—No.

31,507. Did you get your rates paid?—No, I paid them myself.

31,508. Did your landlord promise to let you off some of the rent?—No.

31,509. Who is your landlord?—Mr. Baker.

31,510. Did he promise you nothing of any sort?—No.

31,511. Not to do repairs or improvements to your place, or anything of the kind?—No.

CHARLES BUNN sworn and examined. *C. Bunn.*

31,512. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A coach wheelwright.

31,513. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

31,514. At what time in the day?—A little before 3, or about 3 o'clock.

31,515. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all.

31,516. Who took you up to the poll?—No one.

31,517. You went up with a man of the name of Clapham?—I went up with a man of the name of Dambrock, but he did not take me up.

31,518. What did he give you?—Nothing at all.

31,519. What public-houses were you at?—I was at Dambrock's public-house. I was standing in the street when he came down the street. I went there with him and voted. He did not give me anything. I did not go to vote for to take anything.

31,520. Do you mean to say that you got nothing this election for voting?—I got nothing at all.

31,521. Did you not get treated?—No.

31,522. What public-houses were you at?—I was at Mr. Dambrock's public-house in the course of the day. I was not there all the day.

31,523. What is the sign of the public-house?—The "Jolly Butchers."

31,524. Well, they gave you some beer there?—No, I never saw any beer.

31,525. There was a great deal of beer going on there. Did you not get any of it?—There was none given that I saw. What I called for I paid for.

31,526. Did anyone ask you to vote?—No, I had no one ask me.

31,527. Neither before the election, or on the day of the election?—Before the election the canvassers came to me.

31,528. Did you ever promise your vote?—To no one.

31,529. Did you tell your fellow-workmen or your neighbours that you were going to vote for Stracey?—No, I never told anyone.

31,530. How came you never to say a word about it?—I do not know for what reason. I did not tell anyone who I was going to vote for.

31,531. Have you no friends that you talked to during the daytime?—No. I did not talk to any of my mates about it, and there is plenty of them that voted and never said anything to me about voting.

31,532. Did you want any money for your vote?—No, and I never tried for any.

31,533. You heard there was money going?—I did not ask for any.

31,534. Did you not try and find out whether there was some money going?—I did not.

31,535. You would have been very glad to get some, I suppose?—Well, I did not vote for that purpose.

31,536. You would not have refused it if it had been offered to you?—I should not have took 5*s.*

31,537. Would you have refused 10*s.*?—Yes, and I should not take any money to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

31,538. Not even 10*l.*, if they had offered it you?—If Sir Henry Stracey was to put up to-morrow I should vote for him. I never got anything, and never tried for anything from anyone.

JOHN MALLETT sworn and examined. *J. Mallett.*

31,539. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,540. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

31,541. What time in the day?—A quarter past 3.

31,542. Where were you in the early part of the day?—At my occupation, gardening.

31,543. Could you not have gone up before a quarter past 3?—Yes, I could have gone, but my work lay so that I could not leave it.

31,544. Who came for you?—No one.

31,545. Had you been canvassed before?—No.

31,546. Had anybody asked you to vote?—No.

31,547. When did you make up your mind to vote for Stracey?—I made up my mind in the first part of the time to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

31,548. When he was first a candidate?—Yes.

31,549. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

31,550. Or the promise of anything?—No.

31,551. Or anything after you had voted?—No, nothing after, nor yet before.

31,552. Were you in any public-houses that day?—Not any that I know of.

31,553. That you know of?—I was not in one.

CLEMENT ROLLING GALLANT sworn and examined. *C. R. Gallant.*

31,554. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your occupation?—Saw mill proprietor and timber merchant.

31,555. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

31,556. How came you to vote so late in the day?—I had not an opportunity to vote before.

31,557. I don't suppose you were bribed?—No.

31,558. Have you been a voter at former elections?—I never voted before, though I have had a vote for several years.

ALFRED DASHWOOD sworn and examined. *A. Dashwood.*

31,559. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A gasfitter.

31,560. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

31,561. Who asked you to vote?—Nobody.

31,562. What time in the day did you vote?—Between 2 and 3.

31,563. Who did you go up to the poll with?—No one.

31,564. Had you promised your vote?—No.

31,565. Had you told anybody how you were going to vote?—No.

31,566. What public-house were you at at the time when you were going up to vote?—None at all before I did vote.

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31,567. What public-house did you go to after you had voted?—Mr. Worthington's.

31,568. Did they give you some beer there?—No.

31,569. Is this the first time you have voted?—The first time.

J. Bryant.

JAMES BRYANT sworn and examined.

31,570. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Mr. Stracey.

31,571. What time in the day?—Between 12 and 1; I could not say to five minutes. They took me out of the gas yard where I have served for 37 years.

31,572. Who took you?—I could not say; they came in a dog-cart, two of them, and asked me who I intended voting for, and I told them Mr. Stracey; they asked me to get into the dog-cart, and I did so. They told me I could vote up at the "Bakers' Arms," that is where they took me, and I was back in the yard half an hour from the time I went away, not more.

31,573. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

31,574. Or the promise of anything?—No, not a drop of drink, nor yet nothing else.

W. Carington.

WILLIAM CARINGTON sworn and examined.

31,575. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,576. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

31,577. How came you to vote so late?—Because I was busy, and could not get there before.

31,578. What are you by business?—A gardener.

31,579. Why could you not vote before?—Oh, I don't know; I did not think it was any consequence what time of the day I went.

31,580. Did anybody come and fetch you to vote?—No.

31,581. Was anything given you to vote?—Not at all, nothing whatever.

31,582. Nor any promise of anything?—No, nor yet any promise; I went of my own accord just at the time that suited me.

31,583. Had you been asked to give your vote before the day?—No, never.

31,584. You went up freely of your own accord?—I went up freely of my own accord and my own will; I was not biassed by anybody, nor yet did not see scarcely anybody. I was only gone a few minutes. I was close by.

31,585. Had you ever been a voter before?—No.

H. Barker.

HENRY BARKER sworn and examined.

31,586. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A wheelwright.

31,587. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

31,588. What time in the day?—Near 4.

31,589. What made you so late?—Because I was at work.

31,590. Who do you work for?—Mr. Holmes.

31,591. Were you at work the whole of the day?—Yes, from 6 in the morning till near 4.

31,592. Had Mr. Holmes asked you to vote?—No.

31,593. Who did?—No one.

31,594. Did you promise anyone that you would vote?—I never promised anyone.

31,595. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

31,596. Were you promised anything?—No.

31,597. Has anything been given you since?—Not anything at all.

31,598. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

G. Rice.

GEORGE RICE sworn and examined.

31,599. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,600. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

31,601. What time in the day?—It might be just before 4.

31,602. What did you get?—Not anything.

31,603. What were you promised?—Not anything.

31,604. Not by anybody?—No.

31,605. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because I could not leave off before.

31,606. What were you at all day?—Stone cutting.

31,607. Were you asked for your vote by anybody?—No.

31,608. Not before the day?—No.

31,609. Nor on the day?—No.

31,610. Who did you go up with?—Not anybody.

31,611. Have you ever voted before?—No.

S. Mumford.

SAMUEL MUMFORD sworn and examined.

31,612. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election, did you not?—Yes.

31,613. Who asked you to do that?—No one; I went with a free good will.

31,614. We hear a great deal about "free good will;" who has talked to you about that?—No one has ever talked to me.

31,615. Has it been talked of outside, is that the form in which you are to give it us?—No one asked me to vote at all.

31,616. Do you mean to say that nobody came to your house and asked you for your vote?—No, not anyone.

31,617. Where do you live?—Neave's Buildings, Spitalfields.

31,618. Did anybody come and leave a card or a paper at your house?—Yes, there was a card left at my house.

31,619. Was that the night before?—No, that was three or four days before.

31,620. When they came and left that, did they not ask you for your vote?—I never saw them.

31,621. But did your wife?—Well, I believe she did.

31,622. Have you ever had a vote before?—No.

31,623. How came you to vote for Stracey?—Why it was my intention to vote for him.

31,624. Why?—Why, I liked that party best, I thought.

31,625. Are you sure you received nothing for your vote?—I did not.

31,626. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

31,627. And have never had anything given you since?—Never a halfpenny, nor yet the worth of a halfpenny.

31,628. Nor any beer?—No.

J. Hall.

JONATHAN HALL sworn and examined.

31,629. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

31,630. Who asked you to vote?—Well, I don't know anyone in particular.

31,631. Were you asked to vote?—I believe I was.

31,632. Did you promise to vote?—No, I did not.

31,633. You kept it open to the last?—Yes.

31,634. What time did you vote?—From 3 to a quarter past.

31,635. What did you get for it?—Not anything.

31,636. Did you not try?—No, I should have been very sorry to have done so.

31,637. Then how was it, if you were so independent, that you did not promise your vote?—No, I did not.

31,638. But how was that?—Well, sir, I did not want to promise it. I did not want no money.

31,639. Why did you not promise your vote when you were asked for it?—Well, I did not promise it.

31,640. But why?—I don't know that there was particular reason that I did not do that. I don't know why I did not promise it.

31,641. Did you not want a little money for it?—No, I did not. I should not have took it if it had been offered me.

31,642. It was not offered you?—No.

31,643. Nor yet any promise made?—No.

31,644. Have you had anything since?—No.

31,645. Did your wife get anything?—No.

31,646. Were you not paid for your day's work?—No, not a farthing, nor yet a glass of beer. I had to treat myself when I wanted a glass of beer.

SAMUEL GOODSON sworn and examined. *S. Goodson.*

31,647. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,648. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

31,649. What time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

31,650. Had you been canvassed for your vote?——No.

31,651. You had not promised it?—No.

31,652. How came you to vote so late?—I could not get up before.

31,653. What were you doing all day?—I am a fireman on the Great Eastern Railway.

31,654. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

31,655. Or the promise of anything?—No.

THOMAS STAFF sworn and examined. *T. Staff.*

31,656. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—I did.

31,657. How came you to vote so late?—I was ill at the time, and could not go out until the afternoon.

31,658. What is your business?—A guard on the line.

31,659. Did you receive anything for voting?—I did afterwards.

31,660. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Bacon.

31,661. What is he?—A shoemaker, I believe.

31,662. What did he give you?—3*s*.

31,663. Was that for your time?—No. He asked me to go and have something to drink, and I would not go, so he came and put that into my hand and told me to get something.

31,664. How long after was that?—After I had given my vote.

31,665. (*Mr. Biron.*) The same day?—Yes.

31,666. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At the polling booth?—No, in Bank Street.

31,667. Had you seen him before voting?—He called me on one side before voting. I was against the poll booth.

31,668. He called you on one side?—Yes.

31,669. Had you spoken to him before voting?—No.

31,670. Then it was when you were coming out, was it?—I was against the poll place.

31,671. Did he give it to you when you were coming out of the polling booth or when you were going into the polling booth?—It was afterwards.

31,672. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes, I had promised it a week before.

31,673. Who had canvassed you?—Mr. Bacon.

31,674. Had he promised you anything at that time?—Not at all, and I never expected anything.

31,675. Had he said anything to you about it before?—No.

WILLIAM BALDERSON sworn and examined. *W. Balderson.*

31,676. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who did you vote for?—Sir Henry Stracey.

31,677. What did you get for it?—Nothing at all.

31,678. Who took you up to the poll?—That I cannot tell you, sir, for I do not know the gentleman.

31,679. Don't you know it was one of the Mr. Straceys?—No.

31,680. Have not you heard that?—No.

31,681. It was a gentleman's carriage, was it not?—It was one of those busses, or a fly you may term it.

31,682. Don't you know the names of any of the people who were with you when you were taken up?—I was all alone. I was at work.

31,683. Who was with you when you were taken up to the poll?—Not anyone.

31,684. Nobody but you and the gentleman in the carriage?—That is all. At least my wife was in the carriage.

31,685–6. Did she get anything?—No, I don't think she did; I never heard she did.

31,687. Are you quite sure that your wife did not get something?—I am pretty well sure that she did not; if she did she never told me, and I never got anything.

31,688. Did you not get some beer?—No, not half a pint, nor yet one drop of anything.

31,689. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where were you when this gentleman took you up?—I was at work at the corner of Town Close Road, out at St. Stephen's Gate.

31,690. What were you doing there?—I was working on the sewers job.

31,691. Did the gentleman come there to you?—Yes.

31,692. Do I understand you to say that your wife went with you?—She came along with him; she told him where I was at work.

31,693. So he had gone to your house, and your wife came with him, and then he took you and her up to the poll?—Yes.

31,694. Now did she tell you that she had got anything for it?—I don't think she got anything; if she did I did not, and I never heard her say that she got anything.

31,695. (*Mr. Biron.*) She told you which way you were to vote, did she not?—No, sir, it was the man that came with the fly; he said, "Will you give Sir Henry Stracey a vote?" I said, "Well, I am not much fit to go;" it was then getting on to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

31,696. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) She came to you and said you should give Stracey your vote, did she not?—That was left to my observation, which way I liked.

31,697. Then did she get out of the carriage and come to you?—No.

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31,698. How then; did she call you to the carriage?—Yes.

31,699. Then she said, "Come along, you must give Stracey a vote;" is that it?—No.

31,700. How was it, then?—The gentleman got out of the carriage and said, "Will you oblige Mr. Stracey?" I said, "Well, I am not much fit to go." I was right on with my day's work, and that is a dirty job, the sewers job, but he said, "Well, never mind, come along," and so of course I got into the fly.

31,701. Seeing your missus there you got into the fly, and away you went?—Yes.

31,702. Have you ever asked her whether she got anything?—No, sir, she never got anything; I am sure she did not.

R. Clarke.

ROBERT CLARKE sworn and examined.

31,703. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carter.

31,704. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,705. For whom?—Mr. Henry Stracey.

31,706. What time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

31,707. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

31,708. Or the promise of anything?—No.

31,709. Or anything after you had voted?—No.

31,710. No money and no beer?—No.

31,711. Why was it you did not vote sooner?—My business detained me so that I could not leave until that time.

R. Woodrow.

ROBERT WOODROW sworn and examined.

31,712. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election, did you not?—Yes.

31,713–4. How came you to vote for him?—Because I preferred that.

31,715. Did anybody give you anything to prefer it?—No.

31,716. Or promise you anything?—No. I had a shilling given me; that a gentleman give to me. He says, "Here is a shilling for you to drink." That was after I had promised to vote.

31,717. Who was that?—Mr. Coyte.

31,718. Was that on the day of the election?—On the day of the election.

31,719. He came to you and asked you for your vote?—Yes.

31,720. Then when you said you would vote for Stracey he gave you the shilling, did he?—No, not until some time after that.

31,721. How long?—It might be, perhaps, half an hour after.

31,722. Was it after you had voted?—Oh no. I did not vote not until late.

31,723. But how came he to give it about half an hour after; did he wait with you half an hour?—No, I went up the road along with him, and he asked me if I knew where there was any more voters that would vote. I told him I did not know. There was three or four, or four or five about; but I did not know whether they would vote or not. I said I could ask whether they would vote or not. He said, "Do so," and I did so; and he asked me to go and vote then. I said, "No, it is not convenient for me to go and vote "now. I promise that I shall vote for Sir Henry "Stracey, but I will suit my own convenience. If "I vote any time between this and 4 o'clock I shall "think it is legal if I vote in those hours." He said, "I would rather have you vote now," but I said, "I "cannot now, for I have not an opportunity."

31,724. Then he gave you a shilling, and you went and voted?—He put his hand in his waistcoat pocket, and said, "Here is a shilling for you; I daresay you will want some beer." I said, "All right, sir."

31,725. Then you went and voted?—I did when I had an opportunity.

31,726. You got the beer first?—I got that when I had an opportunity. I suited my own convenience when I got that.

G. Folkard.

GEORGE FOLKARD sworn and examined.

31,727. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a shopkeeper and fruiterer.

31,728. Where?—Julian Place, Vauxhall Street.

31,729. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Stracey.

31,730. What time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

31,731. Did you promise your vote?—No.

31,732. Had you been asked for it?—No.

31,733. What made you vote so late?—I was soliciting orders about the city.

31,734. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

31,735. Did you offer any money or beer, or make any promise to anyone else?—No.

31,736. Were you in any public-houses during the day of the poll?—Nowhere particular; I just called and had a glass of ale down in St. George's.

31,737. What is the name of the house?—The "Crown," I think.

31,738. Were you drinking there with voters?—No, I got a glass of ale by myself. I never saw anyone that I knew.

31,739. Were any voters there being treated?—I never saw any.

31,740. Do you know of any voters being treated?—No, I never saw anything of the kind.

R. Stammers.

ROBERT STAMMERS sworn and examined.

31,741. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A whitesmith.

31,742. On your own account?—Yes.

31,743. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

31,744. For whom?—For Mr. Stracey.

31,745. Were you canvassed before?—No.

31,746. Did not anybody ask you for your vote?—Yes, the two Mr. Morgans asked me for my vote.

31,747. For which side?—Mr. Stracey's.

31,748. Well, you said you would not vote without money, did you not?—No, they never named no money to me, nor I to them.

31,749. You would not promise your vote, though?—I was not solicited by anyone else.

31,750. You would not promise them your vote?—No, I did not promise them. Of course I promised them when they came and asked me.

31,751. Did you promise them?—I promised them so far as saying, Yes, I should vote for them.

31,752. Who took you up to the poll?—Why I went up along with the clerk of the parish, of the name of Robert Swash.

31,753. He gave you something, did he not?—No.

31,754. Did he promise you anything?—No.

31,755. Have you not since the election said that he gave you something?—No, not one farthing; I will kiss all the books you have got that I never had a farthing, nor yet asked for one.

31,756. Did you get no beer?—No, no further than a glass what I bought.

31,757. But nothing from this clerk?—No.

EDWARD STONE sworn and examined. *E. Stone.*

31,758. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a labourer ?—Yes.

31,759. For whom do you work ?—On the Great Eastern Railway.

31,760. Were you asked for your vote at the last election ?—No.

31,761. Did nobody speak to you about it ?—No.

31,762. Not a soul ?—No.

31,763. How came you to go up and vote ?—Because I had a paper sent.

31,764. Why did you not go up and vote earlier ?—Because I could not, I was at work.

31,765. What time in the day did you vote ?—A quarter to 2.

31,766. Was that in your dinner hour ?—Yes.

31,767. Did you vote for Stracey ?—Yes.

31,768. Did anybody offer you anything ?—No.

31,769. Or promise you anything ?—No.

31,770. You went up of your own accord ?—Yes.

31,771. Without being in any way solicited ?—No.

RICHARD SMITH sworn and examined.. *R. Smith.*

31,772. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—Stoker in the gasworks.

31,773. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I did.

31,774. What time in the day ?—Between half-past 3 and 4.

31,775. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

31,776. Did you get anything for it ?—I got 2*s.* 6*d.* for my vote.

31,777. Who gave you 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—Mr. Worledge.

31,778. Did you get any beer that day ?—No, only what I bought myself.

31,779. Do you know of anyone else getting money ?—No ; I was not there above 20 minutes.

31,780. Is that Thomas Worledge ?—Yes.

31,781. Where was it that he gave you that 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—At a public-house in St. Saviour's Lane ; I don't know the sign of it. I was never in there before nor yet since.

31,782. Who asked you to go in there ?—He saw me in the street ; he took hold of my arm and asked me to go and vote. I said I wanted a day's pay if I voted. He took me to the poll, I voted, and then he gave me this 2*s.* 6*d.*

31,783. Where was the poll ?—At Mr. Hamers, the pawnbroker's.

31,784. Had you been told by him to come to this public-house ?—No, he went with me.

JOHN PRATT sworn and examined. *J. Pratt.*

31,785. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A publican ; a licensed victualler.

31,786. Did you vote for Stracey ?—Yes.

31,787. What hour in the day ?—About 10 o'clock.

31,788. Did you get anything for it ?—Not a farthing.

31,789. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

31,790. Were there any men in your house ?—Yes, several.

31,791. Waiting to see what they could get ?—No, several of them went up along with me to vote.

31,792. Early ?—Yes, early.

31,793. Was anybody in your house standing money for beer ?—No, not anything.

31,794. Nobody ?—No.

31,795. Was any money left at your house to provide beer with ?—No.

31,796. Did you offer anybody money ?—No, not that I know of.

31,797. Not that you know of ?—Well, I say, I don't think I did. I don't know why I should do it.

31,798. That mode of answering convinces me that you did, and was not the man Joseph Gurney, and did you not offer him 5*s.* ?—I might do so.

31,799. You did ?—I might promise him anything such a day as that, but I did not part.

31,800. You promised him 5*s.* if he would go and vote for Stracey ?—I might do such a thing, but I don't think I did.

31,801. That sort of answer won't do, you must either say yes or no ?—I know I was very busy that day. I took up a lot of poor cripples and voted, but I never got anything for it.

31,802. I asked you whether you promised anything to the man ?—Yes, I say I think I might do such a thing.

31,803. You know you did it ?—Well, I will say I did it.

31,804. You might as well have said it at first.—I might do such a thing, but I know I never parted.

31,805. How many more did you promise money to ?—I am sure I don't know.

31,806. Of these old cripples that you took up, how many more did you promise money to ?—Well, I don't know, sir. I don't know e'er a man that I promised that day. I know I was very busy that day.

31,807. Very busy promising men to get them to vote ?—Well, I might promise them.

31,808. What are their names ?—I am sure I don't know one. If Gurney say I promised him anything, let him come forward and ask me whether I give him anything.

31,809. I have been putting to you very plain questions, and I regret to say you have been giving me very evasive answers.—I will give what answers I can.

31,810. Now, just give me the names of some more people that you promised money to ?—I cannot think of any more. You say that I promised money to Mr. Gurney ?

31,811. I asked you, and you said it yourself.—You said I promised Mr. Gurney 5*s.*, and I won't contradict it ; I think it is very likely I did.

31,812. You have told me more than that, that you not only promised Gurney, but you promised some others ?—I took a lot of them up that could not walk; some of them cripples, and some of them silly people, but they all had votes.

31,813. Give me their names, whether they were cripples, or silly, or whatever they were ?—I don't know ; they live in Catton.

31,814. Then they were your neighbours, were they ?—They did not live near me; I started from the "Whalebone."

31,815. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It will be a very unpleasant thing for you to be sent to the city gaol to remember the names of these people.—I should not like that.

31,816. Under those circumstances had you not better brush up your memory and avoid spending the night there ?—Any fair question you ask me I will answer.

31,817. (*Mr. Biron.*) I asked you perfectly plain questions. I asked you the names of the men you promised money to ?—I never promised any men money that I know of, only Mr. Gurney. You say I promised Mr. Gurney money, and I will not deny it.

31,818. Who did you take up ?—I took several people from the "Whalebone," but they were persons who never use my house. I was in my waggonette, and there was some of them there that could not walk, and I drove them up.

31,819. Do you mean to say that you did not promise any of these men ?—I did not, sir ; I won't deny it, if you say I promised Mr. Gurney.

31,820. Then you cannot give me the names of any other men you took up that day ?—Yes, I took a man of the name of Graver up to vote ; but if you was to give me a thousand pounds I could not tell you all their names.

31,821. I did not ask you all their names, I asked

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you the names of those you recollect?—I took a man of the name of Graver, and a man of the name of Smith.

31,822. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where does he live?—He lives at Catton, against the "Whalebone"; that is a long way from my house.

31,823. (*Mr. Biron.*) What is his christian name?—I don't know.

31,824. What is he by trade?—I think he is a shoemaker.

31,825. Now, are there any other names?—I cannot think of any other names. I would tell you in a moment if I knew the names, but I was busy that day; I said, "Get in and go and vote for Stracey."

31,826. Cannot you give me the names of any other people that you took up?—No, I cannot.

31,827. What did you promise Smith?—Not a farthing.

31,828. What did you promise Graver?—Not a farthing. Why should I do so?

31,829. How came you to promise Gurney?—I don't recollect it; I might do such a thing. I won't contradict it; if he says I did I won't deny it.

31,830. If you might have promised him, you might perhaps have promised half a hundred more?—It is very likely I did. I took a man up in Calvert Street; he was eating a dumpling. He said, "I shall not go and vote," but I got him to go and vote for Mr. Stracey. He was a bricklayer's labourer; he was having his dinner.

31,831. Did he say he wanted something?—No, I treated him with a glass or two of beer.

31,832. Where did you treat him with beer?—I treated some of them in Calvert Street.

31,833. How much did you spend there?—I don't know; but when I went out I changed a sovereign, and I had not much of it left the next morning.

31,834. You spent it in beer upon those men you were getting up to vote?—Yes, I did.

31,835. How many did you get up for that sovereign during the day?—Fifty, I should think.

31,836. You found that a pint of beer would do the trick?—Yes, or half a pint of beer. I know that poor fellow that was eating his dinner was very glad of a pint when I gave it to him to go and vote.

31,837. They were hanging back to get something, and a pint of beer did it?—There was plenty of them would vote for half a pint of beer that day.

31,838. Did you see Inspector Clarke at all that day?—Oh, yes, several times in the course of the day.

31,839. Did you say anything to him about the way the men were to be got?—No.

31,840. Did he say anything to you?—No, I know who I spoke to; I said to Mr. Provart, "I know "where to get about 20 voters for about five shillings "each." In fact, I went into the committee room, and I said, "I can get about 20 voters, but they want to be paid for the day's work;" but they said, "There is nothing here; you cannot have a farthing here."

31,841. What committee room was that?—At the back of St. Peter's.

31,842. Where were these men waiting for their day's work?—At the "Jolly Farmers," on Charing Cross.

31,843. Do you know any of their names?—No, I do not know; only the landlord.

31,844. What is the landlord's name?—Swash.

31,845. Is he the parish clerk of some place here?—No; I think he works for Barnard and Bishop.

31,846. Have you told me now all that you know about it?—Well, I have sir, all that I can think of.

31,847. What was Clarke doing when you saw him?—I saw him riding about.

31,848. Getting up voters?—I think he was, the same as me.

31,849. Much about the same game you were at, I suppose?—Yes, about the same game.

J. Dambrock.

JAMES DAMBROCK recalled and further examined.

31,850. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You will come here to-morrow morning prepared to tell us the truth, and the whole truth, and if you do not without equivocation I will most assuredly send you to gaol for a week.—I told you the truth.

31,851. Yes, but you were not telling the whole truth, or anything like it.—Yes, I have, sir.

31,852. You were evading and equivocating when you said you knew nothing about the election. I will not enter into any controversy with you now; I will examine you to-morrow morning, and mind you speak the truth, or else you shall go to gaol for a week.—We had a very sick child during the time, and my wife had to look after the child.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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THOMAS WORLEDGE sworn and examined.

31,853. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Will you tell me without any reservation what you did on the day of the election?—I will answer you any question that you can put to me as a man, fairly and honestly.

31,854. I require you to tell me without any reservation what you did that day?—The fact is, sir, on the election day I got tipsy.

31,855. But you can recollect what you did before you got tipsy?—I can tell you as far as that.

31,856. You did not get tipsy till late in the day?—I got tipsy about dinner time; in fact, I was in drink, of course, all day.

31,857. I think you can tell us what money was given you for the purposes of the election, and what money was spent?—Money! I would not dirty my fingers with electioneering money; I had none given me.

31,858. Now do not assume an indignation which is a virtue, which, under the circumstances we know we cannot at all appreciate. Just tell me what you did upon the election day? From what place did you start?—From my house.

31,859. Where did you go?—I went to Catton for a voter.

31,860. Who was that voter?—William Thorpe.

31,861. How did you go there?—In my pony trap.

31,862. Did you bring up that voter ?—Yes.

31,863. Where did you take him to ?—To Magdalen Street, to a polling booth there, adjoining the "White Horse" yard, at 8 o'clock in the morning.

31,864. Where did you take him after that ?—I left him there.

31,865. What did you say to that man to induce him to come up and vote ?—He was one of my workmen. I had asked him a week before, the Saturday before, to vote for Stracey, and I told him to be there early.

31,866. How came it to be necessary for you to go and fetch him up ?—He is lame.

31,867. What did you do next ?—I went and voted myself, and then got my breakfast.

31,868. Did you vote for Stracey ?—Of course I did.

31,869. Where did you go after breakfast ?—I went to St. Martin's.

31,870. Where in St. Martin's ?—To my brother's.

31,871. Who is he ?—John Worledge.

31,872. What did you do there ?—Had a little beer along with his wife and two or three more ladies in the house.

31,873. After you left there where did you go ?—To Clarke's beerhouse.

31,874. Did you find a number of voters there ?—There were a quantity of voters there.

31,875. And some non-voters ?—And some non-voters.

31,876. Did you count the number of voters there ?—No, I did not count them, although I asked them all round, one by one, whether they were voters. I never was more disgusted with a class of men in my life than I was when I went into that house. They got up and asked me to bribe them; and one fellow, more forward than the rest, said he never voted without being paid, and never intended, and I told him I was ashamed of him.

31,877. They all said they wanted you to bribe them ?—Yes.

31,878. What was about the number ?—I should think there was 10 or a dozen there; something like that.

31,879. Did you then give some tickets for beer ?—Yes; I asked Mr. Clarke if he would oblige me with credit for 6*d.* each one of my tickets. He said, "With pleasure." I was leaving the house when they called me back and said, "Are you going to leave us like that ?" And I went back and asked who were voters and who were not. There was a roughish looking gentleman standing by the fireplace. I gave them a card each (there were three), and said, "Mr. Clarke will give you beer for it;" and they said, "Give us another each; this won't last all day;" and so I did.

31,880. You gave those tickets to the non-voters ?—Yes; I was disgusted with the voters.

31,881. You knew perfectly well that that beer would be drunk among the lot ?—Very likely it was. I knew no difference; I did not know.

31,882. Do you mean to tell me you did not suppose that it would be so ?—I did not think anything; I told them I was ashamed of them.

31,883. Really, this protestation of innocence about these things is very surprising to my mind after the caution you received yesterday. We shall be obliged to abstain from examining you any further, and apply that remedy to you which will teach persons in your position not to assume a virtue which they do not possess. I will, however, give you another chance, and ask you a question. Do you know a person of the name of Dick Smith ?—No.

31,884. Did you see a person on the day of the election whose name is Smith, a stoker at the gasworks ?—I don't know him; I may have seen him.

31,885. Do you recollect seeing a man from the gasworks at the dinner hour ?—No, I don't.

31,886. Did not you give a man who is a stoker at the gasworks half-a-crown to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I cannot recollect it.

31,887. Will you undertake to swear that your virtuous indignation against bribery prevented you from giving to this man half-a-crown to vote for Sir Henry Stracey in the dinner hour of that day ?—I would not undertake to swear it.

31,888. Now let us have no virtuous indignation after that.—Not a bit. I don't wish to make myself a bit more pure than other people in any shape.

31,889. You gave the cards at Clarke's ?—Yes.

31,890. How long did you remain at Clarke's ?—Oh, I should say about 10 minutes or a quarter of an hour; something like that.

31,891. After you left Clarke's, where did you go to ?—I went to find two of my workmen living up the "Bath House" yard.

31,892. What are their names ?—John Mann and John Clarke.

31,893. Did you find them ?—No, not there.

31,894. Where did you go to from there ?—I stayed there, I should think, pretty well an hour, with a lot of women down the yard, and we had some beer down there and enjoyed ourselves.

31,895. After that, where did you go to ?—I rode down the street, and happened with the very particular gentlemen I wanted and took them to the poll.

31,896. Were these women the wives of voters ?—They were the wives of those two workmen of mine, and some other ladies besides.

31,897. Were the "ladies besides" the wives of workmen ?—Not workmen of mine; they were all working people.

31,898. Were they the wives of voters ?—I don't know.

31,899. You met the two men ?—Yes.

31,900. And you took them to the poll ?—I did.

31,901. Then where did you go to ?—After that I went to St. Stephen's, to the "Peacock."

31,902. Did you find a number of voters there who wanted to be paid for their day's work ?—No.

31,903. Did not you find a number of voters there ?—No, I found two.

31,904. Who were they ?—Their names was Copeman.

31,905. Is that the name of both of them ?—Yes. They are two brothers.

31,906. Did you get them to vote ?—Yes.

31,907. Did you give them some beer ?—No.

31,908. No beer at all ?—No, they treated me, and I drank with them.

31,909. How long were you at the "Peacock" ?—I went and took the men from there to the poll. I should think I might be in the "Peacock" something like altogether (I went twice, to take the men and take them back) a quarter of an hour.

31,910. What are they ?—Sweeps.

31,911. Is it not an uncommon thing for a person in your position of life to be treated to beer by a sweep ?—Well, it is nothing more than a fact.

31,912. Were you ever treated by a sweep before ?—I have been treated by workmen before, by the poor, for they respect me in Norwich.

31,913. Were you ever treated by two sweeps before in your life ?—No.

31,914. Or by any sweep ?—Oh yes, I have drunk with sweeps.

31,915. Have you ever been treated by a sweep ?—Of course I have. I was treated to just a pint or two of beer that day with a sweep.

31,916. Did you treat as well as receive ?—I don't think I spent a penny in the house.

31,917. After having been treated by sweeps, where did you go to next ?—After that I think I went to Geldart's, and I had a glass or two of wine.

31,918. Where is Geldart's ?—In Wensum Street.

31,919. Did you find voters there ?—No, nothing of the sort.

31,920. Why did you go there ? — To refresh myself.

31,921. It seems to me that you were employing yourself actively about the election. Were you not in search of voters ?—I went to my workmen's houses,

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several of them, during the day, and they were all out excepting what I have told you. Oh yes, there was a man of the name of Clarke, the brother of John Clarke that I have been speaking about. He went to the poll with me before breakfast. I did not care so much. I was active in getting men.

31,922. Do you get drunk every day?—Well, I am in the habit of imbibing, I am sorry to say. That is my fault, and I cannot help it.

31,923. "Imbibing!" that is what you call it, and you get beastly drunk?—I take a glass when I wish for it.

31,924. Well, now then, where did you go to after you had imbibed at that last place you mentioned?—I went to the "Bull," in Magdalen Street.

31,925. Did you find voters there?—No.

31,926. What did you go there for?—To have a drain. That is exactly how I came to be so drunk, drinking from place to place.

31,927. You were drinking at the other place. If you wanted to have a drain why did you not go on drinking there?—I went for a change.

31,928. Did not you go there with voters?—No.

31,929. You went for the purpose of having a drain?—Yes.

31,930. Who was with you?—Mr. Chaplin I believe.

31,931. Was he a person who was actively engaged in getting up voters?—I think he was. In fact I am sure he was. He was more active than me. He appeared to be sober when I was drunk; and he drove me home.

31,932. After going there, how long did you remain?—I don't know.

31,933. You cannot recollect?—No.

31,934. You were so drunk that you cannot recollect?—I went in there in passing, and what I had there finished me off.

31,935. What time of the day was this?—Somewhere about 1 o'clock, I should think. It might be half-past 1. I cannot exactly say, for my mind is bothered about that day—with regard to that time of day.

31,936. After that you went about the city, did you not?—I don't recollect going.

31,937. Do you know a man of the name of Taylor of Fellmonger's Yard?—No, I cannot say that I know him.

31,938. Do you know a man of the name of Thomas Taylor of Fellmonger's Yard?—Fellmonger's Yard; Taylor, Taylor.

31,939. Thomas Taylor of Fellmonger's Yard?—Oh yes, of course, he works for my brother at times. He is a jobber. I know the man quite well. I took him to the poll about 11 o'clock at St. Martin's.

31,940. What money did you give him?—Nothing.

31,941. Do you mean to say you gave him no money on that day?—Nothing. I was sober at the time.

31,942. Did you at any time give any money to Taylor?—No.

31,943. Never in your life?—Well, he borrowed 2*s.* off me about four or five years back, and he has never paid me; that's all.

31,944. Is that the only money transaction you have had with him?—Nothing else.

31,945. You know the man I mean, Thomas Taylor?—Yes; my brother keeps the "Fellmonger's Arms." He sometimes jobs for him.

31,946. Did not you give him on that day 10*s.*?—No.

31,947. Did he ride about with you?—I drove him from my brother's house to the poll and brought him back. That is how far he rode with me.

31,948. Do you know a person of the name of John Gamble Waller?—Yes.

31,949. Did you drive about with him?—No.

31,950. Were you with him on the day of the election?—I don't recollect. I should say not. I don't recollect seeing him.

31,951. Do you say you don't recollect at all being with Waller that day?—I don't recollect seeing him.

31,952. Do you recollect going to Clarke's in the afternoon again?—No.

31,953. Will you undertake to say that you were not at Clarke's public-house again?—I could be on my solemn oath that I never was at Clarke's beerhouse in the afternoon.

31,954. Although you were so drunk that you cannot remember anything?—I take my wife's word that she had me indoors. I have had this put to me before by gentlemen, and I cannot recollect going; and I don't believe I did go.

31,955. Do you recollect seeing Hardiment that day?—Yes, I saw Hardiment driving down St. Martin's.

31,956. Did you not see Hardiment when you were at Clarke's beerhouse, not in the morning but in the afternoon?—No, I cannot recollect anything of that.

31,957. Did you see a person of the name of Brandish?—No.

31,958. Do you know Brandish, a man who keeps a shop near Clarke's beerhouse?—I know Mr. Brandish. He voted at my request in the morning. I never saw him at Clarke's.

31,959. Did you not give Brandish money to vote?—No.

31,960. You know that he is dead?—Yes.

31,961. Was William Fisher with you when you went to Brandish's?—Fisher was in the street that morning with me. We had a glass or two together.

31,962. Did he go with you to Brandish's?—I think not.

31,963. Did you see Fisher give any money to Brandish?—No.

31,964. Was there any talk with Brandish about money in Fisher's presence?—No, not that I am aware of. If it was talked about by anybody else it was not in my presence anyhow.

31,965. Did you see a man of the name of Thorpe at Clarke's beerhouse?—Yes.

31,966. In the latter part of the day?—No.

31,967. What time did you go home?—My wife told me I got home about 2 o'clock, or a little after, and Mr. Chaplin has told me so since.

31,968. Do you mean to say that you were not out after 2 o'clock?—Yes, but I had no riding.

31,969. Do you know what you did after 2 o'clock in the day?—No, only I kept drinking and getting worse.

31,970. What public-houses did you go to?—I went in Boswell and Baxter's. That is a favourite place of mine.

31,971. At what other place were you drinking?—I don't know.

31,972. Do you mean to say that you cannot tell me what money you spent?—I reckon I had about 1*l.* or 25*s.* in my pocket, and I found I was minus the next morning.

32,973. Of every single farthing of it?—Yes, it was all gone clean.

31,974. How you spent it you cannot tell me?—No.

31,975. You did not drink 25*s.* worth yourself?—There is no question but I treated some people in the day in my drunken state; there is no doubt about that.

31,976. I want to know who are the men whom you treated on that day?—I could not tell you. I know this much: I gave those men at Clarke's beerhouse those tickets.

31,977. Were you not treating the voters to go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey at every public-house to which you went?—No. I think that is rather too hard. I don't think I did anything of the kind.

31,978. At how many public-houses to which you went did you treat voters to go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—The fact is that at Boswell and Baxter's they would not entertain such a notion.

31,979. You gave away several cards besides in the course of the day ?—Yes, of course I did.

31,980. To other people ?—Yes.

31,981. How much did you afterwards pay in respect of these cards ?—I don't exactly know, but I should think I paid something like 7*s.* or 8*s.*

31,982. 7*s.* or 8*s.* in addition to the sum of 25*s.* ?—Yes, what I spent myself.

31,983. Taking that as your data, do not you recollect that in almost every public-house into which you went that day you treated voters for Sir Henry Stracey ?—No, nothing of the sort.

31,984. At how many public-houses did you treat them ?—I don't always drink beer. Beer would not make me drunk.

31,985. 33*s.* worth including what you could drink yourself ?—Yes. That's about it.

31,986. Now cannot you tell me in how many public-houses you treated voters ? There was Clarke's first ?—Yes.

31,987. Which was the next public-house at which you treated voters ?—I did not treat voters at Clarke's.

31,988. We will draw our own conclusions abont that ?—Well, let me see ; I was at Sabberton's, I think, St. Paul's Plain, and I asked Mrs. Sabberton the same as I did Mr. Clarke, the same question with regard to these tickets of mine. They said they had no objection whatever. I gave a few rough gentlemen some tickets on purpose that they might go about and shout "Hurrah for Sir Henry Stracey."

31,989. I want to know whom you treated with these 25*s.* out of your own pocket. I take it that you did that at two or three beershops ?—No more than what I have told you, to my knowledge, you know.

31,990. Clarke's beerhouse and that other, were those the only two places at which you gave tickets ?—Yes.

31,991. The only two ?—The only two.

31,992. In what public-houses did you treat men with 25*s.* worth, striking out what you spent upon yourself ?—The fact is that was pretty well all spent upon myself and my friend that was with me, Mr. Chaplin. We drunk almost the lot of it. I don't mean to say we did not ask people we met with to drink.

31,993. Then I deduct also the 2*s.* 6*d.* you paid to Smith ?—I might, but I cannot recollect it.

31,994. It might have been spent in paying men, if it was not spent in drink ?—Yes ; but I have spent more than 25*s.* one day in my life, for drink.

31,995. At what other public-houses did you spend any of this money ?—I cannot recollect. I had a lot of women, treating them, and then getting into wine drinking, and that sort of thing, the money went. I had no money given me, I assure you, to lay out.

31,996. How many voters in all did you treat, 20 or 30 ?—I never took 20 or 30 to the poll.

31,997. You may not have taken them to the poll because you were so drunk yourself that you might not be able to take them ?—I cannot tell what I done in the afternoon. The money was gone the next morning. That is all I can say about it.

31,998. You spent 22*s.* 6*d.* in bribing voters. Have you paid any more money since the day of the election beyond those 8*s.* you mentioned ?—I don't recollect paying any more. I often if I am in a house slip up a score (they know me all over Norwich), and I go and pay it afterwards, but not for electioneering matters.

31,999. I will not trouble you further about your proceedings on the day of the election. We must draw our own conclusions with respect to it. You were away at the time of the trial of the election petition ?—Yes.

32,000. Where did you go ?—I went to London.

32,001. How came you to go to London ?—Because I had to go on business.

32,002. What business ?—My own business.

32,003. What was the business ?—I went for the purpose of getting what trade I could. You must recollect that is the time of the year that I have to make my staple for the whole year. I had to go to Manchester as well.

32,004. Did anybody pay your expenses for going away ?—Not a penny, nor I never asked anyone.

32,005. Where did you go to in London ?—I went to the regular warehouses where I generally go to.

32,006. Where are those regular warehouses ?—Messrs. Homan & Co.

32,007. Where else did you go to besides the regular warehouses ?—I went and saw Messrs. Somerville & Co.

32,008. Where is that ?—Noble Street, Cheapside.

32,009. Where else ?—I went to music halls in the evenings, and all that sort of thing.

32,010. Did you go out of London anywhere ?—Yes.

32,011. Where to ?—To Manchester.

32,012. How long were you in Manchester ?—I should think I was, in Manchester very nearly a fortnight. I would not say exactly for a day or two.

32,013. How long before the election inquiry did you go away ?—I left Norwich, I think it was, on the 22d or 23d of December.

32,014. Directly the announcement was made of the day on which the election petition would be tried ?—Somewhere about the same time.

32,015. And you remained away until after it was over ?—I did.

32,016. Have you any business in Norwich ?—Yes.

32,017. Did you leave your address so that it could be procured in Norwich, during the time you were away ?—No.

32,018. Why did you not ?—Because I was going to Manchester, and I never had been there before, and did not know exactly where I should stay at.

32,019. You were going to Cheapside and the other places, where you could be found in London ?—They could easily find me in Londoa.

32,020. You were not going for a fortnight to Manchester ?—Yes, I was.

32,021. You could not tell where you possibly would be in Manchester ?—No.

32,022. And you went there to be out of the way ?—Yes.

32,023. Did you ever happen to go away from Norwich before and not leave any means of finding you ?—Yes. Whenever I go to a strange place I always have to do it.

32,024. Did you ever go away before, and leave simply your address "London" or "Manchester" ?—No. I never went to Manchester before.

32,025. Did you ever go away and leave your address of that general character ?—No, I cannot say I ever did. I could not tell you.

32,026. Were you not keeping out of the way of the election inquiry ?—Of course I was.

32,027. Were you not keeping out of the way of the election inquiry because you knew you had done that which would get you into trouble and upset the election ?—I was out of the way for my own purposes. Will you allow me to explain ?

32,028. Yes.—That will do. I will explain. The time of the year that this petition was to be coming off in Norwich I was obliged to be away after my business, or else I should have had business taken out of my hands. I was obliged to be away at the time. Had I been in Norwich it would have been of serious consequence to me and my workmen during the year.

32,029. You could have attended to your business in Norwich ?—I wanted to be away finding business. Business was slow.

32,030. Was it not to avoid your being called as a witness here ?—Yes, of course, exactly.

32,031. Were you not apprehensive of being called, because you had done that which you knew was illegal ?—I thought it very probable that I should be summoned here.

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32,032. Did you not think it probable that you would be summoned here because you had done that which was illegal and which formed the subject of the inquiry before the judge?—I did not.

32,033. Then you thought you were perfectly innocent?—You have already had my innocence, and I have told you truth in everything.

32,034. Was there nothing else to conceal but what you have told?—Not a bit. If there is anything you can enlighten my mind upon, I will tell you the truth about it.

32,035. Before you went away did you see Dawson?—I have seen him, but not about this. I never had any conversation with him.

32,036. Did you see Mr. Skipper?—No.

32,037. Had you any note from them then?—No. I never spoke a word——

32,038. Had you no communication, written or verbal?—No.

32,039. You know Hunter?—No.

32,040. Was there a man down here of the name of Hunter?—Do you mean Hunter, the auctioneer.

32,041. No, the man who came from London and was attending to the election petition?—I don't know him.

32,042. Had you any communication with a person who was conducting the election petition on the part of Mr. Skipper?—I had not.

32,043. None?—None at all.

32,044. With no one connected with Mr. Skipper or Sir Henry Stracey's party?—No.

32,045. You did what you have told us entirely of your own accord?—Yes, exactly, entirely of my own accord.

32,046. Have you paid any money besides that 8*s*., since the election, for any debt incurred by you upon the day of the election?—Not anything that I incurred upon the day of the election.

32,047. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For anything connected with the election?—No.

32,048. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you paid anything to any men who said that they were promised money by you upon that day?—No.

R. Carver.

ROBERT CARVER sworn and examined.

32,049. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

32,050. To whom did you promise your vote?—No one.

32,051. Were not you asked for it?—No.

32,052. What time of the day did you vote?—About a quarter before 2.

32,053. What are you by trade?—A carter.

32,054. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

32,055. What public-houses were you at that day?—Not one.

32,056. Did not you get any beer?—No.

32,057. Did you get nothing afterwards for voting?—No.

32,058. Is this the first time you have voted?—No, I have voted for 20 years.

32,059. Have you always voted for the orange and purple?—Always.

32,060. Have you ever had anything for your vote?—No, I never had nothing.

C. Trumbetta.

CHARLES TRUMBETTA sworn and examined.

32,061. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

32,062. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

32,063. Had you been canvassed?—No, not that I know of.

32,064. Were you at the "Richmond Hill" that day?—No, I was not, I was at the "Wheatsheaf," in Bethel Street.

32,065. What time in the morning did you go there?—About half-past 6 o'clock in the morning. I was at work in the night.

32,066. How long did you stay at the "Wheatsheaf"?—All day almost, till the afternoon time, betwixt 3 and 4 o'clock, and then I went home and got my dinner.

32,067. You stayed there waiting to see what you could get?—Yes. I had a horse or two in there and I could not leave.

32,068. What did you get towards the end of the afternoon?—For the horses?

32,069. No, for voting.—Nothing at all.

32,070. Did you not get any beer?—No, I had not a drop of anything all night.

32,071. You said you would not vote without money?—No, I did not. Nobody heard me say so.

32,072. Are there any other men of the name of Trumbetta in Norwich?—Yes, many, my brother's children.

32,073. What time of the day did you vote?—Betwixt 3 and 4, when I was going home to dinner.

32,074. Why did you not vote earlier?—I had not an opportunity to leave my horses.

32,075. Were you at work at the "Wheatsheaf"?—Yes.

32,076. Looking after the horses?—Yes.

32,077. Had you promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No, I did not promise. I thought I might as well vote for him as well as anybody else, so I went away and voted after my dinner.

32,078. Who asked you, do you remember?—No, no one.

J. Allen.

JOSEPH ALLEN recalled and further examined.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) When we examined you before, we had not the opportunity of reading over carefully the evidence of Mr. Howse Allen, and it is quite clear from reading his statement, and also your own, that we had a very imperfect account of what occurred between you and Mr. Edward Stracey relative to supplying the 200*l*.; therefore I must ask you to tell me exactly how that matter took place, from its commencement to its termination, because when I read your evidence it is quite plain that everything is omitted (not intentionally, but by accident, because we were not aware of the facts) with regard to the arrangement with Mr. Webster.

32,079. Now, somewhere about the middle of the day you came to the conclusion that it would be expedient to provide some funds?—I did.

32,080. And very shortly after that you say that you saw Mr. Edward Stracey?—Yes.

32,081. Can you tell me the time of the day that you first came to that conclusion?—It was about half-past 1; I expect from about 1 to half-past, about that time; it might be a little later, but it was about that time.

32,082. Did you speak to anybody upon that subject before you saw Mr. Edward Stracey and spoke to him?—Simply Mr. Howse Allen knew about it.

32,083. As I understand you, there were two interviews with Mr. Stracey?—Yes.

32,084. According to the statement which we have here, no communication took place with Mr. Howse Allen until after the first interview with Mr. Edward Stracey. I want to know about that?—I think I saw Mr. Howse Allen before I saw Mr. Edward Stracey.

32,085. Before you saw Mr. Edward Stracey at all?—Yes, I believe so.

32,086. Where was it that you spoke to Mr. Howse

Allen respecting the providing of the funds?—Somewhere on Tombland. He was standing on Tombland, and I spoke to him. We went down to the "Maid's Head," to ask if they knew where Mr. Edward Stracey was. I thought he was the most likely person to provide it quietly; so we went down to the "Maid's Head," to ask if they knew anything about where he was.

32,087. Did you and Mr. Howse Allen go in search of Mr. Edward Stracey?—Yes.

32,088. Together?—Yes; we saw him by the "Maid's Head." He was driving past and we stopped him.

32,089. Did he get down?—Yes.

32,090. Did you and Mr. Howse Allen talk with him?—It was chiefly myself. I think Mr. Howse Allen scarcely had any conversation, he was standing by.

32,091. You three were together, and one or the other spoke to Mr. Stracey?—Yes.

32,092. It was the conversation of you all three in effect, although one only was the speaker?—Yes.

32,093. Can you tell me what was said to Mr. Edward Stracey?—I told Mr. Edward Stracey that I thought we ought to have some little money, that it was advisable to have some, and he said he dared not do it. I said, "I think we ought; it is not worth "while losing the election for a few pounds. It is "only a few pounds required, just to stir the people "up;" but he said, "I really dare not do it," and it was settled then that we should wait, perhaps we might not want it.

32,094. What became of Mr. Edward Stracey then, did he remain with you?—No; I think he and I went up to the market place, to hear the last state of the poll. We heard the general talk in the market place, and ultimately returned to the "Maid's Head," and he said he thought Mr. Webster would advance the money as he had not the money himself.

32,095. Let us take it consecutively. You went and made an inquiry about the poll?—Yes.

32,096. Did Mr. Edward Stracey accompany you in making the inquiry about the poll?—Yes.

32,097. Was Mr. Howse Allen with you at that time?—No, I think not.

32,098. What became of Mr. Howse Allen?—I believe he remained somewhere about Tombland. I saw him afterwards. I fancy he waited till I came back, to hear what the result might be.

32,099. Had it been suggested then in Mr. Howse Allen's presence that possibly money might be provided?—Yes, of course at the first conversation he was present.

32,100. I thought you told us that Mr. Edward Stracey said he dare not do it?—Certainly he said that he dare not do it.

32,101. You said that you dropped it, hoping that it might not be required?—Yes.

32,102. Was there any sort of reservation about it, because one would have thought that then it would have ceased?—We went to see how things were getting on, and Mr. Howse Allen would wait there for me to come back, so that he might know what to go and do.

32,103. Then there was an understanding, if I may so term it, implied, that if it was requisite something might possibly be done?—Yes, there was just a chance.

32,104. Was that expressed, or was it left indefinite?—It was left indefinite.

32,105. Mr. Howse Allen went on to Tombland, and you went to make the inquiry about the poll?—Yes.

32,106. You found the inquiry unfavourable, did you?—Well, I thought it was too near to allow it to remain as it was. We were getting up considerably, but I thought we might lose by three or four, and that would be as bad as losing by 100. It was too close to be pleasant. That was my impression, and I thought we might just as well lose by 100 or more as lose by two or three.

32,107. You say that you went with Mr. Edward Stracey, and found that that was the state of things?—Yes.

32,108. Did you consult anybody with respect to it?—No, we saw Mr. Arthur Bignold.

32,109. Where did you see him?—He was in the market, just about there.

32,110. That being in your mind you took him into your counsels, did you?—Yes.

32,111. Was the result of your consultation with him that Mr. Webster should be applied to?—Mr. Arthur Bignold thought it was a very dangerous game, and I fancy it was Mr. Edward Stracey's own arrangement.

32,112. Mr. Arthur Bignold thought it was a dangerous thing?—Yes, he was cognizant of it.

32,113. He must have been something more than cognizant of it, because if he advised you to the contrary it would not have taken place?—Oh yes, it would. We did not mean to lose the election.

32,114. Then, if you would have made that arrangement, why did you speak to Mr. Arthur Bignold about it?—We wished to have another opinion.

32,115. What if that opinion had not been in favour of doing it?—You do not always follow the opinion you ask.

32,116. Do you mean to say that nothing passed between you more than that he thought it was a dangerous game?—Yes.

32,117. But he also thought that it was a good idea?—Yes.

32,118. Where did this consultation with Mr. Arthur Bignold take place?—We saw him in the street, somewhere about the market place, getting on towards Surrey Street, somewhere about there.

32,119. How long did you talk upon the subject?—Some little time. I believe he came back as far as the "Maid's Head" with us.

32,120. Were you discussing it during the time that you were going back to the "Maid's Head"?—I believe the conversation was between Mr. Arthur Bignold and Mr. Edward Stracey. I did not pay much attention to what conversation was going on in the cab.

32,121. There was a conversation between Mr. Arthur Bignold and Mr. Edward Stracey that you did not hear?—Which I did not hear.

32,122. Then did Mr. Edward Stracey tell you what arrangement he would make for the purpose of providing the money?—He said it was all right. We stopped at the "Maid's Head," and he went in. He said, "It's all right," and I understood from that that there was something to be had.

32,123. Something must have occurred before he went into the "Maid's Head." He said it was all right; did he say he would go and see Mr. Webster?—Yes, I understood so.

32,124. I do not want what you understood; was that said?—I don't know whether it was said. I knew we stopped at the "Maid's Head" for that purpose.

32,125. Did not he tell you he was going to see Webster for the purpose of providing the money?—Most likely he did.

32,126. You were all three together in front of the "Maid's Head"?—Yes.

32,127. And Mr. Stracey went in to see Webster?—Yes.

32,128. Did you make the arrangement that it should be in half sovereigns?—No.

32,129. The sum must have been mentioned, because we see what occurred immediately afterwards. Who mentioned the 200*l.*?—Mr. Edward Stracey.

32,130. Before he went into the "Maid's Head"?—I don't know whether it was before or whether it was after.

32,131. Had you suggested or who had suggested that it should be in two parcels of 200 half sovereigns

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each?—I do not know anything about that. Nothing was said to me about how it was to be, only that Mr. Webster would provide money.

32,132. Just consider. That is the very thing I want to know from you, because when we referred to Mr. Howse Allen's evidence as to what you said to him, we find he said that you told him it would be in two bags of 200 half sovereigns each, and he was to give one bag to one person, and to divide the other bag with other people, according to the directions?—Mr. Howse Allen must be labouring under a mistake. I simply told him that there would be 200*l.* in some form or other. Whether it was coming in notes or gold I did not know, but there would be 200*l.*, and I told him how to divide it, to distribute it, but whether it was coming in bags in sovereigns or half sovereigns, I did not know.

32,133. The particular form in which it was to come was not communicated to you?—Certainly not.

32,134. Well, then Mr. Edward Stracey went in to the "Maid's Head," did he?—Yes.

32,135. Did you remain with Mr. Arthur Bignold outside?—Yes.

32,136. How long did he remain in the "Maid's Head"?—Scarcely any time.

32,137. Did he come out and communicate with you?—He said, "All right," and then he left, and I saw no more of him.

32,138. He communicated to you there that it would be all right, that the 200*l.* would be forthcoming?—Yes.

32,139. Two hundred pounds had been mentioned as the sum before he went in?—Either just before he went in or just when he came out.

32,140. Did he mention before he went in that there would be 200*l.*, or did he mention it when he came out?—Mr. Edward Stracey said somewhere about that time, "I will be 200*l.*," because I pressed him. I said, "For heaven's sake let us have some money, and then we shall win." He said, "I will be 200*l.*;" and I said to him that I would do what I could myself.

32,141. You waited to see that the arrangement was complete?—Yes.

32,142. Then it was communicated to you and you went away, ?—He went away.

32,143. Did he go away with Mr. Arthur Bignold, or did you go away with Mr. Arthur Bignold?—I walked towards my house with Mr. Arthur Bignold, and then Mr. Arthur Bignold left me.

32,144. Mr. Arthur Bignold had said that it was a dangerous thing?—Yes.

32,145. It being a dangerous thing, did you consider as to the man to whom you should entrust it, that is, that it should be carefully managed?—Yes; those three men I named I thought were men who would have done. I had an idea that they had done something at former elections.

32,146. With whom did you consult as to that, with Mr. Stracey?—The people were known to me and I went for them.

32,147. Did Mr. Arthur Bignold suggest that?—He might have known some of these people.

32,148. But was it suggested to you?—No; these names suggested themselves to me; I knew these men, and I thought they were likely men to do the trick. Mr. Arthur Bignold knew the men and he would know. Mr. Arthur Bignold had nothing to do with it.

32,149. Did you communicate to him who the men would be?—I daresay I mentioned it to him.

32,150. Have you any doubt that you did?—No, I have no doubt I did.

32,151. They would be the safest men to employ for the purpose, you thought?—Yes; they were the names that in a hurry struck one as the most likely.

32,152. They were persons who had been employed in Waters' election?—So report said.

32,153. You had got Mr. Howse Allen into your house before that, had not you?—Yes, he had been into my house when I first saw him on Tombland; but then he came in with me or followed me up as I walked from the "Maid's Head" to my own house; he would follow me up, and went in and stayed there. I said, "Sit down and have some lunch," and I thought Mr. Webster would give the money direct to him.

32,154. Did Mr. Arthur Bignold come with you into your house?—Yes, he just walked inside my house and left.

32,155. Mr. Howes Allen following you in?—Yes.

32,156. How long did Mr. Arthur Bignold stay?—He went almost directly.

32,157. As I understood you, Mr. Stracey went in alone and saw Mr. Webster?—Yes.

32,158. While you remained outside with Mr. Bignold?—Yes.

32,159. He then came and told you it was all right, according to the arrangement which you had previously made?—Yes.

32,160. Did you see Mr. Edward Stracey after that upon that day?—No.

32,161. Do you know where he was the rest of the day?—No, not at all.

32,162. Did you see Mr. Arthur Bignold again?—Yes; just in the central committee room, where he went to hear whether we had won or not. That is the only time.

32,163. Did you tell him then what you had done?—I told him I had sent men out. At least he understood that. I said, "All right."

32,164. There was no inquiry about money then?—No.

32,165. You would tell him, of course, what you had done?—I did not give him any particulars. I said it was all right, or something to that effect.

32,166. You said it was all right with regard to that matter of Webster's, or of Mr. Edward Stracey's?—Yes.

32,167. Was that in consequence of his inquiry?—He asked me how I thought we were getting on, whether we had been successful, and I said I thought it was all right.

32,168. You understood it to refer to this?—I meant him to understand that I had done all I could, and left him to draw his own conclusion.

32,169. You had, in fact, carried out the arrangement that had been made between you three?—Ah, but it was not an arrangement with Mr. Arthur Bignold. It was simply between Mr. Edward Stracey and myself. Mr. Arthur Bignold simply heard it, but took no part.

32,170. We shall draw our own conclusions about that. You had been very active, had you not, during Waters' election?—Yes.

32,171. And you had provided 1,000*l.*, as you told us, from Harvey's bank?—Yes, somewhere near 1,000*l.*

32,172. We have been told by Mr. Skipper that Mr. Arthur Bignold was the financial agent of Mr. Waters upon that occasion. Did you pay the money over to Mr. Arthur Bignold?—I paid I think it was 500*l.* to Mr. William Kitton, and the rest, as I said before, went for the legal expenses. That was paid over to Mr. Arthur Bignold by a cheque drawn upon myself.

32,173. With a view to his settling Waters' claims?—Waters' legal claims.

32,174. There were also claims, were there not, against Mr. Waters in addition to those which were legal claims?—I don't know as to there being any claims. At least I believe that the 500*l.* Mr. Kitton had was for illegal purposes.

32,175. Yes, we quite understand Mr. Kitton was for secret service.—Secret service money.

32,176. That we understand, but there were also other disbursements, were there not, which were afterwards paid by Mr. Arthur Bignold on account of Mr. Waters, do not you know that?—Only legal payments. There were no illegal claims that I have any knowledge of. I do not think there were any.

32,177. Were there not claims which Mr. Skipper

as representing Mr. Goldsmid would in no way recognise ?—No, not that I know of, because I believe Mr. Waters paid more than his share of the legal expenses.

32,178. Why should he pay more than his share of the legal expenses ?—Because he behaved in a generous way ; for instance, he had hired, I believe, all the cabs and handed them over, or at least allowed the use of them, to Mr. Goldsmid's party, but I don't think that was charged to Mr. Goldsmid.

32,179. Have you heard from Mr. Bignold what was the amount he paid ?—No. I don't know what was the amount; but as far as I have any knowledge of it, I don't believe that Mr. Arthur Bignold did pay any illegal expenses or illegal claims. I never heard of there being any. I thought that the money Mr. Kitton had would satisfy all the illegal claims.

32,180. You were not aware what sum Mr. Arthur Bignold actually paid ?—No ; I don't know the exact sum.

32,181. Do you know where Mr. Waters is ?—He is at Upton Park.

32,182. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Near Slough ?—Poole is the post town, I think.

32,183. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) In Dorsetshire ?—Yes.

32,184. When had you the last communication from Mr. Waters ?—I had a letter yesterday.

32,185. Have you that letter here ?—No, I have not.

32,186. I must ask you then what were the contents of that letter ?—It was headed "Private and confidential."

32,187. I cannot help that. We must have it, even if it is private and confidential.—It is simply that he drew my attention to my evidence, and thought that there was some mistake as to his handing over the securities to me. He thought that he had handed them over to Mr. Arthur Bignold. I have no objection to your seeing the letter.

32,188. You have not destroyed it ?—No.

32,189. Then I must ask you to go and fetch it.—Certainly.

32,190. Understand you do it under compulsion.—Yes.

32,191. If you have any other letter from Mr. Waters bring it.—I have not.

32,192. Or if you have any letter from Mr. Arthur Bignold.—I have none.

32,193. Have you had any letter from Mr. Arthur Bignold ?—No.

32,194. Have you had any letter from Mr. Edward Stracey ?—No.

32,195. Not since this inquiry commenced ?—No, not at all.

32,196. Nor since the election ?—I may have had a short note from Mr. Edward Stracey once. I had one, just a note, "Meet me;" and saying he was not very well. That is the only note I ever had from Mr. Edward Stracey.

32,197. Mr. Arthur Bignold had been the means, had he not, of bringing Mr. Waters down here ?—I don't know whether it was Mr. Arthur Bignold.

32,198. He was a personal friend of Mr. Waters, was he not ?—They seemed to be great friends.

32,199. He was very active, was he not, in promoting Mr. Waters' return with yourself ?—He did not do so very much, except he looked after the legal payments.

32,200. He knew about the 1,000*l.* ?—Yes, he knew about it.

32,201. What ?—Yes, he would know about it.

32,202. He was, in fact, the prime mover in Mr. Waters' election ?—Everybody was as anxious about that, at least a great many people.

32,203. But he was a personal friend of Mr. Waters, and had been mainly instrumental in his coming down here at all ?—He was quite a stranger in Norwich. He was to myself. He came down to stay at Sir Samuel Bignold's house, but how he came there I don't know, or who introduced him.

32,204. He was staying there during the election ?—Part of the time.

32,205. Mr. Arthur Bignold was his constant associate during that time ?—Yes, very likely.

32,206. He, in fact, knew everything that you knew connected with the election, and everything that you did ?—No, I don't think he did.

32,207. Did he know everything about Mr. Kitton and the 500*l.* being paid to him ?—Yes, he would know that.

32,208. When did you see Mr. Arthur Bignold last ?—Oh, it is some time ago.

32,209. Do you know whether he went abroad immediately this Commission issued ?—No, I don't. I understood before this Commission issued that he was going abroad as usual for the benefit of his health. I have heard nothing in connexion with this Commission at all.

32,210. Oh yes, we understand, for the benefit of his health. Do you know at what time he went abroad ?—No.

32,211. Had you any conversation with him after the election and before or after the issuing of the Commission, with respect to the Commission ?—No. We have never spoken about this Commission ; oh yes, before the Commission was issued.

32,212. At the time when it was threatened ? It was threatened before it was issued ?—There was a talk about it and nothing more than that. We thought it would not issue.

32,213. I must ask you to fetch Mr. Waters' letter.—I will do so.

MATTHEW CHAPMAN sworn and examined. *M. Chapman.*

32,214. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

32,215. Did you ever vote before ?—Yes.

32,216. Have you always voted purple and orange ?—Yes.

32,217. Have you ever had any money for voting ?—Never.

32,218. Did you get nothing this time ?—Not one single farthing.

32,219. What are you by trade ?—A butcher and fellmonger.

32,220. Do you know Mr. Hardiment ?—Quite well.

32,221. Had you anything to do with him in respect of this election ?—Not the slightest.

32,222. Did you hand about any of his money ?—Not the slightest.

32,223. Do you take a busy part in elections ?—Not the slightest part.

32,224. You only voted ?—Only voted; that's all.

JOHN DAMBROCK recalled and further examined. *J. Dambrock.*

32,225. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you take any men up to the poll on the polling day ?—No.

32,226. Were any men in your house ?—There were several men in the house during the day, a few backwards and forwards.

32,227. Was there anything said about the election ?—I never heard anything ; I never took no notice.

32,228. What were you doing ?—Drawing a pint or two of ale for people who came in, and they paid for it; but I never heard a word mentioned, at least I never took any notice.

32,229. Were you there in your house all day long ?—No. We had a sickly child, and sometimes when the child was a little easy she took sometimes two rooms backwards and forwards; but I never heard nobody mention about election.

32,230. Do you remember Mr. Morgan, the brewer, coming to your house ?—My wife is ill in bed. She

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was telling me last night about Mr. Morgan. The men there stood in a circle round him, and he said, "Vote like men, and you will receive the benefit by it;" and they all rushed out, my wife told me, and voted. My wife told me that last night. I was not in the house during the time. They were strangers that came in.

32,231. Did you not hear what Mr. Morgan said?—No, my wife did.

32,232. This was very handy upon 4 o'clock, was not it?—I think from what she told me it might be half-past 3. When I came home she told me.

32,233. There were several men there?—There were several men rushed in.

32,234. Who had not voted?—I believe they had not voted; I don't know. I was along with the child during the time.

32,235. After that was a man of the name of Clabburn in?—That I cannot say. Clabburn had been in our house several times during the day, and had a glass or might have had a pint of ale by paying for it.

32,236. Did not he give beer to some men who were there?—Not a fraction. I never received a farthing, nor yet a shilling.

32,237. Did not he take up some men to the poll?—That I don't know, I cannot say.

32,238. After the batch which Morgan took did not Clabburn take some?—I don't know. My wife told me that when I came home.

32,239. This is information you got from your wife?—Yes; anybody is welcome to go and see her. She is now sick in bed, and if you go you will find my statement correct. I would not go and kiss this book to tell an untruth for my life. I have voted Tory for a good many years, and I have been in Norwich a good many years.

32,240. Did you ever vote on former occasions?—I always voted Tory.

32,241. Did you ever get anything?—I never requested anything.

32,242. Did you get it?—I never wanted anything.

32,243. Did you get anything?—No, never.

32,244. Or the promise of anything?—Nothing. I have to work hard for my living.

32,245. Did you never get anything?—Not that I know of.

32,246. There is something behind this. Come, you were talking about the book, and making a great parade of your truthfulness. Now tell me if you ever received anything?—I might.

32,247. Tell me who it was who gave you something. If you do not you will spend another uncomfortable day.—I might pick up a pound or 30*s.*

32,248. Which was it, a pound or 30*s.*?—I cannot tell at the present moment.

32,249. Who gave it you?—I will tell you. Mr. Wace might give me a pound or 30*s.* I cannot tell you his name.

32,250. What is he?—I don't know.

32,251. Do you not know what his trade is?—I think he is in the tripe way; he lives in Ber Street.

32,252. What election was that?—I think it was the election before this, if I am not mistaken.

32,253. Did you not see him this time about voting?—No.

32,254. Try and brush up your memory a little.—No, I can remember very well; I know what I am doing.

32,255. Did not he give you anything this time?—Not a farthing, not a fraction.

32,256. Did nobody give you anything?—Not a farthing, not a fraction.

32,257. How came he to give it you the last time?—He come into the bar, and there were several people in. There was a man of the name of Brown, he is dead and gone, and a man of the name of Tom Parr, he is in Ber Street now. I think he gave 30*s.* or 2*l.* apiece, but I cannot recollect.

32,258. Did he buy the whole lot of you?—I think he did.

32,259. At 30*s.* apiece?—30*s.* or 2*l.*; I cannot remember exactly.

32,260. How many of you were there?—Two or three.

32,261. Besides yourself?—Yes.

32,262. What time did you vote at this election?—After 3 o'clock, because the child was very ill.

32,263. Were you not waiting for another visit?—No; I was very busy, and my wife was very busy.

32,264. You know you got something for your vote before. Now, were not you waiting this time as you did before.—No, I did not wish for anything.

32,265. Is not that the truth that you were waiting?—Well, if a person came in and give you 30*s.*, or anything, of course you would take it, would not you?

32,266. I am quite sure I would not. However, you would, and you were waiting this time?—I was not waiting for a farthing this time.

32,267. You might just as well have told us that yesterday morning?—Well, sir, I did not know.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It is very unpleasant to us to be obliged to use force for this purpose, but if we had not done it we never should have got a great deal of the information which we have done, and which it was our bounden duty to get. We must get it from everybody who is called into that box, at any cost of personal trouble to ourselves, and whatever the expense may be. Depend upon it we shall get the truth in one way or another, however many people we have to send to prison.

R. Newman.

ROBERT NEWMAN sworn and examined.

32,268. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

32,269. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

32,270. Did you not promise your vote?—No.

32,271. At what time did you vote?—Between 9 and 10 o'clock.

32,272. Had you ever voted before?—Yes.

32,273. Had you always voted purple and orange?—Yes.

32,274. Had you anything for your vote?—No.

32,275. Or was anything promised to you this time?—No, nothing was promised.

32,276. Were you treated at all?—No.

S. Tinkley.

SAMUEL TINKLEY sworn and examined.

32,277. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

32,278. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

32,279. Where were you on the morning of the election day?—I was at work till dinner time, and I left off.

32,280. Why did you not vote earlier?—I voted in my dinner hour.

32,281. Why did you not vote before?—I did not think proper to leave off before.

32,282. Did anybody come to you to ask you for your vote?—They canvassed me.

32,283. Did they canvass you for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

32,284. And did you promise to vote for him?—No.

32,285. Did you refuse to promise your vote because you were waiting to see whether there was anything coming on the day of the election?—No.

32,286. Then why did you not promise?—I had no motive for not doing so.

32,287. What made you change your opinion?—I had no opinion.

32,288. What made you vote at all if you had no opinion ?—That was my principle.

32,289. Then it was your principle when you were canvassed ?—Yes.

32,290. Then if it was your principle why did you not promise when you were canvassed ; were you not waiting to see what you could get ?—No.

32,291. Then why should you hesitate about promising ?—I was not at home when they came round.

32,292. You say you did not promise ?—I did not promise either way myself. I was not present when they came round.

32,293. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

32,294. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

32,295. Did anybody come and fetch you up to the poll ?—No.

32,296. Nobody came to your house for the purpose of taking you up to the poll ?—No.

JOSEPH ALLEN recalled and further examined.

J. Allen.

(*The witness.*) Here is Mr. Waters' letter (*handing it to the Commissioners*). You will see he says that he is a cripple, and has been completely confined to his chair for the last two years.

32,297. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I suppose you raised 1,000*l.* from Harvey's bank in order that 500*l.* might be handed over at once to Mr. Kitton for the purposes of the election ?—I was asked to raise the money, but no reason was assigned.

32,298-9. Who asked you to raise the money ?—Mr. Waters.

32,300. Was it not Mr. Bignold ?—No ; Mr. Waters himself. My impression is that Mr. Waters gave them (the securities) to me, that Mr. Kitton was there, and that Mr. Arthur Bignold happened to be in the room. They had just come into my house from a drive, and they asked me if I could cash them, and I said I would. Mr. Kitton himself said, "I will be security, I will be guarantee that these are right." I said, "It is a large sum to raise." I did not know whether they were worth a farthing or anything, but Mr. Kitton guaranteed that they were all right.

32,301. Was Mr. Kitton present at the time they were handed over to you ?—Yes, it was in my drawing room.

32,302. There were Mr. Waters, Mr. Arthur Bignold, Mr. Kitton, and yourself, was there anybody else present ?—That is all. I do not think they were there when I brought the money, but I am not certain about that.

32,303. Did you go at once and get the money ?—I went at once and saw Mr. Hill.

32,304. Is he the cashier at the bank ?—He is the manager at Harvey's bank, and he said he would advance the money if I would be guarantee. I did not like to take upon myself the responsibility of guaranteeing it, and so I went back, and Mr. Kitton said to me, "I will be guarantee ;" and he wrote out a guarantee on a slip of paper and handed it over to me, and when the money was paid I handed it over to him again, and he tore it up. I am almost certain that this was the day before the election. At any rate Mr. Hill said that he would advance 500*l.* on them.

32,305. Was only 500*l.* advanced at that time ?—Only 500*l.*, and then they were sold.

32,306. Five hundred pounds was advanced that day ?—Yes.

32,307. And was that 500*l.* handed to Mr. Kitton ?—Yes.

32,308. For the purposes of the election ?—Yes.

32,309. As secret service money ?—Nothing was said about that, but I understood so.

32,310. Mr. Kitton was the secret service agent ?—Yes.

32,311. Mr. Waters was represented by another gentleman, Mr. Atkinson, was he not, who acted, if I may so term it, as the legal agent ?—Yes.

32,312. The 500*l.* was handed over on the day before the election ?—Yes.

32,313. This letter which you have produced speaks of the sale of the securities, when were they sold ?—Either on that day or the next. Messrs. Harvey and Hudson had them for the purpose of realising.

32,314. Then the money was only advanced upon the emergency, and the securities were handed over not so much by way of security as for the purpose of sale ?—Certainly.

32,315. And were they immediately sold by Messrs. Harvey ?—Yes, and the amount credited to me.

32,316. What did they realize ?—I think it was over 900*l.* ; I forget, but the bank book of Messrs. Harvey can tell you, because the amount was credited to me, and both transactions stand in my pass book.

32,317. Afterwards you drew a cheque for the balance ?—Yes.

32,318. And handed it over to Mr. Arthur Bignold ?—Yes, for the purpose of paying what was legal.

32,319. Do you know that he received other monies from Mr. Waters besides the money you have mentioned ?—No, I do not ; but I suppose he did, because otherwise there would not be enough to pay the legal expenses.

32,320. But how much more you do not know ?—No. (*The letter above referred to is put in, and is as follows :*)

"Private and confidential.

"Upton Park, Poole,

"My dear Sir, 4th October.

"I am unhappily too ill to follow the proceedings of the Norwich Commission, but I have read in the 'Times' your evidence and Mr. Skipper's. There seems to be some great mistake in the report, for you are made to say that in 1865 you received from me some securities. The only securities that I can think of are some 1,400*l.* colonial bonds payable to bearer, which I gave to Mr. A. Bignold with other money to pay my election bills with ; but I never had the slightest communication with you about them, and I had not the least idea that you had ever even heard of them before I read it in the 'Times.' I do not understand now why they were not sold in the usual course of business, because the bills were not paid for many days after the election, and there were plenty of bank notes for those which required immediate payment. I leave it to you to set this matter right in your evidence, which can easily be done without compromising anyone, since Mr. Skipper has proved that my bills were paid by Mr. Bignold : Kitton is dead. You will be sorry to hear that I have long been a helpless invalid without hope of recovery. My health gradually declined from nervous prostration, until by degrees I lost the use of all my limbs, and for nearly two years I have been a prisoner to my chair. Please to give my kindest regards to Mrs. Allen, and tell her that if all the ladies were as staunch and as brave as she is, the Tories would certainly vote for the franchise being extended to women.

"Always, my dear Sir,

"Most faithfully yours,

"J. Allen, Esq., EDMOND CHESTER WATERS.

"Surgeon, Tombland, Norwich."

DUDLEY STRACEY sworn and examined.

D. Stracey.

32,321. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are a son of Sir Henry Stracey, who was a candidate at the last election for this city?—I am.

32,322. Were you in the city before and during the election ?—Both before and during the election.

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32,323. Did you take an active part in promoting your father's return?—Yes, I did.

32,324. Did you canvass?—Yes.

32,325. Who accompanied you in your canvass?—Mr. Cooke, who was living at Thorpe. He went with me two or three days, and several gentlemen; I do not know the names of half of those who did go with me.

32,326. Did your brother Edward go with you?—No.

32,327. Or did he go independently of you?—I did not go with him, and I do not know who did go with him.

32,328. You did not accompany him in any canvass?—No, not at all.

32,329. How many days did you canvass?—I do not know. I should think four or five days.

32,330. During your canvass did you find that there were a very considerable number of persons who would give you no answer at all?—No, I did not find that; there were centainly some who did not give an answer, but not many.

32,331. Did you not find that there were a considerable number?—No, I do not think there were a great number, because I saw so many people.

32,332. What part did you take?—I canvassed Thorpe hamlet.

32,333. That is a more respectable part of Norwich?—Yes, it is a very respectable place.

32,334. And what did you canvass besides Thorpe hamlet?—I canvassed in different parts of Norwich. I believe I canvassed in Ber Street and Magdalen Street, but I do not know the different wards.

32,335. Did you at all canvass the lower part of Norwich, Pockthorpe and North Heigham?—Yes, Heigham I went into, but I do not think I went to Pockthorpe.

32,336. Was that South or North Heigham?—I do not know.

32,337. The more respectable part of Heigham is it, where the new houses are?—Yes, where the new houses are.

32,338. Did you continue your canvass down to the day of the election?—Yes.

32,339. During that time did you find that there were persons who suggested being paid for their votes?—No, I was not asked once.

32,340. But did some persons suggest without asking for it that there had been payments made before, and that they would be expected upon the present occasion?—They might have said so, but if they did I paid very little attention to them. I left them instantly.

32,341. But that did occur?—I think it occurred in one instance.

32,342. Was anything said about rates?—No, nothing at all.

32,343. Did you note down the result of your canvass in any book?—I did not, but one of the gentlemen who was with me did.

32,344. Do you know who that was?—No, I do not, unless it was Mr. Cooke; one day I think he did, and Mr. Jarvis; he was with me the same day, I think he had a book.

32,345. On the day of the nomination were you in Norwich?—Yes.

32,346. Do you recollect a large body of men being collected on one side who held up their hands in your father's favour?—In the Shire Hall do you mean?

32,347. Yes?—Yes, there were some.

32,348. Had you anything to do with arranging for their attendance at the nomination?—Not at all.

32,349. Do you know at all how they were provided?—No, not at all.

32,350. Or who provided them?—No.

32,351. Do you know Mr. Stanley the solicitor?—Yes.

32,352. Did you see him down among the men on the floor of the hall?—I do not remember that I did.

32,353. On the day of the election were you active in getting up voters?—Yes.

32,354. At what time did you begin in the morning?—I began about 9 o'clock I think.

32,355. Did anybody accompany you in getting up voters that day?—I think there were two or three who went occasionally with me, different gentlemen that I met.

32,356. Can you give me their names?—I really do not know, I fancy Mr. Cooke was one. I met him in Magdalen Street that day.

32,357. Did you drive, or were you in any conveyance taking up voters?—Yes, I drove my dogcart.

32,358. Had you a servant with you, or anybody in attendance upon you?—No one.

32,359. Then how did you get the voters from their houses if you did not take a servant or some person with you?—I spoke to them in the street and asked them if they had voted, and if they had not I told them I would drive them to the poll.

32,360. Did you not go to those parts you had canvassed in order to get up to the poll those voters who had promised their votes?—I do not think I did.

32,361. Did you confine yourself to driving about the streets and asking people in the streets whether they had voted or not?—Yes.

32,362. Had you become pretty familiar with the faces of the voters?—No, not at all.

32,363. Did you confine yourself entirely to persons in the streets, and did you not go into any houses?—I do not think I went into any houses, if I did I do not remember it. I drove down to Heigham that day, where I saw some men standing at a corner of a street, and I asked them if they had voted; they said no, and I think I drove two of them up.

32,364. Did you not go into any house at all for the purpose of getting up a voter?—I think very likely I went into a house before I drove about. I think I did.

32,365. What house was that?—I think that was in Magdalen Street.

32,366. What house was it?—I do not know; it was a house Mr. Cooke showed me.

32,367. Was it at his suggestion that you went into the house?—Yes, I think it was.

32,368. Did you take up a voter from there?—No, I do not think the man voted.

32,369. You went in with a view to persuade him to vote?—Yes, I did.

32,370. When you were driving about and seeing these people did you not find that they wanted something for their day's wages, or something of that kind?—No, I never was asked once.

32,371. Was nothing of the kind ever mentioned to you?—No, nothing at all.

32,372. You did see, I suppose, a considerable number of persons who were hanging about, and who declined your invitation to go up and vote?—Yes, several.

32,373. A considerable number?—I had not much chance of taking many in a dogcart.

32,374. But there were a great many to whom you applied?—I asked several, and some came with me and some did not.

32,375. Do you know the "Horse Shoes"?—Yes.

32,376. Did you go there that day at all?—Yes, I went there.

32,377. Did you get up any voters from there?—Yes.

32,378. Did you drive them up to the poll yourself?—Yes, I did.

32,379. The landlord of the "Horse Shoes" had been an old servant of your father's?—Yes.

32,380. Did you hear from any of the men that they had been treated in the "Horse Shoes"?—No.

32,381. Had you any knowledge yourself of any treating going forward at the "Horse Shoes"?—No, not a bit.

32,382. Were you in the "Horse Shoes" yourself at all?—No, I was not.

32,383. You merely called there for the purpose of

taking up any voters who might be willing to go?—Yes.

32,384. Did you walk about at all with your brother that day?—I should think I did.

32,385. Edward?—Yes, certainly. I met him several times.

32,386. Did you talk with him upon the subject of the election?—Yes.

32,387. Upon the subject of getting up voters?—Yes.

32,388. Had you any other brother in Norwich that day?—Yes.

32,389. Who was that?—My brother Henry, Captain Stracey.

32,390. Was your brother Gilbert here?—No, he was ill; he had not been in Norwich for two days previous to the election.

32,391. You can tell us that he was not here at all on the election day?—I know he was not here on the election day.

32,392. Did you yourself before or on the election day give any beer to any men, or any refreshment?—No, not a single drop.

32,393. Did you pay for anything of that kind?—No.

32,394. Not on the day nor before the day of the election?—No.

32,395. Have you paid anything since?—No, not a farthing.

32,396. Has any claim been made on you for anything of the kind?—No, not any.

32,397. Were you aware at all of any money being paid to any men that day?—No, I never heard of it.

32,398. Or of beer being given them?—No, I did not know a bit about it.

32,399. Did you yourself pay any men?—No, not one.

32,400. Or promise anybody?—No, not a soul.

32,401. Not during your canvass?—No, not once.

32,402. Were you aware of any money being provided for the purpose of influencing men?—No, I did not know of it.

32,403. Were you entirely ignorant of money being provided which we have heard came from Webster?—I never knew of it till I read it in the paper the other day. That was the first word I had heard of it.

32,404. Has any claim been made upon you for money that any individual has paid for the purpose of influencing voters?—No.

32,405. Have you any knowledge of any money whatever having been provided as a fund for that purpose?—No, I never heard of it.

CHARLES SEAMAN FOLKARD sworn and examined. *C. S. Folkard.*

32,406. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who asked you to vote this time?—No one.

32,407. Did you promise your vote?—No.

32,408. Had you ever voted before?—No, I had not.

32,409. At what time in the day did you vote?—I think between 2 and 3.

32,410. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

32,411. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

32,412. Did you not try to get anything?—No.

32,413. Did you not hear that there was money going?—No.

32,414. What public-house did you go into before you voted?—I did not enter into any public-house.

32,415. What public-house did you go into after you had voted?—Not any.

32,416. Were you not treated to any beer during the whole of that day?—Nothing whatever.

32,417. Has nothing been paid to you since?—No, nothing.

32,418. What are you by trade?—I am clerk to the West Norfolk Militia.

32,419. Did anybody canvass you?—No.

DAVID MINNS sworn and examined. *D. Minns.*

32,420. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

32,421. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

32,422. At what time in the day?—I think between 2 and 3. I cannot tell exactly, but I think so. I have forgotten. I paid no attention to it.

32,423. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

32,424. Or the promise of anything?—No, I never went out of my own house, only across the street to vote.

32,425. Were you not about during the day of the election?—No.

32,426. Do you know Mr. John Bignold?—No, that I do not, though I have lived in the city all my life.

32,427. Were you with him on the election day?—No, nor with nobody.

32,428. What did you do after you had voted?—I went and got a pint of beer and paid for it; there was no company there.

32,429. Nobody else paid for it?—No, only myself.

32,430. Do you live in Ber Street?—Yes; not now I do not.

32,431. But you did at the time of the election?—Yes.

ABRAHAM WITHAM sworn and examined. *A. Witham.*

32,432. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

32,433. Where do you live?—In Mariner's Lane.

32,434. Is that in Pockthorpe?—No, against St. Mary's Church.

32,435. What is your business?—I voted for Mr. Stracey.

32,436. But what is your employment?—A labourer, a scavenger.

32,437. Is Inspector Clarke your master?—I am employed by the board of health.

32,438. Did he get you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

32,439. Did he speak to you about it?—No.

32,440. Not at all?—No.

32,441. Has he told you not to tell us that he spoke to you about it?—No.

32,442. Have you had any talk with him about it?—No.

32,443. Who induced you to go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No one.

32,444. Do you mean that no one spoke to you at all about it?—No.

32,445. Are you sure of that?—There was two men came to the house and asked me who I was going to vote for.

32,446. Who were they?—I do not know.

32,447. When did they come to your house and ask you that?—One night.

32,448. How long before the election?—The next night before.

32,449. Were they perfect strangers to you?—Yes, two of them was.

32,450. Then there were more than two; who was the one that you knew?—Young Tillett was one.

32,451. Did you promise to give them a vote?—No.

32,452. Were you ever asked by the Stracey party for your vote?—No.

32,453. Who induced you to go up and vote for Stracey?—That was my intention.

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A. Witham.

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32,454. Had your foreman spoken to you about voting ?—No.

32,455. Did nobody speak to you about voting except those three men who came to you the night before ?—That is all.

32,456. How many of you are there under Inspector Clarke ?—There are eight of us.

32,457. And they all voted for Stracey, did they not ?—I do not know whether they all voted for Stracey or not. I do not know nothing about that.

32,458. Who went up with you ?—No one.

32,459. You went up by yourself ?—Yes.

32,460. Did you get any beer ?—No.

32,461. Or the promise of any beer ?—No.

32,462. Did you get any beer given to you in the afternoon of that day ?—No, not a drop.

J. Revans.

JOHN REVANS sworn and examined.

32,463. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A wine cooper.

32,464. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

32,465. At what time in the day ?—A little after 3.

32,466. What made you vote so late ?—Because I was after my business, and I could not get home before with the cart.

32,467. Did anybody ask you to vote ?—No.

32,468. Did you ever tell anyone who you were going to vote for ?—No. I had one soliciting card sent me from Sir Henry Stracey, and that is who I voted for.

32,469. Did you have anything for your vote ?—No.

32,470. Were you treated on the day of the poll ?—No.

32,471. Have you had anything since ?—No. I have had nothing since.

32,472. Had you ever voted before ?—No.

W. Fisher.

WILLIAM FISHER sworn and examined.

32,473. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

32,474. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

32,475. At what time in the day ?—About 12, or it might be a little after.

32,476. Who brought you up to the poll ?—I came up along with Mr. Porter, who lives just past my house.

32,477. Had you been canvassed before ?—Yes.

32,478. By whom ?—By Tillett's party twice.

32,479–80. What did you tell them ?—I told them that I should not vote for them.

32,481. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

32,482. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

32,483. Did you see Daniel Soames that afternoon ?—Yes.

32,484. And William Smith ?—No, I do not know such a man.

32,485. Was Soames in Porter's beerhouse ?—Me and Soames came with Mr. Porter.

32,486. Where to ?—To the poll.

32,487. And you all voted together ?—Yes.

32,488. Did not Mr. Porter give you anything ?—No.

32,489. Was a man named Miller with you ?—Yes.

32,490. Edmund Miller ?—Yes.

32,491. A fish hawker ?—Yes.

32,492. Did you see Porter give him anything ?—No, I did not.

32,493. Did not the man say that he could not go to the poll because of his fish ?—No.

32,494. And did not Porter then buy the fish ?—No, I never saw no fish that day.

W. Batley.

WILLIAM BATLEY sworn and examined.

32,495. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Sir Henry Stracey and Sir William Russell.

32,496. At what time in the day ?—About a quarter or half-past 2.

32,497. Where were you in the early part of the day ?—At work.

32,498. What was your work ?—Shoemaking.

32,499. In whose employ are you ?—In Mr. Hotblack's and Mr. Benjamin Martin's.

32,500. Why did you not vote earlier than you did ?—Because I wished to be after my work. I had some work to do that I wanted done.

32,501. But you could have voted before, could you not ?—Sometimes we have particular work to do and we cannot leave it.

32,502. There is the breakfast and the dinner hour, why did you not vote earlier ?—I had no reason why, only I wished to be after my work.

32,503. Did anybody give you anything for voting ?—No, not a farthing's worth of anything, neither did I request any.

32,504. Did anybody promise you anything ?—No, not anyone, nobody never named such a thing.

32,505. How came you to vote for Stracey and Russell ?—It was my ideas ; I thought they were the two fit and proper persons as candidates.

32,506. Are you sure that nobody induced you to vote ?—Not anyone. The candidates when they came and visited me asked me for my vote, and I did not promise anyone. All I promised was that I should not vote for Mr. Tillett.

32,507. That was the only promise you made ?—That was the only promise I made.

32,508. Had you not an idea that you should vote for Stracey and Russell when they canvassed you ?—I had made up my mind to vote for them.

32,509. If you had made up your mind when they canvassed you to vote for them, why did you not tell them so ?—I would not promise my vote. I made up my mind I would not vote at all, but that if I did I should vote for Russell and Stracey.

32,510. Why did you not tell the gentlemen so when they called ; was it because you wanted something ?—No, I never named such a thing, neither did anyone name it to me.

A. D. Davy.

ALFRED DANIEL DAVY sworn and examined.

32,511. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A carpenter.

32,512. Are you a new voter ?—Yes.

32,513. Who asked you to vote this time ?—I voted of my own accord.

32,514. Were you not asked for your vote ?—No.

32,515. Did you tell anybody for whom you were going to vote ?—No.

32,516. None of your friends ?—No.

32,517. What time in the day did you vote ?—About 3 or half-past 3. I daresay it might be 25 minutes to 4 before I voted, because I had a sick house and could not leave before.

32,518. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

32,519. Have you had nothing since ?—No, nothing since.

32,520. Were you treated that day for your vote ?—No, not at all.

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JOHN WILLIAM CALL sworn and examined. *J. W. Call.*

32,521. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An organ builder.

32,522. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

32,523. For whom?—Stracey.

32,524. What time in the day?—Shortly before 3.

32,525. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

32,526. Or the promise of anything?—No.

32,527. Why did you not vote earlier?—I did not intend to vote at all, neither should I had he been in a majority at 2 o'clock.

32,528. What induced you at last to do it?—I thought I had a right to at last.

32,529. But what induced you to exercise that right?—Because he was behind. I also advised a man who was at work with me to vote at the same time.

32,530. If you wanted him to win, why did you not vote for him before?—I worked for both parties, and did not care about voting at all.

32,531. You thought you would sooner keep quiet?—Yes, I did.

JAMES FITT sworn and examined. *J. Fitt.*

32,532. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At what time did you vote?—About a quarter to 9.

32,533. Did you vote more than once?—No.

32,534. Have you heard that anybody has voted in your name after 2 o'clock?—That was the time I voted.

32,535. Are you sure that is the time?—Yes, quite certain.

32,536. Somebody has voted in your name in the afternoon if you voted in the morning.—That was the time I voted.

32,537. Are you quite sure you did not go up to vote again?—I am certain of that.

32,538. Is there anybody of the same name as yours in the city?—In the same parish, I think; two or three, I think.

32,539. You are the only James Fitt of William Street, Heigham?—I think so.

32,540. If you voted in the morning, somebody has voted in your name in the afternoon.—That was the time I voted.

32,541. I need hardly ask a man in your position, did you receive anything for voting?—Not anything.

32,542. Or the promise of anything?—No.

SOLOMON RICHARDS sworn and examined. *S. Richards.*

32,543. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A cabinet maker and carpenter.

32,544. Are you a new voter?—No, I voted before.

32,545. Which side have you voted?—Conservative.

32,546. Always?—Yes.

32,547. You keep a public-house, do you not?—Yes.

32,548. On St. Catherine's Plain?—Yes.

32,549. There were a good number of people there that day, were there not?—I had a good number in and out during the day.

32,550. Were you paid anything for giving them beer?—No.

32,551. Not on that day?—No.

32,552. Nor the day after?—Not at my house.

32,553. Were other people treating them there?—No.

32,554. Do you not know there were a great number of voters waiting there the greater part of the day?—They were in and out of the house during the day.

32,555. They were drinking a great deal of beer?—They were drinking beer during the day.

32,556. A considerable quantity?—No.

32,557. Do you mean to say that everybody paid for the beer as he ordered it?—Yes.

32,558. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Or someone for them, I suppose?—No, no one for them.

32,559. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did anybody come to your house to fetch up voters?—Not that I am aware of.

32,560. Are you certain there was not anybody?—I cannot say there was. I never saw anyone.

32,561. You were there the whole day, I suppose?—I was there all the day up to 2 o'clock, except the time I went to vote.

32,562. Did you take anyone up to vote yourself?—I persuaded two or three to go and vote.

32,563. What were their names?—I am sure I can hardly mention their names now.

32,564. Were they your regular customers?—They were not from my house.

32,565. I suppose you gave them a glass of beer?—Yes.

32,566. How many of them were there?—I cannot say. There might be half a dozen.

32,567. You just gave them a glass of beer and persuaded them to go to the poll?—I gave them several glasses of beer.

32,568. How much did it cost you altogether?—I should think about 12 or 14 shillings.

32,569. And you only got up six for that?—I do not think I got more than that.

32,570. Other publicans do it at a cheaper rate.—I can only tell by the bill that was brought to me. I had to pay 9 or 10 shillings afterwards for the beer I stood.

32,571. Where did you spend that money?—At the house of a man by the name of Cranshaw.

32,572. What is the sign of the house?—The "Recruiting Serjeant."

32,573. Those were persons that you took to the house to get beer?—Yes.

32,574. And you saw them vote?—No, I did not go to see them vote.

32,575. You supplied some men in your own house?—No, not with beer, only what they pai l for.

32,576. Nor spirits?—No.

32,577. The people you took up were not from your own house but another house?—Out of the street. I told them if they would go and vote I would stand some beer.

32,578. You say that came to about 9*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes, 9*s.* 6*d.*, besides the loose cash I had in my pocket at the time, which I think was about three or four shillings.

32,579. For that you got six votes?—Yes, five or six.

32,580. Is that all you have been out of pocket?—Yes, every farthing.

32,581. Has anybody repaid you that?—Ten shillings of it.

32,582. By whom was that?—By Mr. Blyth.

32,583. How soon did he do it?—I do not know whether it was the next day or not; within a day or two he came and left it at my house.

32,584. He was the man who told you to spend the money, I suppose?—Yes.

32,585. Is that all you know?—I do not know o anything more.

JAMES WAITES sworn and examined. *J. Waites.*

32,586. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

32,587. What time in the day?—I should think about half-past 10.

32,588. Did you take any active part in getting up voters?—I did a little in the morning.

32,589. How many did you get up?—I might say perhaps seven or eight.

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J. Waites.

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32,590. What did you give them to induce them to go ?—Nothing at all.

32,591. Are you sure you gave them nothing at all ?—Yes.

32,592. No beer ?—No.

32,593. Did you not stand drink before you took them up ?—No.

32,594. After they voted ?—No.

32,595. You did not give them anything at all ?—No.

32,596. Do you know Mr. John Bignold ?—Yes.

32,597. Were you about with him that day ?—No.

32,598. Did you see him that day ?—No.

32,599. Are you sure of that ?—Yes.

32,600. You did not see him the whole of the day ?—To the best of my recollection I never saw Mr. John Bignold during the whole of the election day.

32,601. Were you about with either of the Mr. Bignolds ?—No.

32,602. After you had taken up these voters what did you do ?—I went and sat down and got a pint of ale, and smoked my pipe for two or three hours.

32,603. Where did you do that ?—At the "Richmond Hill."

32,604. That is Young's place, is it not ?—Yes.

32,605. There were a lot of men there waiting ?—There were a lot of people stood outside.

32,606. Waiting for what they could get ?—I did not go out after them.

32,607. Were you not tempted ?—No.

32,608. Did you stand beer there ?—No.

32,609. Not a drop ?—No.

32,610. Nothing but your own pint ?—I had what I paid for myself.

32,611. And did not give anything to anybody else ?—No, nor yet did I get treated with anything.

32,612. You did not give anybody anything that afternoon ?—No.

32,613. Did you see any of these men who were hanging about go and vote in the afteenoon ?—I saw a lot of persons standing about in the afternoon.

32,614. Did they not ask you what you were going to stand ?—One or two asked me whether I was going to stand treat, and I told them no.

32,615. They told you they would go and vote how you liked if you would do it ?—I did not hear them say that.

32,616. You knew that was what they meant ?—I judged that was what they wanted.

32,617. Were you not tempted to get hold of any of them ?—No; I did not take but very little interest in the election after the morning.

32,618. Had you canvassed before the day of the election ?—Yes.

32,619. Often ?—Only one day.

32,620. How was it you resisted this temptation ? Here were a lot of men all ready to go and vote for a pint of beer ?—I had no means to treat the men with. I was furnished with no funds. I had only my own money, and did not think proper to give that away.

32,621. You were not going to stand anything out of your own pocket ?—No.

M. Norton.

MICHAEL NORTON sworn and examined.

32,622. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election ?—Yes.

32,623. Had you promised your vote before the election ?—No.

32,624. They had canvassed you, had they not ?—Young Mr. Stracey had beforehand, but I said I would promise no one.

32,625. You were on the look out for what you could get ?—Oh no, that is not my principle.

32,626. Why did you not promise then ?—That was my principle.

32,627. But Mr. Stracey canvassed you, is that your principle ?—Yes ; Mr. Dudley Stracey canvassed me, not Sir Henry Stracey.

32,628. Why did you not say, "I will vote for you" ?—I did not promise anyone.

32,629. Why would you not promise ?—Because I said I might be dead before that.

32,630. (*Mr. Biron.*) You are a scrupulous man ?—That is what I said.

32,631. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is that the reason why you did not promise, for fear you should die ?—That is what I said.

32,632. Do you really mean to stand there and tell me that ?—Yes, that is the truth.

32,633. It is the strangest truth I have heard, even in Norwich. Your sole motive for not promising your vote was lest you should die before the day ?—I never promised to no one.

32,634. Your sole reason for not promising was for fear you should die ?—Yes.

32,635. Was your health very bad then ?—Yes, it was, and had been beforehand very bad.

32,636. What was the matter with a good hearty robust man like yourself ?—Very nervous.

32,637. Nervous about what ?—Different things.

32,638. What were the different things ?—A large family, and bad off for work.

32,639. You were afraid that might kill you ?—No, I was not afraid that that might kill me ; that is what I told Mr. Dudley Stracey when he came.

32,640. You told him you had a large family, were badly off for work, and were afraid you might die before the election day ; really is that what you told him ?—No, I did not say that.

32,641. Did you tell him you had a large family ?—I told him that I promised no one.

32,642. You left him to infer the rest ?—I said that we would wait till the day of the election came.

32,643. You did wait till the day of the election came ?—Yes.

32,644. What became of you on the day of election ?—I was at work in the shop.

32,645. You had not died in the interval ?—No.

32,646. You had been at work all the time between, had you not ?—Yes.

32,647. What day before the election was it that you refused to promise Mr. Stracey your vote ? Was it the day but one before the election ?—No.

32,648. Which day was it ?—I think it was on the Thursday before the election that Mr. Stracey came.

32,649. And the election took place on the Tuesday ?—Yes.

32,650. When the day of the election came, what made you make up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Nothing at all.

32,651. Did anybody come ?—No.

32,652. Did anybody give you anything that day ?—No.

32,653. Did not anybody offer you a little sum of money ?—No, I will swear to that, not one farthing.

32,654. You looked out for it ?—No.

32,655. You had a large family, you were exceedingly nervous about them ; do you mean to say you did not look out for some money ?—Not one halfpenny did I receive ; here I stand as a witness before God.

32,656. You did not receive it, but were you not looking out for some money ?—I might be looking out for my day's pay.

32,657. You were looking out for your day's pay ?—Yes.

32,658. What was your day's pay ?—*4s.*

32,659. Did you get your day's pay ?—No, I never received one halfpenny, nor yet did I see one halfpenny.

32,660. Did you not find out anywhere where it could be got ?—No, because I never went after it.

32,661. Did anybody tell you where you could get it ?—No.

32,662. Did anyone come and promise it to you ?—No.

32,663. Did you get anything ?—No.

32,644. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

32,665. Were you at any public-house that day?—Yes; I went into Mr. Creek's, at the "George the Fourth," that was the only house I used during the day.

32,666. How many times did you go in there?—That I cannot say, five or six.

32,666–7. What time did you begin going there in the morning?—I went in about 12.

32,668. And how many times after that did you go in?—Not many times.

32,669. How many times?—Four or five times.

32,670. For what did you go in there four or five times?—I went in to get a glass of ale.

32,671. Each time?—I might.

32,672. Did you?—I might have a glass of ale.

32,673. You had a large family, and were afraid of dying, who gave you the money to pay for the ale?—It was what I earned, took at the shop.

32,674. Did the landlord or anybody there give you any ale?—No.

32,675. Did anybody give you any ale at all?—No.

32,676. Or the promise of any ale?—No.

32,677. Did you get a card with anything on it?—No.

32,678. A card for ale?—No.

32,679. You were virtuous against your will, and did not get paid?—I will swear that I never received a farthing.

THOMAS FOX sworn and examined. *T. Fox.*

32,680–1. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A cab driver.

32,682. Are you a new voter?—Yes.

32,683. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

32,684. Had you been asked for your vote?—Yes.

32,685. By whom?—Mr. Buttifant.

32,686. Did you promise to vote for Stracey?—Yes.

32,687. Did he offer you anything for it?—No.

32,688. Have you had anything since?—No.

32,689. At what time did you vote in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

32,690. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because I was on business all day up to that time.

32,691. Do you mean to say you did not get anything for voting from Mr. Buttifant?—No.

32,692. At what public-houses were you that day?—I was at the "Tuns" and the "Grapes."

32,693. You were at both?—I was about there, that is against my stand.

32,694. Did you go inside either of them?—No.

32,695. Not one?—Not with Mr. Buttifant.

32,696. Did you go in with anybody?—No.

32,697. Did you go in by yourself?—Yes.

32,698. I suppose you got some ale there?—Yes.

32,699. Who paid for it?—I did.

32,700. All the ale you had?—Yes.

32,701. The whole day?—Yes.

32,702. You knew there was a good deal of beer to be had at the "Tuns" without paying for it?—I did not see any.

32,703. Did you not find that out?—No.

32,704. Were you not looking about to get some?—No.

32,705. Did anybody offer you anything?—No.

32,706. Not all day?—No.

JOHN GOODWIN COOKE sworn and examined. *J. G. Cooke.*

32,707. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am an insurance agent.

32,708. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

32,709. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

32,710. Did you get anything for voting?—No, and never expected anything.

32,711. Nor the promise of anything?—No, nor the promise of anything.

32,712. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—I had been canvassed by the Liberal party at 10 o'clock.

32,713. What did you tell them?—I told them that I should not vote for them, I should go the other side.

HENRY NEWMAN sworn and examined. *H. Newman.*

32,714. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A contractor.

32,715. Did you take a busy part in this election?—Not any at all.

32,714. For whom did you vote?—Neither for Sir Henry Stracey nor yet any of the parties; I did not vote at all.

32,715. You kept out of it altogether?—Yes.

32,716. Is not Leander Brown a connexion of yours?—He is a son-in-law.

32,717. Do you not know that he was pretty active at this election?—I believe he was.

32,718. Do you not know he was putting a little money about?—I never heard of his putting a farthing about.

32,719. Did you ever lend him any money for that purpose?—No, not a penny; he never asked me.

32,720. Did you during any time of the election lend or advance Leander Brown any money whatever?—Not a halfpenny, not a shilling, nor yet a pound.

32,721. Do you know where he did get the money?—I never heard that he did get any at all, and if I were to speak what I think, I do not think he did, or else I think I should have heard of it.

32,724. Are you not aware, of your own knowledge, that he did get some money from some quarter, for the purposes of this election?—I think he did not.

32,725. You are certain you did not advance him any?—I am quite confident of that.

32,726. Were you in Norwich during the time of the election itself?—Yes.

32,727. Did you make any promises to anybody?—Not any.

32,728. Did any money go through your hands for other people?—Not anything at all. I never took any active part at all, because I am not at all a party man to either side; it is very seldom I trouble myself to vote at all.

32,729. Have you voted at former elections?—Yes.

32,730. On which side, Whig or Tory?—I have voted on both sides in my time.

32,731. You mean splitting your vote?—No; I have voted sometimes one way and sometimes another.

32,732. Did you ever get anything for voting?—Not a penny in my life.

32,733. Have you ever been employed in canvassing?—No, never.

32,734. You do not care very much about such matters?—That I do not.

CHARLES CUNNINGTON sworn and examined. *C. Cunnington.*

32,735. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A timber merchant.

32,736. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I did.

32,737. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

32,738. I believe you were one of his committee?—I was.

32,739. Were you active in the third ward?—I

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was, on the election day, and two or three days previously.

32,740. You canvassed, and did what you could on that day to get up the voters?—Yes, I did.

32,741. At what time did you vote?—About half-past 8.

32,742. Did you get anything for voting?—No, certainly not.

32,743. Or the promise of anything?—Certainly not.

32,744. You have told me already you went about trying to get up voters?—Yes.

32,745. Did you not find, in the course of the day, that men were reluctant to vote?—Certainly not. I never found a class of men more ready to vote for Sir Henry Stracey; they were all, or nearly all of them, perfectly willing to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

32,746. Do you remember meeting or seeing a man of the name of John Brown; I mean John Brown of Heigham?—Yes.

32,747. Did you ask him to vote?—Yes, I did, the night previous to the election.

32,748. And the day of the election?—No, certainly not.

32,749. Had you got a cab?—Yes, I had.

32,750. Riding about for the purpose of picking up the men?—Yes.

32,751. Did you not ask John Brown to come and vote?—On the election day?

32,752. Yes.—I asked him about 12 o'clock to vote, and he told me he had been and voted for Russell and Tillett. I asked him in my house about 12 o'clock, and he said it was of no use, he had voted for Russell and Tillett.

32,753. Did you not offer him before that time a dollar to go and vote?—No, certainly not.

32,754. Was this at the "Orchard" door?—Yes; I keep the "Orchard" gardens as well.

32,755. Were you at the "Bull and Butcher" that day?—I went in once or twice during the day.

32,756. Did you go in there about 3 o'clock?—I might go in in the afternoon, but I cannot say at what time.

32,757. Did you find some voters there?—No.

32,758. Did you say, "We do not mind laying out "some of our own money if we are safe"?—I never said such a word.

32,759. Did you lay out any of your own money?—No, not a farthing in bribery.

32,760. In treating?—I am a business man, and am in the habit of giving two and three shillings a day in beer. I might spend that.

32,761. You spent, I suppose, more than usual?—I do not know that I did much more than usual. I might spend two or three shillings more.

32,762. Did you not give money for beer to these men that you took up to the poll?—I might spend I should think during the whole day about five or six shillings, but that I should think is the utmost.

32,763. You got a fly to bring up the men?—Yes.

32,764. Either before or after you brought them up it is natural that you should give the men some beer?—I might stand one glass.

32,765. You mean a glass to a voter?—No. I was very particular about that; I went into one house, where they asked me to stand some, and I said no, I would not stand a farthing to a gentleman who was going, but if there were any gentlemen in the house who were not voters I would not mind standing something, but I would not spend anything for the voters.

32,766. You did not do it till after they had voted?—I did not treat the voters at all.

32,767. You treated other voters elsewhere?—No, or other voters elsewhere.

32,768. Did you not treat anybody who was a voter that day?—No.

32,769. Not after they voted?—I would not swear that.

32,770. I thought not. You took care, as I understand, that you would give them nothing before they voted?—I never promised them anything before, I assure you on my oath.

32,771. You persuaded them the best you could to go and vote, and after they voted you stood something more than once?—No, not more than once, I do not think I did.

32,772. Did you at all?—I would not swear I did not. I went to several public-houses during the day, and I might call for half a gallon or a quart of beer.

32,773. And of course the men who happened to be in the place would drink it?—Of course if I ordered it anybody would drink; I am a publican myself and used to ordering a quart or two of beer, and of course anybody would drink it.

32,774. Did you take up amongst the rest of the men a man of the name of Thaxter?—Yes.

32,775. He is a blacksmith at Heigham?—Yes.

32,776. At what time of the day did you get hold of him?—Some time after dinner; he promised me the night before that he would vote for Stracey, but he was very unwell and suffering from rheumatics, and I promised there and then if he would vote for Stracey I would take him up, that I would find a conveyance for him.

32,777. You had arranged that the night before?—Yes, I told him I would do so.

32,778. You went for him in the afternoon?—Yes.

32,779. Did you give him anything for voting?—No, not a farthing.

32,780. Did you give his wife anything?—Not anything, I can assure you.

32,781. Did you not give her some money just before you started?—Certainly not a fraction.

32,782. While you were at Thaxter's when you went up to get him was Mr. Sly there?—I believe he lived the next door, but he was not in the yard.

32,783. You did not see him?—No.

32,784. This is Beech's yard?—Yes, where he used to work.

32,785. And Sly was the foreman?—Yes.

W. Basham.

WILLIAM BASHAM sworn and examined.

32,786. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A fishmonger.

32,787. For whom did you vote?—For Stracey.

32,788. What did you get for it?—Nothing at all.

32,789. What did you try to get?—Nothing at all.

32,790. Have you had anything since?—No, not a fraction from no man.

32,791. Did you ever promise your vote?—No.

32,792. Were you ever asked for it?—No.

32,793. Are you a new voter?—I am.

32,794. Did you not hear there was some money going?—No.

32,795. Were you about during the whole day?—No, I was not. I was about my occupation, selling, my fish about the street; I am a fishmonger by trade, and never got a fraction from no man.

32,796. You being about the town knew what was going on that day?—No, I do not.

32,797. What time in the day did you vote?—11 o'clock, as nigh as I can guess. I was about with my fish, and came past the polling place, and voted for Mr. Stracey, and no one gave me a halfpenny, or yet half a pint of beer.

32,798. Do you know a man of the name of Jonathan Hayes?—He is a neighbour of mine.

32,799. I think he came to you about your vote?—No, he did not; he axed me whether I was going to vote, and I said I should vote for Stracey, and I voted for him. We have always been Tories, my father and all of us, and so I should vote again, if it was for Stracey.

32,800. You told me just now that no person spoke to you about your vote?—I have told you the truth.

JAMES BRICKHAM sworn and examined. *J. Brickham.*

32,801. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carter.

32,802. Did you vote for Stracey?—Yes.

32,803. It was pretty nearly 4 o'clock before you voted, was it not?—About half-past 3, I think; I think it was about that time.

32,804. You do not vote without getting something for it, do you?—Yes, I do vote without getting anything.

32,805. You said you did not before the election?—I said I never received a farthing.

32,806. Before the election you told ever so many people that you would not vote without money?—Not that I am aware of.

32,807. Did you not say so to anybody?—No.

32,808. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were determined in your own mind that you would not vote without money?—No.

32,809. How was it you did not vote sooner?—I was out with my horse and cart at work.

32,810. At work where?—Carting in the city, coal carting.

32,811. You could have gone to vote before half-past 3?—I was not home till late, and waited to get my dinner before going to vote.

32,812. Had anybody asked you fo your vote?—No.

32,813. Did anybody canvass you?—No .no one solicited me.

32,814. Not on either side?—Not on either side; I only had a circular sent me.

32,815. Did anybody bring you up to the poll?—No, I walked up alone.

32,816. Were you in any public-houses that day?—No.

32,817. You got nothing for your vote?—No, I never received a farthing's worth of anything.

32,818. Nor had the promise of anything?—No.

32,819. After you voted did you get anything?—Neither after nor before.

OSBORN BETTS sworn and examined. *O. Betts.*

32,820. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A butcher.

32,821. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

32,822. Who asked you to vote?—Nobody.

32,823. Did you promise your vote?—No.

32,824. Did you tell anybody you were going to vote?—No.

32,825. What time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4.

32,826. How came you not to vote earlier?—Because my business will not submit to it.

32,827. Did you vote for Stracey without being asked?—I never was asked for a vote.

32,828. What induced you to support Sir Henry Stracey this time?—Because I liked his speeches at the meetings.

32,829. Did you go to the meetings?—Yes.

32,830. Has anything been offered to you for your vote?—No.

32,831. To how many meetings did you go?—Several, both Mr. Tillett's and Mr. Stracey's too.

32,832. You never hinted to anybody which way you were going to vote?—No, I never was canvassed.

32,833. Were you at any public-houses on the day of the poll?—I never went to a public-house.

32,834. You did not even get a glass of beer for voting on that side?—No.

32,835. Did you treat anybody else?—No.

32,836. Did anybody pass any money through your hands for voters?—No.

32,837. You are quite certain of that?—Yes.

32,838. You had nothing to do with this election except voting yourself, and voting independently without getting anything for it at all?—Yes, without getting any sum of money at all.

HENRY BOWLES sworn and examined. *H. Bowles.*

32,839. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

32,840. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

32,841. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

32,842. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

32,843. You were asked for your vote earlier in the day, were you not?—I was axed for it the day before, but I could not leave my work to come after it. I was carting in the country.

32,844. You said you could not leave your work, and could not do without your day's pay?—I never axed for my day's work; I did not think about voting at all.

32,845. Unless you got your day's work?—I never axed for my day's work.

32,846. You asked a man 5*s.* first?—You cannot bring a man forward to say so.

32,847. He offered you 3*s.*?—He never offered me anything, and you cannot bring forward anyone to say so.

32,848. Did anybody offer you anything?—No, not a farthing.

32,849. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—Not the day I voted.

32,850. The day before?—Mr. Stracey did when he came round, the same as he did to other people.

32,851. Nobody but Mr. Stracey?—The gentleman who came with him; I do not know who he was; I see them when I came home at night from my work.

32,852. Why did you not vote before?—I could not come home before, I had to go twice to Drayton with my two horses.

32,853. What time did you get back?—About half-past 2, and I had my horses to take out, and gave them water and victuals, and then I went down to vote about half-past 3.

32,854. Did you not see anyone on the way to the poll?—No.

32,855. Not a soul?—No; I did not speak to a soul. I lost my card, and went to the "Bull and Butcher" and got one.

32,856. You did not ask for 5*s.* for your day's work?—No, not a farthing.

32,857. You did not get it?—No, because I did not ax for it.

32,858. You wanted it?—What did I want it for? I should have axed for it if I had wanted it.

32,859. You got no promise?—No, I did not ax.

32,860. Were you at any public-houses?—No, I had no chance of going to any public-houses, I had to go back to see after my work.

JOHN BROOKS sworn and examined. *J. Brooks.*

32,861. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A waterman.

32,862. Are you a new voter?—Yes.

32,863. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

32,864. Who asked you for your vote?—No one.

32,865. Had you not promised your vote?—No.

32,866. Had you told anybody how you were going to vote?—No.

32,867. When did you make up your mind to vote for Stracey?—The last day.

32,868. What hour of the last day?—Between 1 and 2.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

J. Brooks.

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32,869. What made you make up your mind then ?—Because I had been at work all day.

32,870. I suppose you got some beer at Hobrough's public-house ?—No.

32,871. You were there ?—I did just go in, but I had no beer.

32,872. Who took you up to the poll ?—I walked up myself.

32,873. Who asked you to go ?—No one ; I went of my own accord.

32,874. Did no one at all ask you to go up ?—No.

32,875. Do you mean to tell me you went up quite alone ?—Yes.

32,876. And got nothing for going ?—Nothing at all.

32,877. Was nothing offered you ?—No.

32,878. How long were you at Hobrough's public-house ?—Not above five minutes.

32,879. There was a good deal of drinking going on there ?—I never see none.

32,880. You know you got some of it ?—Oh no, that I did not.

32,881. Now what was it ?—Not a drop, only what I paid for.

32,882. There were a great number of you there, and you got beer, and most of you were carried up to the poll ?—I know I walked up.

32,883. Who walked up with you ?—I walked up alone.

32,884. Do you mean to tell me that you walked up alone to the poll, and you never mentioned to anybody how you were going to vote ?—No, I did not.

32,885. Did you never speak about the election to anybody ?—No.

E. Dunnell.

EDWARD DUNNELL sworn and examined.

32,886. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A milkman.

32,887. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

32,888. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

32,889. At what time in the day ?—Between 2 and 3, as near as I can tell.

32,890. Had you been canvassed before ?—Yes, I saw two or three that came down to mine a day or two before.

32,891. Had you promised ?—Yes, I said I would vote for Stracey if I voted at all. That is my principle ; I always was a Tory.

32,892. Have you voted Tory before ? — Yes, always.

32,893. Did you get anything for voting ?—No, not anything.

32,894. Or the promise of anything ?—Not anything.

32,895. Neither directly nor indirectly ?—Not anything at all.

E. T. Cockaday.

EDWARD THOMAS COCKADAY sworn and examined.

32,896. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A fitter.

32,897. Did you ever vote before ?—No.

32,898. For whom did you vote this time ?—Stracey.

32,899. At what time in the day ?—About half-past 2.

32,900. What made you so late ?—Because I was busy at home.

32,901. Were you at any public-house that day ?—No.

32,902. Had you been asked for your vote ?—No.

32,903. Had you not a card ?—Yes.

32,904. Whose card ?—Mr. Tillett's. Tillett and Russell.

32,905. Did you tell anybody how you were going to vote ?—No.

32,906. Were you not asked ?—No.

32,907. Where were you working during this day ?—At Barnard and Bishop's.

32,908. I suppose you went up with some of your fellow workmen ?—No.

32,909. Were they generally for Stracey ?—That I cannot say.

32,910. You must know something about it ?—No.

32,911. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

32,912. Did you get anything after the election for voting ?—No.

32,913. Did not anybody treat you with a glass of beer ?—No.

32,914. Nothing at all ?—No.

J. Sparrow.

JOHN SPARROW sworn and examined.

32,915. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

32,916. For whom ?—Stracey.

32,917. At what time in the day ?—I do not know; about a quarter or 10 minutes before 4.

32,918. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing.

32,919. Did you not get the promise of anything ?—No.

32,920. Nor anything after you had voted ?—No.

32,921. Did you see Mr. Gowing that day ?—Yes.

32,922. Did you see him just before you voted ?—Yes.

32,923. What did he give you ?—Nothing ; I never spoke to Mr. Gowing.

32,924. How came you to vote at last ?—I do not know ; I made up my mind to vote at the last of it.

32,925. Why did you not vote sooner ?—I do not know that I had any reason.

32,926. You were about doing nothing all day ?—I know I was not.

32,927. Were you waiting to see if you could get something ?—Yes.

32,928. You did not succeed ?—No.

32,929. Did you tell Gowing ?—No, I never spoke to Gowing.

32,930. Did you tell anybody ?—No.

32,931. Where were you looking out for this ?—I was at Mr. Tupman's part of the day.

32,932. Where is that ? — At the "Exhibition" tavern.

32,933. Were there any other men waiting there too ?—Yes, there were three or four waiting there.

32,934. Waiting to see what they could get ?—I do not know what they were waiting for.

32,935. They waited as you waited ?—Yes.

32,936. Did anybody stand beer there that day ?—No.

32,937. Nothing ?—No, I had not a drop of beer, only what I paid for myself.

32,938. Nothing before or after you voted ?—No.

32,939. How came you to vote without money ?—I made up my mind to vote for Stracey.

32,940. As you could not get money you made up your mind to vote for Stracey ?—Yes.

H. Dawson.

HOLMES DAWSON sworn and examined.

32,941. What are you by trade ?—A hotpresser.

32,942. Is this your first time of voting ?—Yes.

32,943. For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

32,944. At what time in the day ?—I called in as I came from dinner, about half-past 2, I should think.

32,945. What did you do after that ?—I went into the market ; I did not go to work after dinner.

32,946. What had you been doing in the morning?—I was at work.

32,947. Did you promise your vote before the day?—No.

32,948. Were you not asked for it?—No.

32,949. Not at all?—No.

32,950. Did you not get any card?—Yes, I got a card two or three days before.

32,951. Whose card?—Sir Henry Stracey's.

32,952. Have you had anything since for voting?—No.

32,953. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.

32,954. You were not even treated on the day of the poll?—I never went into a public-house at all. I never had half a pint of beer.

EDMUND CHAMBERS sworn and examined. *E. Chambers.*

32,955. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A cab proprietor.

32,956. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

32,957. Who canvassed you?—Not anyone.

32,958. Did you canvass anyone else?—No.

32,959. Were you not at all busy about the election?—Not at all.

32,960. Have you always voted purple and orange?—This is my maiden vote.

32,961. Do you live on the Dereham Road?—Yes, I do.

32,962. Had you a public-house at the time of the election?—No, I had not. I did live on the Dereham Road in a public-house, but I left last September twelvemonth.

32,963. Where do you live now?—On the Dereham Road.

32,964. In a house of your own?—No, in a house I occupy.

32,965. Do you carry on any other business but that of a cab proprietor?—No.

32,966. Did you make your men vote either one way or the other?—No, I did not, not one.

32,967. You did not canvass them?—No.

32,968. Did any money go through your hands to induce other people to vote?—No.

32,969. I do not suppose you got anything yourself?—No, I did not.

32,970. Did you treat anybody for voting at this election?—No, I did not.

WILLIAM CABLE sworn and examined. *W. Cable.*

32,971. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A fitter.

32,972. Do you live in Paradise Road?—At a time previous to the election I lived in Ber Street, but at the time of the election I lived in Paradise Place.

32,973. Did you vote?—Yes, I did.

32,974. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

32,975. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

32,976. Or the promise of anything?—Well, as regards the promise, I was in Mr. Larkman's in the afternoon. There was a great many more there besides me, waiting like me to see what they could get, and Mr. Larkman said all them that voted for Mr. Stracey, he did not know whether he could get them anything, but if he could he would.

32,977. Five shillings was the sum named, was it not?—No, I never heard no sum named; I would swear that.

32,978. He said if he could get anything for you he would?—Yes; them that voted for Stracey, if he could get anything for them he would.

32,979. It was getting on then for 4 o'clock, I suppose?—Half-past 3.

32,980. You thought that was better than nothing?—I did not get nothing. If I could have got it I should have taken it.

32,981. That induced you to go and vote?—I intended to vote for Stracey, and I thought after hanging about instead of being at work, as I ought to have been, if I could have got anything I would take it.

32,982. You wanted to take it from Larkman if you could get it?—Yes.

32,983. You found a difficulty about that?—I could not get it.

32,984. He would not part?—He said if he got anything he should give it to me, but he could not get anything.

32,985. You asked him afterwards?—I went the next night and asked him if he had got anything, and he said, "No," he could not get anything, and that is all I could get out of him.

32,986. How many more men were there there?—There was a great many more.

32,987. They all went up, I suppose, upon the same representation?—I never saw anyone go up; I believe they did.

32,988. We have got the names of one or two. Give me the names of those that you recollect?—There were a great many; I do not know more than two or three. I saw a man there of the name of John Brown, and I saw a man of the name of Preston.

32,989. Where does he live?—He lives in Mill Street, Lakenham; and I saw a man of the name of Larkman. That is all I know.

32,990. Do you mean the man who was making the promise?—I beg your pardon, I mean a man of the name of Larker.

32,991. Where does he live?—Somewhere by Scoles Green, or somewhere that way.

32,992. Is he a neighbour of yours?—He is no neighbour of mine.

32,993. I thought you were living there?—I was living there. He keeps a shop somewhere that way.

JOHN BROWNE sworn and examined. *J. Browne.*

32,994. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a new voter, are you not?—Yes.

32,995. You voted this time for Stracey, did you not?—Yes.

32,996. Do you recollect being at Larkman's public-house?—Yes.

32,997. There were a good many other people down there too, were there not?—Yes.

32,998. You were all waiting for what you could get?—Yes.

32,999. I think Larkman said if any money was going he would give you 5*s.* apiece?—No.

33,000. How much?—He said he would try and see what he could get for us, he did not say how much, but he said he would try and get something.

33,001. He said if you went to the poll and voted for Stracey he would do what he could for you?—Yes.

33,002. And you polled your vote?—I did not get nothing.

33,003. You polled your vote because you thought you would?—I was in good hopes I should be getting something, but I got nothing.

33,004. Have you had anything since?—No, I went and asked him, but there was nothing for me.

33,005. Did he not even give you any beer there?—No; only those that were in there asked me to drink with them, there was no beer given.

33,006. Was there no beer stood all round?—No, only what those that were there asked me to drink.

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7 Oct. 1869.

JOHN HARRISON sworn and examined.

J. Harrison.

33,007. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

33,008. At what time?—About 12 o'clock. I went in the morning but could not get in, and so I went to work again and thought I would go at a better opportunity.

33,009. Was it for Stracey you voted?—Yes, I voted for Stracey.

33,010. Had there not been Liberal colours about your house ?—No, I had no colours, but I had papers. On account of Mr. Harvey coming forward I thought I would sign my name to Mr. Harvey's list. Mr. Harvey did not come forward, and no doubt that list was sent to Sir Henry Stracey, and I received a letter from Mr. Stracey. There (*producing some letters*) are the letters I received from the committee, and *this* one is from Mr. Stracey himself.

33,011. What has this got to do with Mr. Harvey ?—It has nothing to do with Mr. Harvey ; they made a sort of canvass for Mr. Harvey in order to see whether he would be brought forward, and I signed my name to Mr. Harvey's list to make one if he should come forward, and after that I received that letter from Mr. Stracey. No doubt the list that Mr. Harvey had was sent to Mr. Stracey.

33,012. Why did you vote for Stracey ; I do not want to know about Harvey ?—As I had promised Mr. Harvey I thought I would not alter my colour again, and so I voted for Mr. Stracey.

33,013. Did you get anything for doing it ?—Nothing in the world.

33,014. Nothing from Cunnington ?—Nothing at all from anyone, nothing in the world.

33,015. Nor the promise of anything ?—No, nor yet a drop of beer. Nothing in the world ; I was never promised anything.

J. Boyden.

JAMES BOYDEN sworn and examined.

33,016. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a new voter ?—Yes.

33,017. What are you by trade ?—A gardener.

33,018. For whom did you vote this time ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,019. At what time ?—I cannot tell you exactly. I was busy at work and could not get away.

33,020. Where were you busy ?—In my garden.

33,021. Had you been about the town at all ?—No.

33,022. Did you vote more than once ?—No.

33,023. Are you quite certain you did not vote close upon 4 o'clock ?—I cannot say exactly what time it was ; I tell you I was busy, and I had to get away as soon as I could. I think it was somewhere between 3 and 4 o'clock.

33,024. What did you get for it ?—Nothing at all.

33,025. Did you not try ?—No, I did not.

33,026. You knew there was money going, did you not ?—No, I did not.

33,027. You heard something about it ?—No, I did not.

33,028. Were you making inquiries where money was to be had ?—No, I did not want any such thing.

33,029. Did you not want your day's work paid for you ?—No, I did not.

33,030. Have you had nothing since ?—No, I have neither seen money nor beer.

33,031. You expected to get some, did you not ?—No.

33,032. There were a good many other people getting money ?—I cannot help that ; I never received a farthing.

33,033. Did you not try to get some ?—No.

33,034. You would have been glad to have got it if you could ?—I tell you what, perhaps I might have, like the others, but I never received a farthing.

33,035. You would have been glad enough to get 5*s.* ?—I did not.

33,036. You would have been glad enough to get it the same as the rest ?—But I did not receive anything, I take my oath of it.

33,037. You are certain you only voted once ?—Yes.

33,038. Is there anybody else in the city of the same name ?—There is some other people of the same name, but I have not been in the city many years.

33,039. You had two cards sent you ?—I had three or four.

33,040. Voting cards ?—I had three or four, but I flung them out.

D. Beck.

DANIEL BECK sworn and examined.

33,041. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—No.

33,042. How was that ?—When I went down to the poll I could not get near it, and then I went after a little deal for my livelihood, and then I went back again and the books were closed.

33,043. You were at Mackley's, the "Woolpack," were you not, during the whole day ?—No, at the "Marquis of Granby." I live next door to it ; I was up here five weeks to-morrow.

33,044. Were you fetched and brought to the "Marquis of Granby ?"—Yes, to meet Mr. Womersley.

33,045. Did you hear something about a pound apiece ?—No, I never heard nothing at all about no money.

33,046. Were you not told what you were wanted for ?—He said no doubt it would be right.

33,047. However you did not get anything ?—No.

33,048. And never voted ?—No.

33,049. Of course you would have taken anything if you could have got it ?—Of course I should, but I was never offered none, and never asked for none.

W. Whisker.

WILLIAM WHISKER sworn and examined.

33,050. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A basket maker.

33,051. For whom did you vote ?—I voted for Mr. Stracey.

33,052. At what time in the day ?—I think it was about 1 o'clock, or something about that time, as near as I can judge ; it was past 12 I know.

33,053. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing at all.

33,054. Did you not try to get something ?—No, I never asked and never tried.

33,055. Did anybody ask you to vote ?—No.

33,056. Did anybody go up to the poll with you ?—Not that I recollect, I do not remember going with anybody.

33,057. Have you had any money since ?—No.

33,058. Did you get any beer that day ?—No, nothing, or the promise of anything, no beer or nothing, only what I paid for myself.

33,059. Did you not try to get some beer ?—No.

33,060. Did you not know where to go for it ?—I never heard of any being given, and I would not believe there was any given, not until I heard of it afterwards.

33,061. Is this the first time you voted ?—No, I have voted 50 years back, and more ; I am a freeman.

33,062. You used to get money for it ?—No.

33,063. Did you never get any money for voting before ?—No, only just after the members had sat, as at present.

WILLIAM QUANTRILL sworn and examined. *W. Quantrill.*

33,064. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a staff sergeant in the militia.

33,065. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,066. For Stracey?—Yes.

33,067. At what time in the day?—From 3 to half-past.

33,068. Why did you not vote earlier?—I thought it was time enough when I was going out in the evening.

33,069. You had been canvassed?—No.

33,070. You had not promised your vote?—No.

33,071. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

33,072. Or the promise of anything?—No.

33,073. Or anything after you had voted?—No.

WILLIAM BRASNETT sworn and examined. *W. Brasnett.*

33,074. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A coal merchant.

33,075. Are you a new voter?—For the city I am.

33,076. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

33,077. What did you get for it?—I never see anything yet, and I never had the promise of anything.

33,078. You were at the "Woolpack"?—I have been in in my time, but not that day.

33,079. That day you were at the "Woolpack," were you not?—No.

33,080. You got some money for your vote?—No.

33,081. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You know Hardiment?—Yes; I never saw Hardiment that day.

33,082. Hardiment gave you some money for voting?—No, certainly not.

33,083. Did you see him afterwards?—No.

33,084. Have you not asked him for something?—No.

33,085. Will you swear you never got anything for voting?—I will take my oath of it, not a halfpenny.

33,086. Did you not get some beer given you that day?—No.

33,087. Where were you that afternoon?—I voted at 10 o'clock in the morning.

33,088. And you say nothing has been promised you for your vote?—No, certainly not.

ROBERT SMITH sworn and examined. *R. Smith.*

33,089. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote for Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

33,090. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

33,091. Had you been canvassed?—No.

33,092. Why did not you vote sooner than that?—I had business to attend to. I might have voted sooner, but I did not think anything about it. I thought if I voted within the polling time that would be time enough.

33,093. What were you doing during the day?—I am a general shopkeeper.

33,094. Did you get anything from a man of the name of Sparrow for voting?—No.

33,095. Or from anybody else?—No.

33,096. Or the promise of anything?—No, not a farthing.

SAMUEL FORSTER sworn and examined. *S Forster.*

33,097. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shopkeeper; I keep a general shop in the parish of Pockthorpe.

33,098. Are you a new voter?—No, I have had a vote for this 20 or 30 years.

33,199. Which side have you always voted?—I voted for Stracey this time.

33,100. Have you always voted Tory?—No, not always.

33,101. You have gone backwards and forwards?—Well, I have not always voted a Tory.

33,102. At what time did you vote?—Not until the afternoon.

33,103. Had you been asked for your vote?—Yes.

33,104. Had you promised your vote?—No, not particularly.

33,105. You kept it open until the last moment?—I was not well that day, and I did not think about going to vote at all; I only voted to oblige a party.

33,106. You did not make up your mind until late?—No, not until I was asked by a friend.

33,107. Did you get anything for it?—No.

33,108. Come, how much did you get?—I never thought of such a thing.

33,109. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You never thought of such a thing, perhaps, but you got it, which is better than thinking?—No, I never took a farthing of money, and never asked for it, and no one ever offered it to me in no shape whatever. I gave a regular free vote.

33,110. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was it not 2*s.* and a pot of beer?—No, that it was not.

33,111. Will you swear nothing has been given you since?—Yes, I never asked for it.

33,112. Has anything been given you since?—No, not anything.

33,113. Have you ever asked for anything since?—I never was asked for anything, and I never asked for anything.

33,114. Have you ever been paid before at other elections?—I might have taken something when I voted for Mr. Springfield, some years ago; he always gave me half a crown for my trouble to go and vote for him.

33,115. How much would have satisfied you this time?—I did not ask for anything, and I did not think of getting anything.

33,116. You would have been very glad to get it?—No, I did not care about it.

33,117. You would not have refused it if you had had the chance?—I don't know that I should not, because I might have thought I should get into tronble about it, so I do not think I should have taken it if it had been offered to me; I am not in want of a piece of bread so much that I should take half a crown.

33,118. Suppose a sovereign had been offered to you?—I don't know what a pound would have done. I am very fond of a glass of ale.

THOMAS STAMP sworn and examined. *T. Stamp.*

33,119. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A master bricklayer.

33,120. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

33,121. For whom?—For Tillett and Russell.

33,122. What time in the day was that?—I think about half-past 9; I went up before that, but could not get to the poll.

33,123. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, certainly not.

33,124. Or the promise of anything?—No, certainly not.

33,125. After you had voted did you go about the city at all?—No.

33,126. Were you at the "Ship" in Cowgate Street on the day of the election?—No, I have never been into the house.

33,127. Were you at a beerhouse kept by Thomas Warnes?—No; I was at the Lecture Hall the chief of the day.

33,128. Do you live near Barrack Street, in Pockthorpe?—Yes.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

T. Stamp.

7 Oct. 1869.

33,129. Did you go to any public-houses at all that day ?—No, I never went into a public-house.

33,130. Did you see Inspector Clarke that day ?—No.

33,131. Or Doctor Allen ?—No, certainly not.

33,132. You did not see them at all in the course of the day ?—No.

33,133. Did you hear of any treating that day ?—No, I heard of what was going on at the "Ship" and different places, but I never saw it, because I did not go myself; I only heard what people came to the hall and told me.

33,134. Who told you about the "Ship" ?—I don't know now ; I went and stated it to other people at the office. Personally I never saw anything, I was at the Lecture Hall.

G. Moore.

GEORGE MOORE sworn and examined.

33,135. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You keep a public-house?—Yes.

33,136. In Barrack Street ?—Yes.

33,137. Do you recollect on the day of the poll there being a great number of persons in your house ?—There were several folks in there.

33,138. Principally voters ?—Some of them were.

33,139. There was a good deal of drinking going on ?—No, not much of that.

33,140. There were some who came down to pay for that beer ?—No, certainly not.

33,141. Do you mean to say that all the people who were there paid for their own beer ?—Some of them paid for it, and the rest I spent myself.

33,142. How much did you spend ?—I cannot say.

33,143. Was it 10*s.* ?—I don't know that it was so much, it might be as much as that, or perhaps a little more.

33,144. That you spent in treating these men ?—Yes.

33,145. And I suppose they went and voted for Stracey afterwards ?—Not that I know of.

33,146. Why did you treat them ?—I often do so ; it cost me more than 10*s.* yesterday.

33,147. You do not mean to say that you spend 10*s.* a day upon your customers ?—Not particularly upon my customers, they come in and go out again ; I spent more than 10*s.* yesterday.

33,148. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The question is whether we can believe you.

33,149. (*Mr. Biron.*) You must remember that would be 180*l.* a year ?—I don't do it every day.

33,150. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) How many days do you do it ?—I cannot say ; I spend 10*s.* a day some days.

33,151. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Now be careful, or you may find yourself in a place where you cannot treat yourself or others.—What I tell you is the truth.

33,152. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you mean to tell me that on this election day you spent 10*s.*, except for the purpose of getting these men to go and vote ?—I say I did not.

33,153. Then what did you do it for ?—What did I do it for ? Why did I spend 10*s.* yesterday ?

33,154. Do you mean to say you spent 10*s.* in your house yesterday ?—Yes, I did.

33,155. You are not to be believed.—I am upon my oath, and I swear to it.

33,156. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What object could you have ?—I make no doubt but what you have been tight more than once in your lifetime ; I did not give it away for any purposes at all ; if I spent a shilling or two I did not spend it for any purpose.

33,157. Who gave it to you ?—I earned it and worked for it.

33,158. Why did you give it away ?—Why do other people do things ?

33,159. You had better stand down and come again to-morrow morning, and consider the matter in the meantime, because we may be obliged to find you lodgings in a very uncomfortable place.—What I tell you is the truth.

J. Ames.

JAMES AMES sworn and examined.

33,160. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A labourer.

33,161. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

33,162. For Stracey ?—Yes.

33,163. What time in the day ?—Near 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

33,164. Why did you not vote before that ?—As soon as I leave off my work my pay stops, I get nothing for the day if I leave off.

33,165. You worked as long as you could ?—Yes, until I had done my 3 o'clock draw at the gasworks, then I left off.

33,166. Did you get anything ?—No.

33,167. Or the promise of anything ? — No, nothing.

33,168. We know that one or two of your men did ?—That has nothing to do with me.

33,169. Had you promised to vote for Stracey ?—No, I went and voted of my free goodwill.

S. Balls.

STEPHEN BALLS sworn and examined.

33,170. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is this your first time of voting ?—No.

33,171. Have you always voted Tory before ?—Yes, I have.

33,172. For the last 10 or 12 years ?—Not so long as that.

33,173. I think you have been rather a busy person at these elections in the city ?—Yes, I have.

33,174. You were busy in canvassing this time ?—Yes.

33,175. What parts of the city did you canvass ?—My own parish and the adjoining parishes, Pockthorpe and St. James'.

33,176. On the day of the poll you were getting people up to vote ?—Yes, I was.

33,177. You took them up yourself ?—Yes, the fore part of the day.

33,178. In considerable numbers ?—Well, I cannot say considerable numbers.

33,179. How many do you suppose you took up in the course of the morning, 20, 30, or 40 ?—If you will allow me I will explain. I was stationed or I took up a position so that while other parties were taking of them up, they had to pass me to get to the poll.

33,180. From what public-houses did you get them ?—I never went to any public-houses, only one, the "Anchor," in Silver Road.

33,181. I suppose you got some out of there ?—Yes, I did so.

33,182. I suppose you got them to move by treating them to a little beer ?—No.

33,183. Not a drop ?—No.

33,184. You know that class of men do not vote without a little encouragement ? — I know I was asked, but I never spent a farthing until after the election.

33,185. What did you spend then ?—I cannot say ; I might limit, it, perhaps, to under a pound.

33,186. I suppose that was in payment of scores for men that had been treated ?—It was for electors that had voted on the Conservative side ; they met and I treated them, and the landlord treated them, whose evidence you have, who supplied a small portion of it; but I know from the first instant that there was no treating wanted.

33,187. These were men that you had canvassed ?—Yes, the canvass was so good that I did not think there was any treating required.

33,188. Somebody told them to meet you afterwards ?—No, I don't think so, because I am certain

that the gentleman who canvassed with me would not do such a thing as that.

33,189. It is very odd that you should light upon these people when you had money in your pocket and they were thirsty, and they should drink to celebrate the victory. — The public-house that I spent this little money at was very close to my own dwelling house.

33,190. You thought it better to have the voters there than in your own place?—Mine was a private house, so I could not take them there.

33,191. Altogether you spent about 1*l.*?—Something under 1*l.*, but the canvass was so good that I was certain there was nothing required.

33,192. Is that all the money you spent with reference to this election?—Yes.

33,193. Had you promised anything in the way of money?—No.

33,194. Had you offered no consideration?—No.

33,195. Were you entrusted with any money to put about?—No, not at this election.

33,196. Not by anyone?—No.

33,197. Have you had anything to do with bribing and treating at former elections?—Yes, I have.

33,198. What have you done then?—Spent all the money that I was entrusted with, and more.

33,199. I don't accuse you of retaining any, as some people do.—I spent a small sum over the sum I was entrusted with, 30*s.*, and that I never got from that day to this.

33,200. Was that at Waters' election?—Yes.

33,201. How much were you entrusted with then?—70*l.*

33,202. I suppose the price in those days got up a good many voters. How many do you suppose you got up?—35 or 36; I would not swear to one or two; it was over 30 and under 40.

33,203. That would be over 2*l.* apiece?—Yes, I think you might take it on the average at 50*s.*

33,204. Who gave you that money?—Mr. Kitton, I had it through him.

33,205. Do you know where it came from?—From Mr. Kitton.

33,206. Who handed it to you?—I sent a messenger to the committee room. Mr. Kitton saw me two or three days before the election, or it might be only the day before the election, and he asked me whether I could depend on the parties that were round me, and I said, "Well, sir, if I am to be mixed up in any "electioneering matters I should not depend upon any "man." I says, "Is it a monetary affair?" and he says, "Yes;" and I says, "Then I should like to have it "direct myself, and I can distribute it," and I did so. We had a committee room in my parish, and I don't think I went out of the committee room that day. There were six or seven of us in this committee, and the other parties spent the money; they told me, and I had the names of each party that received the money on two of my address cards, and I have tried all I could to find the card, but I cannot. If I could have found them I would have produced them.

33,207. Do you know the names of the persons who worked under you? — Yes; Fletcher, Buller, he is dead, and Pilcher, he is dead.

33,208. They all die. — No, not all, only two, I believe. Then there was Waller, Minns, and myself, I think that is six.

33,209. Do you know where the survivors live?—Yes, all of them. Fletcher lives in Silver Road, Minns keeps a public-house by the sign of the "Jolly Hatters," and I think Waller lives in Pockthorpe Street; myself would make the fourth, and the two who are dead the six.

33,210. Was that the only time you had money to work the election with?—Yes.

33,211. Do you know the names of any other gentlemen who got money from Kitton for this purpose at that time?—No.

33,212. You cannot recollect any?—I don't believe any persons in my parish and the adjoining parish got any money from Kitton. I believe all the money Mr. Kitton furnished I received.

33,213. You don't know what Mr. Kitton did in the other districts of the city?—No.

33,214. At this election do you know of any money going on the Conservative side?—I do not; I have told you before that the canvass was so good that we did not think any was required.

33,215. In your district?—In the two parishes.

33,216. Did you hear of anything being organised in other parts of the town for the purposes of bribery?—No; I was one of the seventh ward Conservative association; I was to keep in my parish and the adjoining parish; the two parishes of Pockthorpe and St. James' were amalgamated, and I never went out of those parishes until after the election was over.

33,217. You say your canvass was very good in your district; I suppose there were a great number of people whom you knew very well, who were hanging out for money?—I am sure that I and Mr. Edward Stracey canvassed 322, and we got 162 promises, the other 160 were put on the other side of the canvass book with the doubtful ones, although we knew that many of them would vote Conservative.

33,218. Amongst those doubtful ones I suppose there were a large number whom you knew would not poll unless they had their day's wages, or something?—I think most likely they would not; of course there are some on all occasions that will not come up, but in the canvass of the two parishes we had not above eight persons who told us they would vote on the other side.

33,219. Have you any notion from your experience of canvassing in your district what per-centage of people there would be who would not vote without inducement?—I could not tell you unless I ran over the canvass book, and I have that in my pocket.

33,220. Would there be 10 or 15 out of 100?—Ten per cent. would be very few.

33,221. There would be at least that, according to what we have heard of Pockthorpe?—No, not Pockthorpe, because the only man whom you have complimented is a Pockthorpe man.

33,222. Who is he?—Mr. Fletcher, the gentleman that was with me.

33,223. Is that all you can tell us with regard to the last election?—Yes, it is, so far as my memory serves me, but if any question suggests itself to you I will answer it.

33,224. Did you hear about 2 o'clock on the day of the poll that money was going?—No.

33,225. When did you first hear of it?—I never heard of it, and had no idea that such a thing was. I tell you candidly, on the morning of the election certain parties appeared in Pockthorpe, who it is believed stopped many voters from going to vote early; in fact certain parties that had promised me they would go and vote early in the morning came and told me there was money going, and they should not. I asked them their authority, and they said, "Well, so and so "is the case, I have seen two gentlemen driving "about here." I says, "You can depend upon it "they have got no money, because I am certain they "are not recognised by the committee of this ward."

33,226. People might tell you that in hopes of your opening your purse?—I being on the committee knew they were not recognised by the committee.

WILLIAM NORTH sworn and examined. *W. North.*

33,227. (*Mr. Biron*) What are you?—A plasterer.

33,228. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,229. For whom?—Stracey.

33,230. At what time in the day?—About 11 o'clock, as near as I can say, but I cannot say to half an hour.

33,231. Did you get anything for it?—No, certainly not.

33,232. Or the promise of anything?—No, certainly not.

33,233. After you had voted yourself what did you do?—I went after my business.

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33,234. Did you not go to look after voters?—No, certainly not.

33,235. Did you go straight back to your business?—When I say straight back, my business lays all over the city.

33,236. Did you try to pick up voters?—No, certainly not.

33,237. Did you do anything to induce any person to go to the poll?—Not that I am aware of, in any shape or form.

33,238. Did you neither give money nor beer?—No, certainly not.

33,239. Did you give anything directly or indirectly which induced any person to go and poll?—No, certainly not.

A. Risdale.

ALFRED RISDALE sworn and examined.

33,240. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a new voter?—Yes.

33,241. What are you by trade?—I am a shopkeeper in Silver Road.

33,242. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,243. At what time in the day?—At half-past 3.

33,244. What made you vote so late?—I was busy at home.

33,245. Had you ever promised your vote?—No.

33,246. Had you been canvassed?—Yes.

33,247. By whom?—By Mr. Balls and young Mr. Stracey.

33,248. Did you not tell them how you were going to vote?—I told Mr. Stracey if I should vote at all I should vote for his father.

33,249. How was it you could not give a more distinct answer than that?—I knew I had a vote.

33,250. Did you not want to vote?—I intended to vote.

33,251. You said if you voted at all you would vote for him?—I said I should vote for his father.

33,252. Was any promise made to you?—No, not any at all.

33,253. Nothing was given to you then, nor since?—No, nothing at all.

33,254. Did anybody give you a glass of beer?—No.

H. Brock.

HENRY BROCK sworn and examined.

33,255. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote for Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

33,256. At what time in the day?—I think it was a trifle after 3.

33,257. Why did you not vote earlier?—I was rather busy that day.

33,258. What at?—I was at shop. I keep a shop, and that being near the polling place I had a great deal of business to attend to that day.

33,259. What is your shop?—A general shop, grocery, fish, and all manner of things, tobacco and cigars, &c.

33,260. Did you get anything for voting?—Yes; at least when I say for voting I met a man at the top of the hill, and he asked me who I intended to vote for, and I said Sir Henry Stracey, and he asked me if I knew any more who would vote, and I said I thought I did. I went to two or three more and he gave me half a sovereign, and agreed with two others to give one 7*s.* 6*d.*, and the other 5*s.*

33,261. Who was to get the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Lincoln.

33,262. Where does he live?—On Grapes Hill.

33,263. What was the name of the other man?—Charles Chenery.

33,264. Where does he live?—In Clement's Court, I think it is.

33,265. Who was the man?—His name is Read, a harness maker.

33,266. Where is his shop?—He lives at the back of St. Peter's. He used to have his shop in Lamb Yard, but I think he has turned that up now and works at home.

33,267. At his dwelling house?—Yes.

33,268. Do you know anybody else who got money?—No, I do not know anybody else.

33,269. Did you send any more men?—No, I did not send any more, nor yet did I speak to any more.

33,270. Is that all you know about bribery?—Yes.

33,271. Did you see any treating that day?—No, I saw no treating. I never drank anything myself that day until after the election. I think I had one glass of stout, which is all I had during the day, and that I paid for myself.

E. Thompson.

EDWARD THOMPSON sworn and examined.

33,272. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker and lodging-house keeper.

33,273. Was this your first time of voting?—No, my second time.

33,274. For whom did you vote before?—Mr. Waters.

33,275. You voted for Mr. Stracey this time?—Yes.

33,276. At what time?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock.

33,277. What made you vote so late?—Because I was looking out to see if I could get some money.

33,278. Were you very busy at this election?—No.

33,279. Did you not take any part in canvassing?—No.

33,280. Did you not ask anyone to go and vote?—No.

33,281. Did you take anyone to the poll?—No.

33,282. Did you treat anyone?—No.

33,283. Did you promise money to anyone?—No.

33,284. Have you paid any money to anybody since, in connexion with the election?—No.

33,285. Did you get anything yourself?—Yes.

33,286. What?—Three halfcrowns.

33,287. For voting?—Yes, Mr. Townsend told you he gave me three halfcrowns.

33,288. Did you get the same at Waters' election?—No.

33,289. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What did you get at Waters' election?—Nothing.

33,290. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you vote gratis?—Yes.

J. Perowne.

JAMES PEROWNE sworn and examined.

33,291. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A general shopkeeper.

33,292. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,293. For whom?—Stracey.

33,294. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

33,295. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because my business kept me away from it.

33,296. What were you at all day?—I was at home part of the day, and the other part I was about.

33,297. About the city?—Yes.

33,298. Why did you not vote then?—Because I thought it was possible there might be something given away, and I thought I would take it if there was.

33,299. Did you not get anything?—No.

33,300. Or the promise of anything?—No.

33,301. Were you at any public-house that afternoon?—Yes.

33,302. Where?—The "Lily."

33,303. Who keeps that?—Mr. Young.

33,304. Were there many men there?—Yes.

33,305. Waiting, I suppose?—I do not know, I was.

33,306. You do not know whether they had voted or not?—No, I do not.

33,307. Did anybody stand any beer there?—No, not at the time I was there.

33,308. I suppose when you found there was nothing going you went and voted according to your fancy?—Yes.

GEORGE LAUNDER sworn and examined. *G. Launder.*

33,309. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A wardrobe dealer.

33,310. For whom did you vote this time?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,311. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

33,312. What made you vote so late?—I thought about getting something, but I did not get anything.

33,313. You tried, I suppose?—Yes.

33,314. You could not hear of anything going that was worth your acceptance?—No, I never heard of nothing, nor yet see nothing.

33,315. How much did you want?—I would have taken a sovereign if I could have got it, but I had none offered to me at all.

33,316. Did not John Sparrow try to put you in the way of getting something?—He voted with me.

33,317. Did he not offer you something?—No, nothing at all.

33,318. At what public-houses were you during the day?—I was at several.

33,319. I suppose you got a little of the Tory beer?—I never got a drop, only what I paid for myself.

33,320. Did you not go to any of the houses where there was beer going?—Not that I know of.

33,321. I suppose you were looking after that too?—I never had any offered to me.

33,322. Did you not hear where there was beer going?—No.

33,323. Did not any of your Tory friends treat you to a glass?—Not one. I only had what I paid for myself.

JOHN WORLEDGE sworn and examined. *J. Worledge.*

33,324. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A fish merchant.

33,325. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,326. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

33,327. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3 it might be.

33,328. Did you get anything?—No, and did not want anything.

33,329. Did you not get anything from Cubitt?—No.

33,330. You were about with Cubitt the greater part of the day?—No.

33,331. Were you not about at all with Cubitt?—No.

33,332. Were you not in Cubitt's company on the day of the election?—No, I was in Yarmouth on the day of the election.

33,333. Did Cubitt come to you at all on the day of the election?—No.

33,334. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You may have been at Yarmouth, and you may have come back again?—Yes, I did come back again by 3 o'clock train on purpose to vote.

33,335. (*Mr. Biron.*) What is the sign of your public?—The "Fellmongers' Arms."

33,336. Have you got a brother Walter?—Yes.

CHARLES SIDNEY sworn and examined. *C. Sidney.*

33,337. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A waterman.

33,338. Do you recollect on the day of the election being at Hobrough's public-house?—Yes.

33,339. You got a good deal of beer there?—Not any, only what I paid for.

33,340. There was a good deal of beer being stood there for the voters, you recollect that?—No.

33,341. Who took you up to the poll?—I do not know. I live close to the poll where I went.

33,342. At what hour did you poll?—Between 1 and 2.

33,343. Who went up with you?—A young man that has gone to America. I went up with Thirkettle.

33,344. What did he give you?—Nothing at all.

33,345. Did you get nothing at all that day?—Nothing but a pint of beer I bought myself.

33,346. Did you go up with Clarke to the poll?—No.

33,347. Did you see Self that day?—No.

33,348. Was that Inspector Clarke's son that you went with?—No.

33,349. You are sure of that?—I do not know him.

33,350. He is a young man that has gone to America?—His name was Thirkettle, the young man that I went up to vote with.

33,351. Did you not go up to the poll with a man of the name of Leander Brown?—No.

33,352. Did you see him that day?—I might see him.

33,353. Did you not get something for your vote?—No, not a drop of beer.

33,354. Were you paid any money afterwards?—Never a halfpenny.

33,355. You were all day at Mr. Hobrough's public-house?—I work for Mr. Hobrough.

33,356. I suppose he asked you to vote, did he not?—No, not a bit of it, no more than anything else.

33,357. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes, I am.

33,358. Who did ask you to vote?—Not anybody.

33,359. Did you never promise your vote?—Never in my life. I never voted before, and do not know what voting is much.

33,360. Did you not promise this time?—No, not to anybody. I do not know what voting is hardly.

33,361. You never talked about voting?—No.

33,362. Not to anyone?—No.

33,363. Not to the man with whom you went up to the poll?—I do not know about that.

33,364. Did you not tell anybody you were going to vote for Stracey?—No.

THOMAS CLARKSON sworn and examined. *T. Clarkson.*

33,365. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A pavior.

33,366. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,367. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

33,368. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock.

33,369. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

33,370. Or the promise of anything?—No; my occupation would not allow me to go before, because I had got the street partly up, and was obliged to fill it in before I could leave.

33,371. Had you promised your vote?—No, I was never solicited, not by either party.

33,372. You went and voted when you could leave your work?—Yes.

JACOB YOUNGS sworn and examined. *J. Youngs.*

33,373. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A merchant's clerk.

33,374. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

33,375. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,376. Did you promise your vote?—No, I was not at home when they called.

33,377. Have you had anything given you for your vote?—No.

33,378. Do you keep a public-house?—Yes.

33,379. Did you take any busy part in this election yourself?—Yes.

33,380. I suppose there were voters at your public house?—Yes, lots of them.

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J. Youngs.

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33,381. All day?—Oh yes.

33,382. I suppose there was a good deal of drinking going on there the whole day?—Yes, of course there was.

33,383. Did you see a man of the name of Waites there?—Yes.

33,384. Was he taking up voters?—No.

33,385. Was he talking to them?—He might have been.

33,386. Do you not think he was?—I think it is very likely, but I do not know. I was very busy and I could not look to everybody.

33,387. Have you received anything since for beer supplied by you on that day?—No, nothing.

33,388. Did you receive anything on the day of the poll?—No.

33,389. Beyond the beer supplied to persons who paid for their own?—No, nothing.

33,390. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) There was treating going on?—Not in my house.

33,391. Some people paid for other persons' beer?—They might have done so.

33,392. Do you not know that Waites was there trying to bargain with the voters?—I did not know of it.

33,393. What was he doing?—I cannot say.

33,394. You knew very well what he was at?—No, I was behind my bar attending to my customers.

33,395. Was Waites sitting quietly by himself drinking?—No, he was in and out three or four times.

33,396. He was busying himself with the voters?—I think it is very likely.

33,397. I suppose they were a class of men who were waiting for something?—I do not know.

33,398. You could tell pretty well from their manner and appearance?—I do not know. You must recollect that my public-house is next door to the polling booth, and of course there were a great number of people in during the day, and I could not tell who they were.

33,399. A great number of them were Stracey's people?—No; I got more support from the opposite side than I did from the Stracey people.

33,400. Did you treat them with beer?—I treat them?

33,401. Yes, the opposite side?—No, I treated no one.

33,402. Did you see a person of the name of Isaac Daynes that day?—I believe there was a Daynes there, but whether his name was Isaac or not I would not be certain.

33,403. You know Samuel Daynes?—Do you mean of St. Stephen Street?

33,404. Yes.—The printer?

33,405. Yes.—I know him well.

33,406. Was he there that day?—No, I think not, I did not see him.

33,407. Was Isaac Daynes looking up the voters?—No, I should think not, I should not be certain whether he was there. I fancy he was, but I would not swear he was there.

33,408. Did any money go through your hands for other people?—No.

33,409. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

J. Dick.

JOHN DICK sworn and examined.

33,410. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

33,411. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,412. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,413. At what time in the day?—I should think about a quarter to 4.

33,414. You promised to vote for Tillett, did you not?—No.

33,415. Did you not see anybody on the morning of the polling day who asked you about voting for Tillett?—No.

33,416. Did you see a man of the name of Osborn Betts that day?—No, I do not know him at all.

33,417. Do you live at New Catton?—I do.

33,418. Are you quite clear that you do not know Betts?—I know Betts, a young fellow who used to work at the shoe warehouse at the top of the market, but I do not remember speaking to him that morning.

33,419. Do you remember asking for *5s.* for some beer for voting for Tillett?—No, most decidedly not, and never had anything.

33,420. Nor the promise of anything?—No, from nobody.

33,421. Did you give anybody anything?—No.

33,422. Neither money nor beer?—Neither money nor beer.

33,423. You did not vote till a quarter to 4?—I would have polled at 8 in the morning if I could have got near. I should not have been able to poll my vote had I not got a ride up.

33,424. You could not get up in the first place?—No, I could not get near.

33,425. Who gave you a ride up?—I rode with Mr. James Dunn, they had got a voter there in the cab; and when they got to the nearest place they could not get him in that, and he says to me, "Have you voted yet?" I says, "No, I am now going;" he says, "Ride along with me," and this old gentleman when they got to the poll did not belong to the seventh ward at all, but to the first ward.

33,426. They could not poll him?—I do not know what they done with him, they left me there to poll.

C. Hall.

CHARLES HALL sworn and examined.

33,427. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I do street jobbing.

33,428. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

33,429. At what time in the day?—Between 10 and 11.

33,430. Had you promised your vote?—Not to anybody.

33,431. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, nothing, and never wanted anything.

33,432. Were you at any public-houses during the day?—No, I have been a Conservative for 40 years, so I do not think they would want to trouble me much.

D. Howard, jun.

DANIEL HOWARD, junior, sworn and examined.

33,433. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,434. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,435. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

33,436. Why did you not vote earlier than that?—My wife was ill in bed, and I could not leave my business before.

33,437. Did you get anything for it?—No.

33,438. Or the promise of anything?—No.

33,439. Did you yourself give anybody anything for voting?—No.

33,440. Neither money nor beer?—No.

J. Sexton.

JAMES SEXTON sworn and examined.

33,441. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A master wheelwright.

33,442. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

33,443. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,444. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

33,445. Had you promised it?—No, I did not promise it to anyone.

33,446. I suppose you were looking out for what you could get for your vote?—No, that I was not, because I did not get anything.

33,447. You wanted something?—No.

33,448. You would have been very glad to have got it if it had been offered?—Just so.

33,449. Do you know Inspector Clarke?—I did not know him till last Sunday, when my brother-in-law showed him to me.

33,450. Did you see him at the time of the election?—No.

33,451. Are you certain you never went to him about a little money?—No, I never went to him. I never saw him till last Sunday.

33,452. Where do you live?—In Bishop Street, down by Bishop Bridge.

33,453. Do you know of any money going that day?—No.

33,454. At what public-houses were you during the day?—Not any.

33,455. Do you mean to say you were not treated?—No, not at all; I never had a glass of beer the whole day.

33,456. If you would have been glad of money I suppose you would have been glad of beer?—I had no money.

33,457. Did you not try to get some?—No, I never tried.

33,458. Have you ever had any since?—No, not a halfpenny.

33,459. Was nothing promised to you?—No, nothing whatever.

33,460. Have yon ever asked for anything?—No, I have never axed for anything.

33,461. Have you ever worked for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, I worked for him for about a week at one time.

33,462. Not more than that?—No.

WILLIAM NEAVE sworn and examined.

W. Neave.

33,463. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,464. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,465. At what time in the day?—Half-past 3, as near as I can say.

33,466. Why did you not vote earlier than that?—I could not leave my busines.

33,467. What is your business?—A butcher and gardener.

33,468. Surely you could have gone earlier than that?—I think not.

33,469. Why not?—I could not leave my business.

33,470. Your business does not tie you by the heels so much as all that?—I had things there I was obliged to attend to.

33,471. What was that?—I had a lot of pigs by me at the time, and I was obliged to see after them.

33,472. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

33,473. By whom?—By Mr. Straccy's son.

33,474. Did you promise to vote for him?—Yes.

33,475. When was that?—I am sure I cannot say now.

33,476. Two or three days before?—Yes.

33,477. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was it Mr. Edward Stracey or Mr. Dudley Stracey?—I think Mr. Edward Stracey.

33,478. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you get anything for voting?—No.

33,479. Or the promise of anything?—No, I was never promised anything.

33,480. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was Hardiment with Mr. Edward Stracey when he canvassed you?—I am sure I never noticed the gentleman that was with him.

THOMAS LINCOLN NOCKOLDS sworn and examined.

T. L. Nockolds.

33,481. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am foreman to Mr. Hotblack.

33,482. Is this your first time of voting?—I have only voted once before in my life.

33,483. On that occasion did you vote purple and orange?—Yes.

33,484. At what time in the day did you vote upon this occasion?—A little after 3.

33,485. What made you so late?—I was at work till 1 o'clock, and I went off to dinner first.

33,486. Were you not waiting for what you could get?—No.

33,487. Did you try for something?—No.

33,488. Have you received anything?—No.

33,489. Have you given anybody else anything?—No.

33,490. Has no money passed through your hands?—No.

33,491. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

33,492. Were you in any public-houses that day?—Yes; I should tell you a falsehood if I were to say I was not afterwards.

33,493. At what public-house were you?—One at the top of my own street.

33,494. What other?—I was in one besides and got a glass of ale myself.

33,495. Was there some treating going on there?—I did not see any.

33,496. Did you get any beer given you?—No, not a glass.

33,497. Did you not try to get some?—No, I did not want it. I pay for my own.

33,498. I suppose you would have taken some beer if you could have got it?—Upon the election job?

33,499. Yes.—I did not want it; I had got some money in my own pocket. If anybody had asked me to have a glass of ale I daresay I might have taken it.

JOHN THOMAS PETER BURROWS sworn and examined.

J. T. P. Burrows.

33,500. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

33,501. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,502. For whom?—Stracey.

33,503. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

33,504. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

33,505. No money?—No.

33,506. No beer?—No, not a drop, only what I paid for myself.

33,507. Were you in any public-houses that morning?—I was at work till 2.

33,508. Why did you not vote earlier if you left work at 2?—I was walking about.

33,509. To try if you could pick up anything?—I should have taken it if I could have got it. Money is a tempting thing to a poor man.

33,510. Nothing came in your way?—No.

33,511. So you voted without?—Yes.

33,512. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Independent against your will?—Yes.

JOSIAS HOLMES sworn and examined.

J. Holmes.

33,513. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

33,514. For whom do you work?—Mr. Cannon.

33,515. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Henry Stracey.

33,516. Who asked you for your vote?—No one asked me for my vote.

33,517. Did not Fletcher?—He came round canvassing me.

33,518. Did Fletcher of the "Anchor" tavern give you some money?—No, he never gave me anything.

33,519. He promised you something?—No.

33,520. What has he given you since?—Nothing.

33,521. What did you get for this vote of yours?—Nothing.

33,522. Did you not even get some beer?—No.

33,523. You had some promise made you?—No, I had not.

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33,524. Have you been to Mr. Fletcher since about it?—Yes, I have been in his house once or twice since.

33,525. And asked for it?—No.

33,526. Did you let him know that you wanted it and were entitled to it?—No, I did not let him know anything about it.

33,527. Will you swear you never had anything for this vote of yours?—Yes.

33,528. And that you were not treated?—Yes.

33,529. What time in the day did you vote?—Half-past 3.

33,530. What made you so late?—I had some work to do in the morning, and could not lose time before.

33,531. Had you told anybody how you were going to vote?—I did not promise my vote to anybody.

33,532. Had you told anybody that you were going to vote for Stracey?—No.

33,533. You did not make up your mind till half-past 3?—No, I did not.

33,534. What made you make up your mind at that moment?—I was that way inclined, so I voted for Mr. Stracey.

33,535. Do you mean to tell me you made up your mind to vote without getting anything for it?—Yes.

33,536. It is an impossible hypothesis.—I am telling you the truth.

J. Cumby.

JAMES CUMBY sworn and examined.

33,537. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A boot finisher.

33,538. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,539. For whom?—Russell and Stracey.

33,540. What time in the day?—About 2 o'clock, as near as I can tell.

33,541. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

33,542. Were you canvassed?—Yes.

33,543. By whom?—By Mr. Stanley.

33,544. Did you not say you would not vote without getting something for it?—I never said no such a thing.

33,545. Do you know William Brown?—Yes.

33,546. Did you not tell Brown you would not vote unless you got something for it?—No.

33,547. Unless you got your day's pay?—No.

33,548. You would not waste a day over it?—No, I kept to my work till the time I went to vote.

33,549. Did you not say to Brown you would not vote without your day's work?—No, I told him every man ought to get a day's work.

33,550. For voting?—Yes.

33,551. You tried to get paid a day's work?—No.

33,552. You would have taken it, of course, if anybody had offered it?—If they had offered it I should have taken it.

G. Dove.

GEORGE DOVE sworn and examined.

33,553. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

33,554. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

33,555. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

33,556. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

33,557. Did you not ask for something?—No.

33,558. You were waiting for it, were you not?—No.

33,559. You would have been very glad to get it, would you not?—No.

33,560, Did you get treated to any beer on the election day?—No, I never went out to be treated.

33,561. Have you had anything given to you since?—No.

33,562. What public-houses were you in that day?—None at all.

33,563. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

W. Calver.

WILLIAM CALVER sworn and examined.

33,564. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,565. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

33,566. At what time?—About 3 o'clock.

33,567. Did anybody take you up to the poll?—Yes.

33,568. Who?—A man named Mackley.

33,569. William Mackley?—I do not know his name.

33,570. Did he give you anything?—Yes.

33,571. What?—A sovereign.

33,572. Was that from Mackley?—No.

33,573. From whom was it?—Hardiment.

33,574. Where did he give it you?—Against the polling place.

33,575. Was anybody with you?—No, not anyone.

33,576. Did you see him give anyone else money?—No, not anyone.

33,577. Do you know of anybody else having got money?—Not anyone.

33,578. How did you come across Hardiment?—I was in the market, and was going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey in the morning, and I walked into Mackley's, and they said that Mr. Hardiment was going to give money, and I heard that he was giving a sovereign, and so I thought I might as well have one.

33,579. After hearing that you looked after Hardiment?—Yes.

33,580. And you got hold of him in time to get a sovereign?—Yes.

J. Brown.

JOHN BROWN sworn and examined.

33,581. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A builder.

33,582. Was this your first time of voting?—No.

33,583. On which side had you voted on former occasions?—On the Whig side.

33,584. But this time you voted for Stracey?—The same, Tillett and Russell.

33,585. Do you recollect on the day of the poll seeing Cunnington?—I do not know such a man.

33,586. Were you at the "Orchard"?—No.

33,587. In what public-house were you?—Not one at all.

33,588. Not the whole day?—Only once.

33,589. Where do you live?—In the Dereham Road.

33,590. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is there a John Brown of Heigham Street?—I think there is.

33,591. Did you ever have anything for your vote?—No.

G. Cossey.

GEORGE COSSEY sworn and examined.

33,592. (*Mr. Biron.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

33,593. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

33,594. Were you at Cartwright's beerhouse, in Rosemary Lane, that afternoon?—Yes.

33,595. With your brother-in-law, Barker?—Yes.

33,596. What did you get?—7*s.* 6*d.*

33,597. Who gave it you?—Mr. Hardiment.

33,598. And then you voted?—Yes.

33,599. Did you get any money besides that?—Yes.

33,600. Who did you get the rest from?—Mr. Robert Bacon gave it to me.

33,601. What is he?—He is a tinman by trade.

33,602. What did you get out of him?—5*s.*

33,603. Did he know that Hardiment had given you money?—No.

33,604. What else did you get?—Nothing else.

33,605. You were a good hand at it. Money was scarce, and you got it from two people. Did you not get money out of anybody else?—No.

33,606. But you got some beer?—No; what I had I paid for.

33,607. Do you know of any other men getting money besides Barker and yourself?—No, I do not. I never saw any paid.

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33,608. But there were people there ?—There were one or two.

33,609. Let us have their names ?—Young Barker's father was there ; that is all I know that was in the house.

33,610. Then it was Barker, and Barker, junior ; both of them are named James ?—That I do not know.

33,611. They are father and son ?—Yes.

33,612. Can you not give me any other names ?—No, I cannot give no others.

33,613. Have you not said that if you were asked about it you would have to let in four or five more ?—No.

33,614. Not up at the works ?—No.

33,615. Are you sure of that ?—Yes, I do not know no other names ; if I did I would tell you.

ROBERT CHAPLAIN sworn and examined.

R. Chaplain.

33,616. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A shoemaker.

33,617. Was this your first time of voting ?—Yes.

33,618. For whom did you vote ?—For Tillett and Russell.

33,619. You keep a public-house, do you not ?—Yes.

33,620. Why did you not tell me that before, when I asked you what you were ?—You asked me what I am by trade. I was a publican and general shopkeeper at the time of the election.

33,621. You were a publican then ?—Yes.

33,622. And you are a publican still ?—Yes.

33,623. What did you get for your vote ?—Not anything.

33,624. Were there a good many people in your house on the day of the poll ?—There was a good many.

33,625. Were they principally voters ?—There were a great many men and women ; they were continually coming in and out all day.

33,626. Voters waiting for what they could get ?—There was five or six standing about, and I believe they was waiting for that purpose.

33,627. Did anybody come there to look them up ?—Several different persons came round with conveyances in the course of the day, but I did not know the persons, only Dr. Grey.

33,628. Did Mr. John Abel come ?—He was going past the opening of the street, and one or two called him back, and he came back. I do not think he stopped above a minute.

33,629. Did he pull up at your door ?—No, he stopped when they called to him.

33,630. That was close by your house ?—Yes.

33,631. And then some of the men from your public-house went and got on to his vehicle ?—No, I do not remember any man going from my place with him. His vehicle did not stop within sight of my house. My house stood 50 yards from the main road. He stopped on the main road, and the buildings prevented my seeing the vehicle.

33,632. But these men called to Mr. Abel to stop ?—Yes ; one man went up the opening, and Mr. Abel came down as far as the door. I do not think he came further than the step of the door of my house.

33,633. Mr. Abel got off his box and came to the door of your public ?—Yes.

33,634. And spoke to somebody there ?—He spoke to the man, I believe, that called him.

33,635. Do you know who that man was ?—No, I do not know above one man that was in my house.

33,636. Did that man go away with Mr. Abel ?—No.

33,637. Did the man Mr. Abel was speaking to go away in his conveyance ?—No.

33,638. Do you know who the man was ?—A young man named Mansfield.

33,639. Was he talking to Mr. Abel ?—To the best of my knowledge he was not.

33,640. Do you know the names of any of the other men ?—No, I do not.

33,641. Do you know the names of any of the men who were waiting at your place to be bought ?—No, I do not.

33,642. Did you stand any beer to the men who were waiting about your house that day ?—No, not a glass.

33,643. Not at your own expense ?—No.

33,644. But did anybody else ?—I think Mr. Grey spent about a shilling in my house.

33,645. I suppose that was for beer for these voters ?—I almost forget now.

33,646. I do not suppose that a medical man would go to a public-house and drink a shillingsworth of beer ?—I do not suppose he would. I think my wife served what was supplied. The men in the house asked me if I would trust Mr. Grey to the amount of half a sovereign, and I said certainly not ; Mr. Grey was a stranger to me, and I was not inclined to trust him. They asked me to let them have some beer, and I was disinclined to do so, but I drew five or six quarts, and these men said they would pay for it.

33,647. And did they pay for it ?—No, they never paid.

33,648. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you applied to Dr. Grey to pay for it ?—Mr. Grey came to my house a day or two afterwards, and my wife asked him if he was going to pay the reckoning for what certain men in the house had, and he paid it.

33,649. How much was it ?—Three or four shillings, not more.

33,650. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was that the only score that was paid to you after the election for beer supplied at or before the election ?—That was the only score that was paid.

33,651. Was this beer supplied by Dr. Grey for the Stracey or Tillett party ?—I did not know the men ; they went away separately, and I do not know which way they voted. This young man Mansfield went with me to the poll, and we both voted for Tillett and Russell.

33,652. How long was Dr. Grey in your house ?—He came in at various times in the course of the day, and stopped perhaps ten minutes or a quarter of an hour each time.

33,653. And each time he was among the voters, trying to persuade them to vote ?—He was trying to get voters for Sir Henry Stracey, I believe.

33,654. Do you know whether he did get any voters from your place ?—I am not positive. I was very busy myself during the day, and not having any beer engines I had to go to the back part of the house to get beer. People kept coming in and out continually.

33,655. Who came with Dr. Grey ?—He was by himself.

33,656. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did anybody besides Dr. Grey come to your house in the course of the day to get up voters ?—There were different vehicles stopped there, but I did not know the persons.

33,657. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you see David Cubitt that day ?—I do not know a person of the name of Cubitt.

33,658. Is that all you can tell us about the last election ?—That is all I know of it.

FREDERICK POOLEY sworn and examined.

F. Pooley.

33,659. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—I did.

33,660. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,661. At what time in the day ?—About 3 o'clock.

33,662. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

33,663. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

33,664. You got no money and no beer ?—No.

33,665. Had you promised your vote before ?—No.

33,666. You voted of your own accord ?—Of my own accord.

Adjourned to to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

Friday, 8th October 1869.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

G. Moore.

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GEORGE MOORE recalled, and further examined.

33,667. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You told us that you spent 10*s.* in treating people on the day of the poll?—Yes, I believe I spent 10*s.*; I did not say in treating the people.

33,668. You did that for the purpose of inducing them to vote?—No.

33,669. You still adhere to that statement?—Yes.

33,670. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What did you do it for?—I often spend 10*s.* when I am about. I did not tell you an untruth yesterday. I told you the truth.

33,671. It is impossible for us to believe that you spend 10*s.* in beer, and that you are constantly doing it.—I did not say I constantly do it; perhaps I go for a month or six weeks without, but when I am forrard in drink I spend money like the rest.

33,672. Were you "forrard" in drink on the election day?—Yes.

33,673. Without any object connected with the election, you spent 10*s.* of your own money?—Of my own money; I never had a farthing from no one.

33,674. We have heard strange things in Norwich, but this is one of the strangest things we have heard.—I have told you the truth.

33,675. Beer has a wonderful influence, according to our experience here, and I must say, for myself, that I cannot believe your statement. The conclusion I come to is that on the day of the election you spent 10*s.* for the purpose of influencing persons to vote.—I have told the truth.

33,676. You voted for Stracey?—Yes. I left my home at half-past 10.

33,677. You wished Sir Henry Stracey to succeed?—Of course I did.

J. Dombrain.

JAMES DOMBRAIN recalled.

33,678. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We are informed that you wish to make some communication to us, and we shall be happy to hear it if it is relevant to the matter which we have to decide.—I desire simply to confirm my statement of last Saturday, and to say that I can give a full account of my time for that day, and I can prove that account by the testimony of most credible persons in the city.

33,679. The duty which we have to perform is to inquire into corrupt practices at the last election. In the course of our inquiries, observations and imputations may be made upon particular individuals; but so long as they are not relevant to the matter which we have to decide, namely, whether a person was guilty of corrupt practices, it is impossible for us, and it is beyond our jurisdiction, to try such an issue; but, independently of that, it would be imposing upon the city a very heavy burden which we have no right to impose in trying such issue, an inquiry which might involve very great expense, and one in which the city and community at large have no interest, and which is only of individual interest. We should, therefore, be violating our duty if we listened to the witnesses whom you propose to call, or if we listened to witnesses who might, be called on the other hand, to support any observations which may have been made. It may, however, be satisfactory to you and to your parishioners to know the opinion which we have formed upon this matter, as it stands. We should not, in an ordinary case, certainly, have taken upon ourselves to form or express an opinion upon a matter which is not officially before us; but, considering your position here, and hearing what we have heard respecting it, we have considered the evidence which has been laid before us, and I do not hesitate in saying that we think that upon the day of the election, owing to peculiar causes, I have no doubt from your love of your profession, and your great zeal in it, you laboured under a degree of excitement which has caused you to forget many things which occurred upon that day. We are not surprised that under the peculiar circumstances and the very active and unusual interest which you took in the election things which occurred upon that day have escaped your memory, more particularly as your memory has to go back to a period now of very nearly a year ago, and as the incident, which was the principal incident alluded to, is one which, if you were entirely innocent of any offence, would very likely pass from your memory. Under these circumstances, I hope that these observations may entirely put at rest a controversy of a very painful character to yourself, and one which has been of some concern to us.—I thank you most heartily. I have only asked for this opportunity, because it is the only method by which I, a poor clergyman, could in any way vindicate my character.

W. Fisher.

WILLIAM FISHER sworn and examined.

33,680. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

33,680. What time of the day?—Two o'clock.

33,682. What are you by business?—A plumber and glazier.

33,683. Did you take an active interest in the election?—Not at all.

33,684. Did you fetch up any voters?—No.

33,685. Did you canvass any voters?—Not one.

33,686. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.

33,687. Were you promised anything for your vote?—I was neither promised anything nor asked anything in any shape.

R. Bullard.

ROBERT BULLARD sworn and examined.

33,688. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A horse dealer.

33,689. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

33,690. What did you get for your vote?—Half a sovereign.

33,691. From whom?—Crancher, I think his name was. He lives on the Quay Side. That was after I voted.

33,692. He had spoken to you before about voting?—He axed me who I was going to vote for.

33,693. And he promised you half a sovereign?—No; he did not promise me. He said he would give me half a sovereign after I voted.

33,694. Was there anybody else with you that got half a sovereign or anything?—No; I did not see anyone else.

33,695. That is all you got?—That is all.

33,696. You did not get a drop of beer besides?—No; I did not drink any.

JAMES BROWNE sworn and examined. *J. Browne.*

33,697. (*Mr. Biron*). What are you?—A publican.

33,698. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,699. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

33,700. What time in the day?—Eleven o'clock.

33,701. Did you get anything for it?—Not a farthing.

33,702. Or the promise of anything?—No.

33,703. Were you employed at all at any committee rooms?—No; I was employed about a week before.

33,704. What had you to do then?—I heard they were giving out little jobs, so I thought I would try and earn a shilling or two, as well as anyone else. I went about some time, and got an order to get 10 men for the meetings.

33,705. Was that to attend the meetings?—Yes.

33,706. You were employed in the same way as Ambrose Andrews?—Yes.

33,707. Were you employed at the nomination?—No; I tried to get a job for that, but they said they dare not give it me, because I had a vote.

33,708. How many days did you and your men work?—Only one evening.

33,709. What did you pay your men?—Two shillings and a pot of beer.

77,710. What did you get paid yourself?—Ten shillings for myself.

GARDINER CHRISTOPHER STEVENS sworn and examined. *G. C. Stevens.*

33,711. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—I was.

33,712. You took an active interest, did you not, at the last election?—I did.

33,713. Is your father alive?—My son's name is George Gardiner.

33,714. Was he a poll clerk?—No.

33,715. Your son is a voter?—Yes.

33,716. You live on Orford Hill?—I live on Orford Hill.

33,717. You know the "Bell" Hotel, Orford Hill?—I live next door to it.

33,718. There was a meeting there, was there not, just before the election?—Not that I am aware of.

33,719. Were you and several people there together one day?—No.

33,720. Not before the election?—No.

33,721. Was it on the day of the election?—No.

33,722. Did you meet any people on Orford Hill, and talk to them before the election about it?—No.

33,723. Have you heard your son say that he did so?—No; I don't remember that there was a meeting at the "Bell."

33,724. Were there not some supporters of Sir Henry Stracey who met by appointment, or casually, at the "Bell" Hotel, either the day before or on the day of the election?—No; not to the best of my recollection.

33,725. You were one?—I was not.

33,726. You were one, if it was held?—I should have been, in all probability, I think.

33,727. Did you talk to any persons at the "Bell" Hotel on the day of the election?—I was not at the "Bell" Hotel until after the election was over.

33,728. Were you there the day before?—No.

33,729. Not in the "Bell" at all?—Not in the "Bell" at all.

33,730. Were you there on the Saturday?—No.

33,731. Did some other supporters of Sir Henry Stracey discuss with you about spending money at the election?—Certainly not.

33,732. You had no conversation about spending money?—Not the slightest.

33,733. Was there anything said about a guarantee being given for election expenses?—Not a word. I never heard a word.

33,734. Have you never heard about a sum being guaranteed for election expenses?—Certainly not.

33,735. Did you on the day of the election get some voters up?—I took an active part; yes.

33,736. How many persons did you take up to the poll?—I don't know. I think perhaps I might have taken up 15. I should say about 15.

33,737. From different parts of the city?—No; only from the fourth ward, and some from the sixth ward; four from the sixth ward.

33,738. Do you know a grocer on Orford Hill to whom you spoke about money on the day of the election?—I spoke to no grocer on Orford Hill.

33,739. Did you speak to any tradesman on Orford Hill about money?—Certainly not.

33,740. How did you influence the persons whom you took up to vote?—I don't know that I influenced them at all. I asked them to go and vote, and they went and voted. They were all persons in pretty much the same position as myself, and only required to be asked to go and vote.

33,741. Did you take up any persons from the low localities of your ward?—I did not.

33,742. Did you give or promise any man any money for voting at that election?—Certainly not.

33,743. Either before or on the day of the election?—Certainly not.

33,744. Did you promise anything or give anything?—Nothing; I never spent a farthing the whole day.

33,745. You may not have spent a farthing on that day?—Neither spent nor promised anything.

33,746. Did you give an order for anything?—Certainly not.

33,747. I do not suppose you received or were promised anything for your vote?—Certainly not.

WILLIAM DEBBAGE sworn and examined. *W. Debbage.*

33,748. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a new voter?—Yes.

33,749. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,750. What time of the day?—About three o'clock.

33,751. What did you get for your vote?—Not anything.

33,752. Where were you all day?—At work at Messrs. Morrison's buildings in Market Lane.

33,753. Had you promised your vote?—No.

33,754. Were you never spoken to about voting?—No.

33,755. Did you speak to no one about voting?—No further than four or five men in the shop, when I told them I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

33,756. Did they vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No. They had not a vote; not one of them.

33,757. Were they in your employment?—Yes.

33,758. Did you get any beer that day for voting?—No.

33,759. Have you had anything since?—I have had a little since I have voted for Sir Henry Stracey, but not for voting.

33,760. What public-houses were you in?—Not one. I went and voted, and then came back again.

RICHARD BUNTING sworn and examined. *R. Bunting.*

33,761. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

33,762. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,763. At what time in the day?—Between three and four.

33,764. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing.

33,765. Why did not vote earlier?—Because I was busy.

33,766. Were you at home during the day?—I was.

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33,767. Were not you about the city, getting up voters ?—No.

33,768. You took no part at all in getting up voters that day ?—Not any ; not the slightest.

33,769. What are you ?—A cabinet-maker and upholsterer.

33,770. Were you at home at your workshop the whole of the day ?—Yes ; I did not go out of my workshop till after dinner ; till I went out to vote.

33,771. Had you promised your vote to anybody ?—No.

33,772. Had you been canvassed by any one ?—Yes ; in the morning.

33,773. By which party ?—The Whig party.

33,774. Did you tell them you would vote for the other side ?—I did not tell them at all. I was very busy. After I got my work done, I went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

33,775. Had you made up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I had, partly.

33,776. What do you mean by "partly" ?—Why, I fancied I should vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

33,777. Which way did you vote before ?—I voted both ways before.

33,778. You are not much of a politician ?—Well, I vote according to my judgment.

33,779. Did you ever get anything for voting ?—No.

33,780. Never ?—Never.

33,781. Are you quite sure about that ?—I am sure of it.

33,782. You seem to hesitate a little ?—I am sure of it.

F. G. Cobb.

FREDERICK GEORGE COBB sworn and examined.

33,783. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

33,784. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

33,785. Did anybody give you anything for your vote ?—Nothing at all.

33,786. How came you to vote so late in the day ?—Because I could not leave my business before.

33,787. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—No ; I was not canvassed by any one.

33,788. Did nobody ask you for your vote ?—Mr. Henry Morgan said he was sure of my vote, and that was enough. He was canvassing in the neighbourhood where I live, and he said, "I believe you will vote for Stracey," and I said "Yes."

33,789. That was promising your vote ?—Yes.

33,790. When was that ?—About a fortnight before the election.

33,791. He knew your colour pretty well, and therefore spoke to you in those terms ?—Yes.

33,792. Did you receive anything for your vote ?—No.

33,793. Nor the promise of anything ?—Nor the promise of anything. I never thought of such a thing.

W. Copeman.

WILLIAM COPEMAN sworn and examined.

33,794. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) This is the first you have voted ?—Yes.

33,795. What time of the day did you vote ?—Between two and three.

33,796. What did you get for it ?—Not anything.

33,797. Did not you try to get anything ?—No.

33,798. Did you know that there was money going that day ?—No.

33,799. Did you get any beer ?—None.

33,800. Where were you during the afternoon ?—I was in the market.

33,801. Where were you before you voted ?—At my own house.

33,802. Where is that ?—Tinkler's Lane, Heigham.

33,803. Were you asked for your vote by any one ?—Yes ; by Mr. Stracey's party. They came before the election.

33,804. Did you promise your vote ?—No.

33,805. What did you tell them ?—I said I should not promise my vote to any one.

33,806. On the day of the poll, did you speak to anybody else ?—No.

33,807. Were you not looking out for money ?—No.

33,808. Why did you not promise to vote ?—Because I did not know which way I should vote.

33,809. What made you decide at last ?—I don't know, particular. I thought perhaps Mr. Stracey would do more good than the other gentlemen.

33,810. You thought he would do more good to you ?—No, not to me.

33,811. Now tell me what you got for voting ?—I never got anything.

33,812. Have you had anything since ?—No.

33,813. Have not you tried for anything ?—No.

33,814. Were you promised anything ?—Not anything ; nor yet canvassed, except by Mr. Henry Stracey.

33,815. Who took you up to the poll ?—I went alone.

33,816. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were at home all the morning ?—I was.

33,817. What are you by business ?—I am a shoemaker.

33,818. Do you work on your own account, or have you a master ?—For my own account. I have a master too.

33,819. Did you ever get anything for your vote ?—No.

33,820. Why did you not go to vote before two o'clock ?—I was busy with my work.

33,821. A shoemaker working at his own home has his time at his own disposal ?—There was some work wanted finishing.

33,822. Were not you looking out to see if there was any money going ?—No ; I did not leave my own house till I went and voted.

33,823. You were canvassed for your vote, and you said you would not give any answer, and then, without any reasonable cause whatever, so far as we can ascertain, you go up at two o'clock and vote ?—Yes.

33,824. Why, if you have any political principles at all, did you not promise your vote when you were asked ?—I had not made up my mind which way I should vote.

33,825. What made you make up your mind at two o'clock on the day of the election ? We cannot help thinking that something occurred which induced you to make up your mind.—I don't know that anything did.

33,826. A man does not act without some motive. What made you make up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I don't know of anything particular. I thought Mr. Stracey would perhaps do more good than the other gentlemen.

33,827. What made you think so ?—I heard that he was a very good gentleman. That's it.

33,828. Sir William Russell is also a very good gentleman ?—No doubt.

33,829. And Mr. Tillett is a very good gentleman ?—No doubt.

33,830. Then what made you make up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and not for them ?—Nothing particular.

33,831. I am afraid there are very great doubts as to what occurred on that day, so as to cause you to make up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.—I never received anything.

33,832. Did you go to any public-house after you voted ?—No ; I walked through the market till the election was over, and then I went home.

GEORGE GOULTY sworn and examined. *G. Goulty.*

33,833. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A labourer.
33,834. Did you vote at the last election ?—I did.
33,835. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.
33,836. At what time?—As nigh as I can guess about ten minutes after two.
33,837. After your dinner hour ?—Yes.
33,838. Had you promised your vote ?—Not to anybody.
33,839. Had you been canvassed ?—No.
33,840. What were you doing the earlier part of the day ?—I was at work at Mr. Buttifant's saw mill.
33,841. After voting what did you do ?—I went deal carrying.
33,842. You went to work again ?—Yes, and never see nobody.
33,843. You got nothing for your vote ?—Not the worth of a pin's head.
33,844. Nor the promise of anything ?—No.

JOHN BUCK sworn and examined. *J. Buck.*

33,845. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election ?—Yes.
33,846. Where were you on the morning of the election ?—I was at home.
33,847. What were you doing at home ?—I was doing a little job at home for myself.
33,848. What made you vote so late in the day ?—Well, sir, I did not know that it was of any consequence voting early or late. I had a little job to do, and I wanted to get it done.
33,849. Did anybody come to you to ask you for your vote ?—Nobody.
33,850. Who took you up to the poll ?—Nobody.
33,851. Did you go up entirely of your own accord? —Yes.
33,582. Were you at any public house in the morning ?—Well, I did go and have a pint at the "Greyhound" in Tinkler's Lane.
33,853. Did you see anybody there ?—There were two or three drinking in the house.
33,854. Did anybody come to you about your vote there ?—No.
33,855. What time in the day did you vote ?—Something like three; it might be a few minutes after, as near as I can tell.
33,856. You had time to go to the public house and drink there; why, then, did you not vote before that time in the day ?—I did not know that it was of any consequence; I wanted to get my job done.
33,857. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.
33,858. You saw a good number of people in Tinkler's Lane who were voters, and who got something for voting ?—No.
33,859. Did not you hear of men in Tinkler's Lane getting money for their votes ?—No.
33,860. Did you talk with your neighbours that day ?—No, only what was in there; the man that keeps the house.
33,861. You also saw your neighbours ?—No.
33,862. Did not you talk to anybody near your house that day ?—No, only my next-door neighbour.
33,863. It was the common talk, was it not, that there was something to be got for voting ?—I never heard it.
33,864. Was anything promised you for your vote ? —No.
33,865. Did you get no beer that day for your vote ? —No.
33,866. Did you get any beer at all that day ?—Only what I paid for myself.

CHARLES CHENERY sworn and examined. *C. Chenery.*

33,867. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade? —A baker.
33,868. Is this the first time you ever voted ?—Yes.
33,869. For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.
33,870. Did you promise your vote before ?—I never promised it.
33,871. Were you asked for it ?—I was asked.
33,872. What answer did you make ?—I said I would.
33,873. Was anything offered you for your vote ?—Not at that time; no.
33,874. When was it offered to you ?—The day of the election.
33,875. By whom ?—By Brock.
33,876. Who is he ?—He is a tailor, and has a general shop.
33,877. How much did he offer you ?—Five shillings.
33,878. To vote for Stracey ?—Yes.
33,879. Did he pay you ?—Yes, the same day.
33,880. Where did he pay you ?—Close by his own house.
33,881. Was anybody else with you at that time ?—No.
33,882. Do not you know that he was paying other men ?—That I cannot say.
33,883. Have you not heard of his paying other men ?—Yes; he told me he paid another man.
33,884. Did he tell you who it was ?—Lincoln.
33,885. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where does he live ?—Close by.
33,886. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is that all he told you ?—Yes, that is all.
33,887, Did he tell you that he gave Lincoln five shillings ?—No; he did not tell me what he had given him.
33,888. Is that all you can tell about this election ?—Yes, that's all.
33,889. Were you at any beerhouse where beer was going ?—No.
33,890. You did not get treated at all ?—No.

WILLIAM EVERETT sworn and examined. *W. Everett.*

33,891. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A tailor.
33,892. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.
33,893. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.
33,894. What time of the day ?—Very near two.
33,895. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.
33,896. Or the promise of anything ?—No.
33,897. Did you take any active part in the election yourself ?—I lost about a quarter of an hour to go and vote.
33,898. You did not get anybody else to go ?—No.

ROBERT FULLER sworn and examined. *R. Fuller.*

33,899. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Stracey.
33,900. What time of the day ?—About 20 minutes to four.
33,901. That is very late for a man in your position; why were you so late ?—I wished to see what was going on in the city, before I voted.
33,902. You wished to see which was the winning side ?—No.
33,903. Why did you want to see what was going on in the city ?—Just at the time I came up, I saw a rush at Mr. Tillett's carriage, and I wished to see what was going on there.
33,904. But that crowd was not rushing to Mr.

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Tillett's carriage until very nearly four o'clock ?—I know, but I wished to see how things was going on.

33,905. Why should you wish to see how things were going on before you voted?—I took my own time and my own pleasure when to vote; I had got no set time when I was to vote.

33,906. I do not understand why you were hanging back till nearly four o'clock in the day ?—There was no such thing as hanging back from voting in me. There never was.

33,907. You certainly were not in the van?—I voted when I thought proper.

33,908. Why did you come up in the rear ?—I just see a little bit of a brush when the party was beating up. There was a crowd about Mr. Tillett's carriage.

33,909. Why did you wait for the brush?—I had no occasion to rush.

33,910. Everybody interested in Sir Henry Stracey's success, like yourself, would think it a matter of importance to support him earlier ?—My time was my own.

33,911. That is the very reason why I make the observation. You had plenty of time to go up when you liked?—But I did not choose, you see.

33,912. Why were you so much behind your companions as to vote so near four o'clock ?—I waited in the city till my own pleasure time when I liked to go and vote. I just saw a little bit of a brush there.

33,913. What time did this "little bit of a brush" take place ?—Some time in the afternoon.

33,914. What were you doing up to that time in the afternoon ?—Well, I dare say I might have been taking a glass.

33,915. Were you at the "Horse Shoes"?—No; I was at my own house. I kept a house at the time.

33,916. You are not a solitary drinker, are you ?—I can take a glass now and then, on occasions.

33,917. You were taking a glass in a public if you were taking it anywhere ?—If I took it I paid for it.

33,918. I want to know which was the public in which you took a glass ?—I took none, except where I paid for it.

33,919. Where did you pay for it?—Mr. Phinn's.

33,920. Where is that ?—In the market.

33,921. What other place ?—I had some in my own place; I kept a public house myself.

33,922. Were you treating voters there ?—No.

33,923. You are a staunch Straceyite ?—I am, and I hope he will come up again.

33,924. Are you a recruiting sergeant ?—I am called that.

33,925. Did you beat up recruits for Sir Henry Stracey that day ?—I wished I had the chance.

33,926. Did you beat them up ?—I did not. I was not on the recruiting service that time.

33,927. Did not you beat up some recruits for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I did not.

33,928. Did not you try ?—No.

33,929. Did not you get anybody to go up to the poll?—Not one. If they respect the gentleman they can go up of themselves without any one to bring them up.

33,930. But you know there were a good number of people who had not any respect for anybody that day?—There were plenty of people had not much respect for me, because I got a crack on the head, so there was not much respect for me; if I had catched that party I would have given him one the same.

33,931. Did you not find a few people who had respect for you?—Not one. What I had I paid for out of my own private pocket.

33,932. Then you were a hard-used man. You went about the city ?—I did, at my own pleasure.

33,933. When you had a look round, I suppose you found a few people who were what they call a little fresh ?—I dare say they were.

33,934. You are sure, are you not, that there were some fresh ?—I am sure there were some fresh, but not at my expense.

33,935. Were there men going about with cards in their hands?—I don't know; I didn't see any.

33,936. Did you try whether you could get them up to vote ?—No, I had no occasion, because I could see there were plenty would vote for Stracey that would not for the other party.

33,937. You thought you knew a great deal more about his affairs than his advisers?—I don't know about that.

33,938. Did not you know that at two o'clock he was a great way behind ?—I don't think I stirred but a little from the end of London Street.

33,939. According to your account you took an interest in the election. Did you not know that at two o'clock he was very greatly behind ?—It was very little after that that he was a little in front, and I was very happy to see it.

33,940. Up to that time he was getting gradually behind, and at two o'clock he was considerably behind. You knew that?—Yes. I knew I had a plumper for him.

33,941. When you found that he was behind why did you not go and plump ?—I knew it was all right. It did not matter so much what time I went.

33,942. Who told you that it would be all right ?—I did not know that he would gain the day; I could not tell that.

33,943. If you were so anxious to support Sir Henry Stracey, why did you not go up and poll when you saw that your man wanted support ?—I wanted to see a little sport in the city.

33,944. The polling place was close to you ?—It did not suit my taste to go at that time.

33,945. Were you waiting to get something ?—No.

33,946. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

33,947. Were you promised anything ?—No.

33,948. Did anybody come to you for your vote ?—Well, I don't know. I am not sure whether there was or no. If there was I was not in the way at the time.

33,949. Had you promised anybody your vote before the day of the election ?—I think I had. I am not exactly sure, but I said if I did vote it would be for Mr. Stracey.

33,950. Were you so lukewarm about voting for Sir Henry Stracey that you only said that if you did vote it should be for him ?—That's what I said.

33,951. Being a staunch supporter of Sir Henry Stracey's, how came you to say that ?—I had no occasion to do that, but still I did not intend to vote for the others.

33,951. I suppose we must take your account, but it is a very strange one.

J. Gazly.

JOHN GAZLY sworn and examined.

33,952. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A shoemaker.

33,953. Is this the first time you ever had a vote ?—Yes.

33,954. For whom did you vote ?—Russell and Tillett.

33,955. What time of the day ?—Between three and four.

33,956. Where were you that day ?—I was down at my father's the chief part of the day.

33,957. I think you went to Mackley's ?—Yes.

33,958. With whom did you go ?—I was going through the New Mill yard, and I met with a man who asked me to have a glass of beer.

33,959. A man of the name of Fountain ?—Yes; he and his wife.

33,960. You went into Mackley's ?—Yes.

33,961. Did Fountain also go in ?—Yes.

33,962. Did you find Bradbury at the door ?—I see Mr. Bradbury there. He was sitting there.

33,963. Did he let you in ?—No; anybody might go in and have a glass of beer.

33,964. Was not Mackley standing at the door ?—No; he was behind the bar, drawing the beer.

33,965. Was not Bradbury at the door?—I cannot say. I see him sitting on a seat, whether it was close to the door or not I cannot say.

33,966. Then you went up stairs?—Yes.

33,967. And there you saw Hardiment?—Yes.

33,968. I believe you got some money there?—Yes.

33,969. How much?—One pound.

33,970. Then you went and voted for Russell and Tillett?—Yes.

33,971. Did anybody else get any money?—Yes.

33,972. Who else got money that you saw?—I see several paid.

33,973. Did Fountain get some?—No; he had voted. He would have liked to have had it, I dare say.

33,974. Did not Fountain tell you afterwards that he had had something?—No.

33,975. Are you quite certain of that?—Quite certain.

33,976. What other men did you see there?—There was one man I know of the name of Goodwin that I can recollect. I cannot recollect any other names.

33,977. This was on the landing that you got the money?—No.

33,978. Cannot you say what other persons were there?—I cannot recollect the names. I have tried to do, since that gentleman (*the secretary*) sent to me.

33,979. Did you see Goodwin get some money;—Yes.

33,980. A sovereign?—Yes.

33,981. You saw Mackley there, did not you?—Yes. I see him attending to his customers behind the bar.

33,982. You had some talk with him?—No.

33,983. Did not Mackley tell you there was money going?—No.

33,984. What took you to this public house?—I was going through the New Mill yard, when I see Mr. Fountain. I says, "Where are you off to now?" He had his wife with him, and he was a little half-in-half; and he said, "Going along with my wife for "a walk. Shall we have a pint of ale?" I said, "No, thank you." "Well," he said, "Let's go in "to Mackley's." That was close by, and we went in, and he left me there. How I came to go upstairs was there was nowhere to sit down, and I saw a lot of people go up and down.

33,985. You knew that money was going?—I did not know it. I saw people go up and down. I thought I would go and see if I could sit down. I did not know what was going on till I got to the top of the stairs, when I see a man. He said, "Let "me see your card." "What card," I said, "Your "voting card." I took one out of my pocket.

33,986. Was it Stracey's card?—I don't know. I had two or three in my pocket.

33,987. Who was that man that spoke to you?—I don't know. When I got to the top of the stairs, Hardiment took my card, and never spoke to me at all. He took my card and the number, and then he gave me a pound, and never asked me nothing.

33,988. He told you to go and vote for Stracey?—No; he never spoke a word to me; but I thought it was a nice way of getting money like that.

33,989. Did you not tell him you were going to vote for Stracey?—No; I had made up my mind to vote for Tillett and Russell. I thought if they were so foolish as to give their money away in that way I would take it, but I made up my mind to vote for the two blues.

33,990. Cannot you recollect any of their names?—I have tried to recollect them since that gentleman (*the secretary*) sent to me a fortnight ago.

33,991. Before you went to the house, I suppose you knew that something was going on there?—No more than them that never was in Norwich.

33,992. How long was it before you went up to the landing that you saw people going up and down?—There were lots of people going up and down.

33,993. Were they not your neighbours?—There was no particular people that I knew; they were almost all strangers to me.

33,994. Did you see Hardiment come there, and go upstairs?—I did not know him then. I see him going up after I got up. I recognised that man who gave me money as the one who went through the house along with the rest.

33,995. You saw Hardiment go into the house?—I saw him come in, but did not know who he was until days after that.

33,996. Did he not come in by the same door as you?—Yes; by the street door.

33,997. As soon as Hardiment came, a number of people followed him?—I saw a lot go up.

33,998. When he came upstairs they were more busy and active?—No; I never noticed any one more active and busy than before.

33,999. How long did you remain in the house?—I might be there about an hour.

34,000. Was this going on all the while?—Yes.

34,001. Were people coming up and going downstairs?—I saw people going up and down.

34,002. How many people, do you suppose, you saw go up and down?—I was in there about an hour.

34,003. Did you see fifty?—I won't say any number, because I cannot tell.

34,004. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did they keep going up and coming down without intermission?—Yes; the same as they do generally in a public house when they are pretty busy.

34,005. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Cannot you tell me whether you saw as many as fifty people go up and down?—No, I cannot tell you that. Goodwin is the only man I can recollect. I have tried since I was asked.

34,006. Where does Goodwin live?—I don't know. I have only heard of him by hearing his name called.

34,007. What is the Christian name of Goodwin?—I dont know; George, I think.

34,008. What is he by trade?—A shoemaker.

34,009. Cannot you tell me where he lives?—No.

34,010. Can you tell me of anybody else who got money?—No; I saw several taking it, but I do not know their names.

34,011. Was anybody with Hardiment when he gave you that sovereign?—I don't know whether they were with him personally; several people were standing there.

34,012. People were standing close by?—Yes, round him.

34,013. Can you give me the names of any of them?—No, I don't know only that one. I did not know Mr. Hardiment's name until days after.

34,014. Had you never seen Hardiment before?—No, never. I have seen him since several times, but I had never seen him before.

ISAAC DAYNES sworn and examined.

I. Dayne.

34,015. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carpenter and joiner.

34,016. At Heigham?—Yes.

34,017. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,018. For whom?—For Tillett.

34,019. At what time in the day?—At ten o'clock.

34,020. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing. I had not the chance.

34,021. You would have taken it if you could have got it?—I had not the chance. Some had it, but I never saw any.

34,022. After you had voted, what did you do?—Went back to my work again.

34,023. Were you in any public houses during the day?—Only at Mr. Last's.

34,024. Did you go to Young's public house?—No; I never went into any public house at all but that one.

34,025. Do you know Young's public house, the "Lily," in Ber Street?—Yes.

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34,026. Were you not there?—No, I was not.

34,027. Did you see Waites that day?—I saw him two or three times.

34,028. The tripe boiler?—Yes. I saw him backwards and forwards in the street, and I saw him standing in this public house that you mention, the "Lily."

34,029. You were not in the public house yourself, but passed by it?—I was not in the house at all. I was in the street, and saw him standing there.

34,030. Did you see him do anything there?—I only saw him take and shove a man to the voting place.

34,031. Did you see him give him any money?—No; not to be sure.

34,032. Do you know who the man was?—No.

34,033. Did you see him give the man anything?—No; he only shoved him up to the polling place.

34,034. After the man had voted, did you see him give him anything?—No.

G. G. Stevens.

GEORGE GARDINER STEVENS sworn and examined.

34,035. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you at any meeting at an inn on Orford Hill the day of or the day before the election?—Yes; I think I was at a ward meeting.

34,036. Who were present at that meeting?—The members of the ward association.

34,037. Is there any secretary?—Yes.

34,038. Who is he?—Mr. Phillips.

34,039. On what day did that meeting take place?—I do not know; it was just before the election.

34,040. Who were the members present?—I was there for one, and the secretary, and I think my father was there.

34,041. I suppose the secretary would enter the names in some book of those who attended that meeting?—We pay our subscriptions every time, so that I daresay he would.

34,042. And he would therefore be able to tell us who were present at that meeting?—He would.

34,043. Where does he live?—In St. Peter's.

34,044. At that meeting was not the election mentioned?—I should think very likely it was; I do not remember it.

34,045. You were all Straceyites, were you not?—Yes; it is a Conservative association.

34,046. You determined to support Sir Henry Stracey?—Thick and thin.

34,047. That was the object of the meeting?—Yes; that was what I wished to do.

34,048. What arrangements did you make to support Sir Henry Stracey; did you subscribe together?—No; we were to meet on the Hay Hill, and we all walked together to the poll.

34,049. In addition to that, was it not agreed that something more should be done than the mere meeting to go to the poll?—No.

34,050. Was it not arranged that you should do something for those persons who wanted a day's wages?—No; it was not mentioned.

34,051. Was anything subscribed; was any payment made?—Only payments for the association. We have a dinner at the end of the year.

34,052. There was a subscription that day?—As we meet so we pay.

34,053. What did you pay?—I think it is 3*d.* a month that we pay.

34,054. Was nothing more paid that time than usual?—No, nothing more.

34,055. Was anything said about providing anything for people who were to meet the poorer class of voters?—No; only that we wished them all to be there.

34,056. But did you not make arrangements to give them something on the November morning?—No.

34,057. Was nothing said about a drop of beer?—No, not a word.

34,058. Beer was avoided, was it?—No, not by me; I had some.

34,059. Was there no discussion about what you should do to get your poorer class of voters up?—No, there was nothing said.

34,060. Were there any directions given?—No.

34,061. Was nothing done about money?—No, only what I have told you.

34,062. Have you ever heard of a guarantee fund?—Yes, for Mr. Edward I did. After Sir Henry Stracey was turned out, that is, after he came forward, we were to guarantee his expenses.

34,063. When was that?—That was after Sir Henry Stracey's election.

34,064. Was there not before the election day, or about that time, an arrangement by which a guarantee was to be given?—Not that I know of.

34,065. You never put your name down for a guarantee?—No; I had not got the stuff to do it.

34,066. At the time of the election, or about that time, did you not say that you would stand something, as an independent man?—I do not remember saying so.

34,067. Did you not say that as an independent man you would stand something?—No, I did not, because I was not independent.

34,068. I do not mean independent of your father, but as an independent man and a voter, did you not say that you would stand something?—No.

34,069. Did you not say, that as an independent voter in the city you would stand something?—I do not remember saying it.

34,070. Did other people say that as independent men in the city they would stand something?—No, I did not hear it.

34,071. Were you not told that they had said it?—No.

34,072. Have you heard of nothing being subscribed by independent men for any purpose beyond that to which you have alluded?—No; I know of nothing of the kind.

34,073. What was done with regard to Mr. Edward Stracey?—We have not had any election, and so he could not come forward.

34,074. You thought of starting Mr. Edward Stracey?—Yes; we wished to have Mr. Stracey a member for Norwich.

34,075. That is, if there was a fresh election, and Mr. Edward Stracey stood, you intended to support him?—I would.

34,076. Have you not heard of any guarantee or of any subscription with regard to the expenses of the election made about that time, or paid since?—No, I have not.

34,077. You were very active in supporting Sir Henry Stracey on the day of the election?—Yes, as far as I could.

34,078. Did you get up some voters?—No.

34,079. Did you go about for them?—I went with some voters the first thing in the morning; my father was one of them; we all went together.

34,080. Did you give any of the men some beer?—No.

34,081. Not a drop?—Not a drop.

34,082. Did you not subscribe among yourselves something to give to them to go and get it?—No; they did not want it at that time, I think.

34,083. Was nothing given to the poorer men to drink that morning?—No; nothing that I saw.

34,084. After you had gone up with them, did you go about getting up voters?—No; I went home for my breakfast.

34,085. But did you after breakfast?—I had to stop in the shop; my father was out.

34,086. Did you get out during the day?—I got out once or twice.

34,087. Did you go out to try to get some voters?—No; I did not know who to get.

34,088. There were plenty of them about?—I did not know anything about that; the only experience I

had was in getting up some ladies to vote for my father as guardian.

34,089. Did you not see a number of men waiting about, who wanted a day's pay, or something of that sort?—No, I did not see them. I was not about the city much.

34,090. Did not some of them speak to you?—Yes; there was one man came into the shop. He said, "I am going to vote." I said, "You had better let my little brother go with you," and he said he would, and my brother went with him, and voted.

34,091. Did you not find that there were some men who wanted a day's wages?—No; I did not look for them.

34,092. But they may have looked for you?—I did not see them.

34,093. Do you know a person named Robert Walker, a gardener in St. Stephen's?—No.

34,094. Do you not know a person named Walker, who is a gardener?—No, I do not.

34,095. Did you go at all to the "Trumpet" that day?—No, I did not.

34,096. You have a brother?—Yes.

34,097. Do you know whether he went to the "Trumpet"?—They are only boys. I do not think that they would go there.

34,098. Did you not see Robert Walker, the gardener?—No. I do not know him.

34,099. Did you not say to him, or to some man, "You go and vote for my friend. You know me "well, and I will give you half a sovereign, if you "will come to me after you have voted"?—No; I did not say that. I had not got it to give him if I had said so.

34,100. But are you sure you did not say it?—I am certain I did not.

34,101. Did you not give anything to anybody for voting?—No.

34,102. Neither money nor beer?—No.

34,103. Nor the promise of anything?—No, nor the promise of anything.

34,104. I suppose you did not get anything for your vote?—No.

34,105. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

James Lane sworn and examined. *J. Lane.*

34,106. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A pig dealer.

34,107. Is this the first time you have had a vote?—Yes.

34,108. For whom did you vote?—For Russell and Tillett.

34,109. Did you get anything for voting for them?—Certainly not.

34,110. Did anybody offer you any money to vote for Stracy?—Yes; I had half-a-crown and 5*s.* offered me.

34,111. By whom?—By a man named Porter, who keeps the "New Inn."

34,112. Did you take it?—No.

34,113. Do you know of his offering money to anybody else for voting?—I do not; only me.

34,114. Where were you when that offer was made?—Opposite the "Grapes," on the open plain.

34,115. What did you say?—I said, no, I should not take it. I said that if I voted at all I would have a piece of gold.

34,116. What he offered was not enough for you?—No.

34,117. Did he say that he would make it 10*s.*?—No, he did not say more; we had a glass of ale, and then I went and voted.

34,118. You voted according to your own opinion, as you could not get gold?—I thought it was not enough, to tell you the truth.

34,119. And so you voted your own way?—Yes.

34,120. Where does Porter live?—At the "New Inn," I think they call it, in West End Street.

34,121. Were you offered any money by anybody else?—No.

34,122. Neither before nor after the election?—No.

34,123. Do you know a man named Bailey, a milkman?—No.

34,124. A man who lives in Distillery Street?—No.

Thomas Middleton sworn and examined. *T. Middleton.*

34,125. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,126. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

34,127. At what time?—Between three and four o'clock.

34,128. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

34,129. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

34,130. Why did you not vote before?—Because I was at work before I voted. I wanted to finish my work, and I made up my mind not to go out till I had finished it, and I did finish it, and then I went and voted.

34,131. Had you been asked to vote before?—No; I meant to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and nobody else.

34,132. Had you voted before?—No.

34,133. That was your first time?—That was the first time.

David Haylett sworn and examined. *D. Haylett.*

34,134. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

34,135. At what time in the day?—At three o'clock.

34,136. What public house were you in on that morning?—Not any.

34,137. What were you doing up to three o'clock? I was working at my own business.

34,138. What is your business?—A master shoemaker.

34,139. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not a farthing, and I never went after anything of the kind.

34,140. Did you get the promise of anything?—No.

Thomas Thetford sworn and examined. *T. Thetford.*

34,141. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was this the first time you had a vote?—Yes.

34,142. Were you asked for your vote?—No.

34,143. Did you promise your vote to any one?—No.

34,144. Who did you vote for?—Sir Henry Stracey.

34,145. At what time in the day?—At two o'clock.

34,146. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

34,147. Did you go up to the poll with anybody?—No.

34,148. Have you had anything since for voting?—No.

34,149. Did you get treated that day by anybody?—No.

34,150. What are you by trade?—I am a porter.

34,151. Where were you the whole of the day of the poll?—I was at work till the time when I went to the poll.

34,152. Where were you working?—At my master's.

34,153. Who is your master?—Mr. Clement Hart.

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34,154. And did you go back to work after voting?—Yes.

34,155. And did you remain there the rest of the day?—Yes.

34,156. Were you ever promised anything for voting?—No; I discountenanced anything of the sort.

34,157. Did your master canvass you?—No.

R. Bartram.

ROBERT BARTRAM sworn and examined.

34,158. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A foundryman.

34,159. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,160. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

34,161. What time in the day?—About three o'clock.

34,162. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

34,163. Or the promise of anything?—No.

34,164. Were you canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

34,165. By whom?—Mr. Stracey's people.

34,166. Did you promise your vote?—No.

34,167. Did you make up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

34,168. Where were you all the morning of the polling day?—I was at home till after dinner.

34,169. What were you doing at home?—I was at work in my own garden.

34,170. Why did you not vote before three o'clock?—It is a long way into the city from where I live.

J. Wilson.

JOSEPH WILSON sworn and examined.

34,171. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A coach painter.

34,172. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—I did.

34,173. Who came and fetched you up to the poll?—Nobody; I went myself.

34,174. Had you been canvassed before for your vote?—Yes, I had.

34,175. When?—Well, I cannot say the day exactly, but a day or two before the election; I cannot say exactly what day.

34,176. By whom had you been canvassed?—Mr. Morgan.

34,177. Did he ask you to vote for Stracey?—Yes. I should have done so had he not asked me the question.

34,178. He asked you for whom you were going to vote?—He asked me whether I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

34,179. And what did you say?—I said I would if I voted at all.

34,180. What made you doubt about your voting?—I did not trouble myself about voting. I am no particular politician, and I do not trouble myself about voting.

34,181. You not being at all a politician, what made you go up and vote?—I told him that if I voted at all I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

34,182. But what made you vote at all?—Because I told him that I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey if I voted at all.

34,183. You say you were indifferent about voting; what induced you to make up your mind to vote?—I do not know that there was anything particular.

34,184. But there must have been something?—I do not know of anything, if there was.

34,185. Then you made up your mind without any reason for it?—Just so.

34,186. Did nobody come and offer you anything?—No.

34,187. Were you at any public house on that day?—Yes; I went to two or three.

34,188. What houses were they?—I went to a public house called the "Robin Hood."

34,189. What time in the day was that?—I worked half a day, and then I left off to go and vote.

34,190. But before you voted, you went to a public house?—I did.

34,191. What other public house did you go to?—I went to the "Robin Hood" before I voted, and got a glass of ale, or I might have two, and then I went and voted, and after I had voted I called in there again, and had another glass of ale, and then I walked down the town, and then I went to another public house called the "Albion," and there I had a glass.

34,192. Did you see anybody in the "Robin Hood" who spoke to you about voting?—Nobody in particular; nobody spoke to me about voting.

34,193. Did anybody offer you anything that day for voting?—No, and I did not expect anything of the kind.

34,194. Or any beer?—No.

34,195. Did anybody promise you anything?—No.

34,195. You voted according to your own fancy?—Yes.

S. Pye.

SAMUEL PYE sworn and examined.

34,196. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A labouring man.

34,197. Where do you live?—At Stone End.

34,198. Is that in the Dereham Road?—Yes.

34,199. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

34,201. Who took you up to the poll?—I do not know who the gentleman was.

34,202. Did you not go up in a cab?—Yes.

34,203. With one or two gentlemen?—There were wo gentlemen.

34,204. Have you heard since who they were?—I do not know who they was.

34,205. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

34,206. Do you know young Mr. Stracey by sight?—No.

34,206. Do you know whether it was he?—I was told afterwards that it was Dr. Allen; that he was one of them.

34,208. Was he a light-haired gentleman, with a beard?—Yes.

34,209. Who told you it was Dr. Allen?—I was told that by a man who worked along with me.

34,210. How much did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

34,211. Did you not tell some one afterwards that you got 10*s.* for it?—No.

34,212. Do you know a man of the name of Pearce?—No.

34,213. Are you certain of that?—Yes.

34,211. Pearce, who lives in Cock Yard, St. Giles'?—I do not know him.

34,215. Are you certain that you did not talk to him about what you had got for voting?—I never got anything, so I could not tell no one.

84,216. Was not something promised you?—No.

34,217. Did not either of the gentlemen in the cab give you something?—No.

34,218. No beer?—No.

34,219. Nor money to get beer with?—No.

34,220. Have you not had anything since?—No, nor yet have I had anything since.

34,221. Do you know a man named Seeley?—Yes.

34,322. Did you see him that day?—Yes.

34,223. Did you not tell him that there was some money to be got?—No.

34,224. What did he tell you?—He and I went and voted together.

34,225. What did he say?—He did not get anything, I see.

34,226. Did he not tell you that he had got something ?—No.

34,227. Are you sure of that ?—Yes.

34,228. You went up with these two gentleman ?—Yes.

34,229. Did both of them go with you to the poll ?—Yes.

34,230. The whole way ?—We kept together the whole time.

34,231. Did not either of the gentlemen get out before you got to the poll ?—No.

34,232. What time in the day was this ?—As near as I can guess, it was about three o'clock ; between two and three.

34,233. Now just tell me what you got ?—I did not get anything ; if I had I would tell you.

34,234. Are you quite certain you got nothing ?—Yes, I am sure of it.

34,235. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How came you not to vote before ?—I was at work on the hill. I should not have went then if they had not come for me.

34,235. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What job were you upon ?—Cleaning out the sheep-pens.

34,237. Who were you at work for ?—Mr. Newman.

34,238. Did he tell you how to vote ?—No ; he was not there.

34,239. After you had voted, what became of you ?—I came back, and went on with my work.

JAMES BULL sworn and examined. *J. Bull.*

34,240. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A superintendent of labourers.

34,241. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

34,242. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

34,243. What time in the day ?—About half past three.

34,244. Did you get anything for voting ?—Nothing.

34,245. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

34,246. Why did you not vote early in the day ?—Because I could not leave my employ.

34,247. Were you at work all the morning ?—Yes.

34,248. After you had voted, what did you do ?—I went home, and saw after my work again.

THOMAS RANT sworn and examined. *T. Rant.*

34,249. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election ?—Yes.

34,250. You did not vote till late in the day ?—No.

34,251. How came that ?—Business called me the other way.

34,252. Where were you on business ?—At home.

34,253. But the polling place was close to your house ?—I know it was, but I could not get there.

34,254. Why not ?—Business called me other ways. Peoples lives are in danger when I am away.

34,255. Were you at home the whole time ?—I was at home the whole day.

34,256. Attending to your business ?—Yes.

34,257. You are a publican, I believe ?—Yes.

34,258. I suppose you heard nothing said about the election in your house on that day ?—No, never.

34,259. No publican in Norwich ever did, with one exception. You did not hear a word spoken in your house about the election on that day ?—No one ever came to me. I did not intend to vote at all.

34,260. But there was nobody in your house that day who talked about the election ?—No ; I know nothing about nobody else.

34,261. Were there not a number of voters in your house ?—No.

34,262. What business had you to attend to ?—My own business.

34,263. If there were no customers, what business had you to attend to ?—I was after my business. I had to attend to the bathing-house. Peoples lives are in danger when I am away.

34,264. What business is yours besides that of a publican ?—Bathing.

34,265. (*Mr. Biron.*) Were they bathing on the 18th of November ?—Yes ; plenty of them do now.

34,266. But were they on the 18th of November ?—They bathe all the season round.

34,267. All day long ?—No. You are too sharp upon me.

34,268. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many bathers had you in your house that day ?—That I cannot tell.

34,269. Had you any ?—Of course I had, if not I had other work to see after.

34,270. What public house is it that you keep ?—The "Dolphin," in Heigham.

34,271. Were you attending to the baths ?—Yes.

34,272. Not to the public house ?—Sometimes, and sometimes I was in the garden.

34,273. But you say that you had nobody in the public ?—I cannot tell you who came in in the course of the day.

34,274. You told me just now that you had no voters in your public ?—No more I had ; no voters that I know of. I do not know who are voters and who are not. Many persons come into my house, and I do not know who they are.

34,275. I asked you if there were any voters in your house ?—I do not know.

34,276. That is not the answer that you gave me just now. You told me that you had no customers in your house ?—It is a very poor public house that has no customers.

34,277. Did you promise any man in your house anything for voting that day ?—No, I did not.

34,278. Did you give anything ?—I did not give anything.

34,279. Did anybody give you anything ?—No.

34,280. Or promise you anything ?—No.

ALFRED LIVOCK sworn and examined. *A. Livock.*

34,281. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

34,282. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

34,283. Had you been asked for it ?—No.

34,284. What time did you go to the poll ?—At a quarter past three.

34,285. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing.

34,286. Were you promised anything ?—No.

34,287. What were you doing all the day ?—I was at work for Mr. Geldhart, and I did not leave off work till two o'clock.

34,288. What is your trade ?—I am a cellarman to Mr. Geldhart.

34,289. What is he by trade ?—A wine merchant.

34,290. Did anybody treat you to anything ?—No.

WILLIAM WALLER sworn and examined. *W. Waller.*

34,291. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A gardener.

34,392. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

34,393. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

34,394. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

34,395. Or the promise of anything ?—No, not anything.

34,296. Were you canvassed for your vote ?—I never saw anybody about it.

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W. Waller.

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34,297. You voted of your own accord?—Yes.

34,298. At what time in the day?—Some time after dinner.

34,299. Where were you all day?—In my garden.

34,300. After you had voted, what did you do?—I took my glass, and enjoyed myself.

34,301. Did you get anything after you had voted?—No.

34,302. Did you treat anybody else?—No.

R. Spauls.

ROBERT SPAULS sworn and examined.

34,303. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

34,304. At what time in the day?—Between three and four.

34,305. What public houses were you in in the course of the morning?—I was after my business. I am a cab driver.

34,306. Then I suppose you were in one or two public houses that morning?—No; I was after my employment.

34,307. At the station or where?—No; on the cab stand at St. Giles' Gate; that is where I stand.

34,308. Could you not get away to vote till that time?—No, it would not suit me. I could not leave my business.

34,309. What time did you go on the stand?—About nine or half-past nine in the morning.

34,310. And until what time did you remain on the stand?—Till about nine at night.

34,311. You were driving about to all parts of the city, were you not?—Driving and standing about.

34,312. But you must have passed a polling place in coming back to your stand?—Yes; I passed several.

34,313. Why did you not get off your box and go and vote?—Becanse I did not wish to do so.

34,314. Why not?—Because I did not think about voting at all.

34,315. What made you think of voting so late in the day?—Because it did not suit me to go before.

34,316. Did anybody come and speak to you about your vote?—No.

34,317. Did nobody give you anything?—No; not a farthing.

34,318. Or the promise of anything?—No.

34,319. What made you think about it when it was nearly four o'clock in the day, any more than you did at nine o'clock in the morning?—I did not think about it at all; not particular.

34,320. What made you think about it at all?—I cannot say what made me think about it at all, but there was lots of people that thought about it.

34,321. You were driving up to the poll, were you not?—No; because I was not engaged. We were not engaged the same as we used to be.

34,322. If people came and wanted a cab to go and poll, they hired you, I suppose?—I do not think that I drove anybody to the poll.

34,323. What made you poll when you did if you were so indifferent about it?—I had not any particular reason, only of course I was after my business.

34,324. But you were as much after your business when it was near four o'clock as you were at nine in the morning, were you not?—No, I was not, because I had nothing to do then.

34,325. You would not have anything to do for some considerable time in the course of the day?—That is quite right.

34,326. Are you sure that you got nothing for your vote?—Quite sure.

34,327. Did anybody stand treat?—No, I had nothing only what I paid for myself.

E. Waller.

EDWARD WALLER sworn and examined.

34,328. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

34,329. At what time in the day?—At 12 o'clock, I think.

34,330. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

34,331. Did you not try to get anything?—No.

34,332. Did you not know that there was money going?—No; I never heard anything of it.

34,333. Had you ever voted before?—Yes.

34,334. On which side?—Always for the Tory side.

34,335. Were you ever paid for your vote?—No, never.

34,336. Or treated?—No.

34,337. Did you not get anything at Waters' election?—No.

34,338. There was plenty of money going then, you know that, do you not?—No, I never heard of it.

34,339. For whom did you vote at the municipal election on the 1st of November?—Mr. Thorne.

34,340. Who asked you to vote then?—I always was a Tory; nobody particular asked me.

34,341. What did you get for voting on that occasion?—Well, I am not able to say; a little beer.

34,342. Did you not get five shillings?—No, not so much as that; a little beer.

34,343. At Stracey's election you did not even get beer?—No.

34,344. Did you go to Dr. Master's house?—No.

34,345. Did you see anybody go there?—No.

34,346. Are you certain of that?—I am telling you the truth.

34,347. Do you know him?—Right well.

34,348. Have you had any talk with him about the election?—Never.

34,349. Where were you during the polling day?—I am a greengrocer by trade, and as I came out of the market with some apples I jumped off my pony cart and voted; after that I was after my business.

34,350. Did you not go to any public house that day?—Yes.

34,351. Which?—One next my own house, and I took out some bread and meat, and got a pint of ale.

34,352. Was that the only public house you went into?—No. I had a mind to know how the election was going on, and I went, and got myself a glass of ale at the "Grapes;" that is all.

34,353. That is near the city gaol, is it not?—Yes.

34,354. Was not beer stood there for voters?—No, I never heard of it. I had to pay three halfpence for my glass.

34,355. Did nobody offer to pay for you?—No.

34,356. Did you not try to get anybody to pay for you?—No.

J. Spinks.

JOSEPH SPINKS sworn and examined.

34,357. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

34,358. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,359. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

34,360. At what time in the day?—Between nine and ten, as near as I can tell, and when I had voted I went back to my work.

34,361. Did you get or were you promised anything?—No.

THOMAS GIFFORD sworn and examined.

34,362. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

34,363. You were clerk to Mr. Stanley, were you not?—Yes.

34,364. He was very active at the election?—He was.

34,365. Were you employed at the committee-room of the third ward?—I was there during three or four days previous to the election, and during some part of the day of the election, and I was backwards and forwards to Mr. Stanley's office, managing the business during his absence.

34,366. He was about the town, absent from his business, on the day of the election?—Yes, and so he was on several previous days.

34,367. The whole day?—I believe he was.

34,368. Do you know a man named Heinrich?—Yes.

34,369. Was he employed by Mr. Stanley?—He was busy there, but I do not know who employed him.

34,370. At Mr. Stanley's office?—I have seen him at Mr. Stanley's office. He came up there on election business.

34,371. And was he also employed in the committee-room?—He was, at the committee-room.

34,372. On how many days was he employed?—I do not know.

34,373. Was he frequently consulting with your master before the election?—Yes.

34,374. And during the day of the election did you see him with your master?—Yes.

34,375. Were you present at any of the conversations between your master and Heinrich?—No.

34,576. Heinrich came several times to be paid, did he not, after the election?—Yes.

34,377. He wanted 15*l.* 10*s.*, did he not?—I do not know.

34,378. Do you not know how much he wanted?—No.

34,379. Do you know how much he got?—No.

34,380. You paid him a balance, did you not, of 7*l.* 10*s.* for Mr. Stanley?—No.

34,381. Did you pay him anything?—No.

34,382. Do you mean to say that you never handed him over any money from Mr. Stanley?—No, I did not.

34,383. Did you never give Heinrich any money?—No.

34,384. Did you never say you had done so?—No.

34,385. Do you know a person of the name of Fuller?—Yes.

34,386. Did Heinrich come up several times for his money?—Yes.

34,387. And bothered you pretty nearly every day of your life?—Yes.

34,388. Do you recollect his coming up on the 7th of December?—I do not recollect his coming on any particular day.

34,389. He came so often?—He did. We keep a call-book, if you would like to send for it.

34,390. Was he paid the balance of his money at any time?—I do not know. I left Mr. Stanley just after the election.

34,391. When did you leave Mr. Stanley?—At the end of March.

34,392. The election was on the 19th November?—I left Mr. Stanley in March.

34,393. Then you were there on the 7th December?—Of course I was.

34,394. Did he apply for the balance of his money up to the time you left?—Yes.

34,395. Was he constantly applying?—Yes.

34,396. What money did he ask for?—I do not know.

34,397. Did he not say what money he came for?—Not to me.

34,398. Did he send in a bill?—I never saw any.

34,399. But he was constantly coming after his money?—Yes.

34,400. Did he not say there was a good bit of money coming to him from Mr. Stanley?—He said he had something to take from Mr. Stanley, but he never told me the sum.

34,401. Mr. Stanley paid him money from time to time, did he not?—Not to my knowledge.

34,402. You told Mr. Stanley that Heinrich had come?—Yes. I showed him the call-book every night.

34,403. Did he not say that he had paid Heinrich money?—No; not to me.

34,404. Did not Heinrich tell you that he had been paid money?—No.

34,405. When he applied for money, had you no conversation with him about money?—No.

34,406. What did he say?—He said, I have come up for what Mr. Stanley owes me. He never told me the amount.

34,407. You never heard the amount either from him or Mr. Stanley?—Decidedly not.

34,408. Was it so secret that it was never mentioned?—It was secret from me.

34,409. When he came up so often, what answer did you give him?—I either told him that Mr. Stanley was in or not in, or engaged or not engaged.

34,410. And sometimes you told him he was not at home when he was at home, I suppose?—No, I did not.

34,411. Are you sure of that?—I am.

34,412. Do you not recollect his being paid 7*l.* 10*s.*?—I do not.

34,413. Do you recollect having any talk about 7*l.* 10*s.* that he had paid to Heinrich?—No.

34,414. Is there a cash-book in the office?—Yes.

34,415. Was all the cash that was paid generally entered in that cash-book?—I believe it was.

34,416. Was it entered by you or by Mr. Stanley?—By Mr. Stanley and by myself. If I received any money I entered it in the book, and if I paid any I entered it.

34,417. Did you enter into the book any sums paid to Heinrich?—No.

34,418. Did you see any sums entered as having been paid to Heinrich?—No.

34,419. Then if anything was paid to Heinrich it was kept out of the book?—I cannot say; I never saw any in it.

34,420. What was Heinrich doing?—He was busy fetching up voters and canvassing.

34,421. Anything else?—Canvassing prior to the election.

34,422. How many days did he canvass?—I do not know; it might have been a week.

34,423. Were you ever present at any conversation between Mr. Stanley and Heinrich?—No.

34,424. Never?—No.

34,425. You never heard any?—No.

34,426. They always had it privately, had they?—They had.

34,427. At what time did you vote?—Between ten and eleven.

34,428. Did you not vote a second time?—Yes.

34,429. Where did you vote?—I voted first on Charing Cross, and I voted again in the third ward at the house of the late John Grimes, on Grapes Hill.

34,430. How came you to do that?—Because I thought I was wrong in voting out of my parish. I thought I must vote in the parish in which I resided.

34,431. Did you, as a lawyer's clerk, think, although you saw your vote recorded in the poll book, that it would not be counted?—I thought it would be struck off.

34,432. Did you tell the people, when you voted at the second place, that you had voted before?—No.

34,433. Were you not asked, "Have you voted before at this election"?—No.

34,434. Do you mean to say that the poll clerk did not put to you the question, "Are you Thomas Gifford, and have you voted before at this election?"—Yes; he did ask me that question.

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34,435. Did you not see him score your name in the book?—Yes.

34,436. And you had voted before at this election?—Not under that name, I did not.

34,437. Then you voted in another man's name?—No; I voted in my own name.

34,438. Both times?—Yes; but the first time I voted as William Thomas Gifford, and the second time as Thomas Gifford, an occupier in the third ward.

34,439. That is your account of voting twice?—Yes.

34,440. Do you mean to tell me, on your oath, that you did not know at that time that you were doing wrong?—I did wrong; I admit it. You want the truth, and I give it to you.

34,441. Did you receive anything for doing it?—No.

34,442. Did your master know that you were doing it?—No.

34,442. Had anybody instigated you in any way to do it?—Two or three did.

34,443. Who were they?—I do not know.

34,444. If you do not tell me I will send you to gaol.—I do not know.

34,446. Where was it?—At the Bull and Butcher.

34,447. That was the committee-room at which your master was?—Yes.

34,448. Now you must know who instigated you to do it?—I do not know the names of them.

34,449. Now go and sit there the rest of the day, and if you do not remember the names of the persons who instigated you to do what you did we will see whether we cannot refresh your memory.

G. Munford.

GEORGE MUNFORD sworn and examined.

34,450. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

34,451. At what time in the day?—About nine in the morning.

34,452. Did you get anything for voting?—I did not.

34,453. Were you promised anything?—No, nor I was not asked for my vote.

34,454. Had you ever voted before?—I had.

34,455. On which side?—I voted on the other side before.

34,456. What did you get then for it?—Nothing.

34,457. What made you change this time?—According to my opinion; conscience, that is all. I never received nothing from no party.

34,458. Did you get treated that day?—I did not, not by no person.

34,459. Have you had anything since?—I have not. I never had anything in my life, and never expected it.

34,460. Did you ever try to get anything?—I did not, never.

W. S. Rackham.

WILLIAM SIMON RACKHAM sworn and examined.

34,461. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am in partnership with Mr. Coaks now.

34,462. Were you employed at the last election?—Yes; I was manager in the fourth ward for Sir William Russell.

34,463. Did you vote?—No; I had not a vote then.

34,464. What were your duties in the fourth ward?—To go through the list of voters.

34,465. And check them as they polled?—Yes.

34,466. And to watch those who remained unpolled, I suppose?—Yes; and to send out, and get them up, if we could.

34,467. In the course of the day did anything occur to rouse your suspicions as to bribery going on?—The fourth ward is not a ward where there would be likely to be much of that; it is round by the market-place, where all those shops are.

34,468. For the most part, in your ward, the houses are good, and the tenants of them are substantial men?—Yes.

34,469. Then I understand you did not observe anything suspicious in your ward?—No. There is one locality about Coburg Street; I do not know much about it myself, but some people employed in the fourth ward said they thought there were some voters there who they thought there might be something wrong about, but we had no means of knowing for certain.

34,470. Had there been a canvass reported to your committee-room of that Coburg Street district?—Yes; we gave out the names of persons to be canvassed.

34,471. What was the result; did they promise or hang back?—A great many promised, and most of those who did promise came up and voted as they had promised.

34,472. So far as your judgment went, they voted as they had promised?—Yes.

34,473. But some of the other men in the committee-room seemed to think that all was not quite straightforward?—Yes; those who heard more about the ward than I did.

34,474. With the exception of Coburg Street, there was nothing that roused suspicion in your committee-room?—Certainly not.

34,475. Can you of your own knowledge speak to any bribery, treating, or corrupt practice?—Certainly not. I hardly went out of the committee-room for a week before the election, and knew nothing of what occurred outside.

J. Holmes.

JAMES HOLMES sworn and and examined.

34,476. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at this election?—Yes.

34,477. You voted late?—Between one and two.

34,478. What is your business?—A carpenter.

34,479. A journeyman carpenter?—Yes.

34,480. Where were you on the morning of the poll?—At home at work.

34,481. Did you work at home or at your master's?—At Barnard and Bishop's. I was at home at work that morning.

34,482. What were you doing at home?—At work for my brother.

34,483. Did you go to any public house that morning?—Yes.

34,484. What public house?—The "Albert" tavern in Heigham, along with a man of the name of Palmer.

34,485. Did you see anybody there?—No, only the landlord.

34,486. Did you go to any other public house?—No.

34,487. How long did you stay at the "Albert"?—About half an hour.

34,488. Did anybody come and ask you for your vote?—No.

34,489. Did anybody come and take you up to the poll?—Yes.

34,490. Who was that?—Young Buttifant. I do not know the other man's name. They took me and Palmer to the poll.

34,491. What did they promise you?—Nothing.

34,492. Do you mean to say Buttifant neither promised nor gave you anything at all?—No, nothing at all.

34,493. Did he promise you some beer?—No.

34,494. Did he not promise either you or the other man?—No.

34,495. Did he not give him anything?—No.

34,496. Was there no talk about anything?—No.

They did not stay above two minutes, and drove us there, and drove us back directly.

34,497. Had you promised your vote beforehand?—No.

34,498. You merely went up because they came? I went up because I promised this man that worked along with me to go; we were both going together.

34,494. Do you know whether he got anything?—I never see anyone give him anything.

34,500. Did you hear from him whether he got anything?—No, I never heard from him; I never heard him say anything about it.

34,501. Did anybody give or promise you anything that day?—Nothing at all.

HENRY BULLOCK sworn and examned. *H. Bullock.*

34,502. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A cabinet maker.

34,503. What were you doing on the day of the poll?—I was at work.

34,504. Where were you working?—At home.

34,505. Do you work on your own account?—Yes.

34,506. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

34,507. At what time in the day?—Two o'clock.

34,508. What did you do after you had voted?—I went to work again.

34,509. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

34,510. Was anything promised to you?—No.

34,511. Have you had anything since?—No.

34,512. What public houses were you at during the day of the poll?—None.

34,513. Do you mean you only went out just time enough to vote, and then you went back to work?—Yes, that is all.

34,514. Did anybody treat you that day for voting?—No.

34,515. You are sure of that?—Yes.

CHARLES HOWLETT sworn and examined. *C. Howlett.*

34,516. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An ironmonger.

34,517. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

34,518. At what time in the day?—Between five and ten minutes past eight.

34,519. Did you get anything for it?—I did not.

34,520. Or the promise of anything?—No.

34,521. After you had voted yourself did you do what you could to get up voters?—I took up three or four—I would say four—from the committee-room at the market place, now Lake the grocer's shop.

34,522. What time in the day was that?—About three o'clock. I was standing there talking, and I took four up, but who they were I cannot tell you.

34,523. What did you give them?—Nothing at all.

34,524. Did you not treat them?—No.

34,525. Have you not said since the election that you got a dozen men for a shilling apiece?—No, I did not.

34,526. Have you not said so?—I have not.

34,527. Have you said that you got a dozen men up by giving them anything?—I have not.

34,528. Have you said that you gave anybody anything?—I have not.

34,529. Were you directly or indirectly the means of getting anybody up to the poll by bribery or treating or anything else?—I was not.

EDMUND MILLER sworn and examined. *E. Miller.*

34,530. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,530. For whom?—Stracey.

34,531. What is your business?—A fish hawker, dealer in vegetables, and shopkeeper.

34,532. At what time in the day did you vote?—About 12 or a little after.

34,533. Do you know the "New Inn," West End Street, Heigham?—Yes.

34,534. Do you know the landlord, Joseph Porter?—Yes.

34,534. Did you receive anything for voting?—No.

34,535. Did you receive any money that day?—No.

34,538. None at all?—Yes, what I took on my rounds.

34,539. I do not mean that. Did you get 2*s.* 6*d.* that day?—No.

34,540. Did you sell some fish for 2*s.* 6*d.* that day?—No, I had no fish that day.

34,541. Did not Porter give you 2*s.* 6*d.* to vote for Stracey?—No.

34,542. Did anybody give you anything to vote for Stracey?—No.

34,543. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

34,544. Had you promised to give it?—I was not at home when they canvassed me.

34,545. Was nothing promised you?—No.

34,546. Were you at Porter's that day?—Yes.

34,547. When did you first go to Porter's?—About twelve o'clock, I should suppose it might be, or a little before.

34,548. How long did you remain there?—About ten minutes.

34,549. Did you get some beer at Porter's?—Yes.

34,550. He gave you that, did he not?—No; I paid for it.

34,551. Did you pay for every drop you had?—Yes.

34,552. Did you go back to Porter's afterwards?—No.

34,553. Did you go back there at all that day?—No.

34,554. Did young Porter give you anything?—No.

34,555. There is a young Porter, is there not, a son of the old man?—Yes; there are several young Porters.

34,556. Are you sure he did not give you anything?—No, nothing.

34,557. Or promise you anything?—No.

34,558. Did anybody give you anything?—Nobody.

34,559. You went and voted independent of every thing?—Yes, independent of every thing.

CHARLES HOWLETT recalled and further examined. *C. Howlett.*

34,560. (*Mr. Biron.*) I believe you wish to add something to your evidence?—There is one thing I omitted to name,—that one Sunday about a week after the election, I went for a walk with a friend of mine, named Robinson, up Gashouse Hill, and just at the corner of Telegraph Lane we were called in by a Mr. Bensley, where Mr. Robinson originally lodged. We had a long conversation, talking about Mr. Wicks, who was a clerk of Mr. Tillett's. I was then quite convinced in my mind that not the slightest bribery was going on, and Bensley says, "There is plenty of money "going about, for Wicks brought home a bag full of "money; he knew I was a Tory, and he pulls out a "sovereign, and puts it into one of his eyes, and says,

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"If that will not do, I can put a couple in." I said, "Do you think that money was for bribery?" He said, "Well, it was shown to me, and I might have "had some of it."

34,561. Was this the Sunday before the election?—The Sunday after, I think it was.

34,562. That was rather late in the day to bribe, was it not?—It was done before the election. That was merely the conversation I heard.

34,563. Robinson was the man with you?—Yes; and Bensley is the man who said it to Robinson and myself.

G. Presants.

GEORGE PRESANTS sworn and examined.

34,564. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A cabman.

34,565. Were you employed on the day of the election?—I was on my stand.

34,566. The whole day?—Not all the day.

34,567. At what time did you vote?—From three to four.

34,568. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

34,569. Did anybody treat you?—No, only what I treated myself.

34,570. Were you promised anything that day?—No.

34,571. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

34,572. Who had asked you for your vote?—Mr. Buttifant came and canvassed me.

34,573. Did you promise to vote for Stracey then?—Yes.

34,574. Did he make you any offer of any sort?—No.

34,575. How long before the polling day was it that you promised him to vote?—I cannot say for a day or two.

34,576. Was it two or three days before?—It might be two or three days before.

34,577. You gave him an unconditional promise to vote for Stracey?—I told him I should vote for Stracey.

34,578. Did anybody look you up, on the day of the poll to get you to vote?—No.

34,579. How came you to leave it so late?—I could not go before. I went up to the poll, but it was so full that I could not get near.

34,580. Did you try to vote earlier?—Yes, I did, in the morning.

34,581. Were you asked to vote for any one?—No.

H. Bussey.

HENRY BUSSEY sworn and examined.

34,582. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A brewer's servant.

34,583. Who is your master?—Messrs. Bullard and Sons.

34,584. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,585. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

34,586. At what time in the day?—About a quarter past three.

34,587. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

34,588. Or the promise of anything?—No.

34,589. Or anything after you had voted?—No.

34,590. What were you doing in the early part of the day?—Carrying about beer in different parts of the city.

34,591. At work for your master?—Yes.

34,592. After you had voted what did you do?—Went to work again.

H. Plunkett.

HENRY PLUNKETT sworn and examined.

34,593. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

34,594. At what time in the day?—I think somewhere about twenty minutes to three or half past three.

34,595. Where were you up to that time?—I was at work up to three o'clock.

34,596. What were you at work at?—At shoe making.

34,597. In your own house?—Yes; I had got four pair of boots out to get in at three o'clock so that the order might go away.

34,598. You could not go to vote before?—No; if I did I could not have got my work done.

34,599. Did anybody come and ask you to go up?—No one came to my house that day.

34,600. Were you at the "Orchard" Tavern that day?—No; I never went into the "Orchard" Tavern.

34,601. Were you in any public house?—No, not till five o'clock or half past five.

34,602. Had anybody been to your house to fetch you?—There might have been some one at my house, but I was up-stairs, and did not come down to see any one.

34,603. Did you see anyone going up to the poll?—No; I never spoke to no one. As soon as I finished my work I went and washed myself, and then went and voted, and came straight home.

34,604. Did you get anything for voting?—No, neither a glass of beer nor nothing.

34,605. Nor the promise of anything?—No, nothing at all.

T. Riches.

THOMAS RICHES sworn and examined.

34,606. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

34,607. Were you canvassed by any one?—No.

34,608. Did you promise to vote for him?—Yes.

34,609. At what time in the day did you vote?—Between three and four.

34,610. What made you so late?—That was the most convenient time for me.

34,611. Had you not time to go before that?—No.

34,612. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

34,613. Did you give any money to anybody else for voting?—No.

34,614. Did you promise anybody anything?—No; I took no interest in it.

34,615. Where is your house?—On the Dereham road.

34,616. A public house, is it not?—Yes.

34,617. Were there many people in your house that morning?—Several people.

34,618. Was anybody standing them beer?—No; they paid for their own.

34,619. Has anybody since paid you for beer supplied that day?—No.

34,620. Did you run up any score that day?—No, I did not, I am happy to say.

34,621. Were you asked to take any part in the election?—No.

34,622. You kept out of it altogether?—Yes.

34,623. And carried on your business in the ordinary way?—In the usual way.

34,624. Did you take any more money than usual that day?—No.

WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN sworn and examined.

34,625. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,626. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

34,627. What time in the day?—Between two and three.

34,628. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

34,629. You voted of your own accord?—Yes.

34,630. Had you ever voted before?—No.

34,631. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

34,632. Or the promise of anything?—No.

THOMAS GIFFORD recalled and further examined.

34,633. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Now will you give me any of the names of the men who advised you?—A young man of the name of Starkey was present. Fuller was one that advised me.

34,634. You say you were advised to do this?—They said there would be no particular harm in it, and it would help Sir Henry up.

34,635. You were advised at the committee-room?—Fuller advised me, in the presence of the others; but I cannot recollect the others names.

34,636. Who is Fuller?—Percy Fuller his name is.

34,637–8. You said that several advised you. Was there anybody else?—I believe a young man by the name of Starkey was present.

34,639. Where does he live?—He lives somewhere in St. Lawrence, I think. I think he was present, but I will not be sure.

34,640. It was in the committee-room?—Yes, I know it; there were several out and in.

34,641. It was known you had voted?—Yes, I believe it was.

34,642. And Mr. Stanley was there?—No, he was not.

34,643. You say he was in the committee-room all day?—The chief part of the day, not all day, he was not.

34,644. Did you speak to him about it?—No.

34,645. Why did you not speak to him?—I did not think about asking him.

34,646. You were in doubt about it, and your employer was a solicitor; do you mean to say you did not apply to him?—I did not ask him, and he knew nothing about it till afterwards, and he told me I had done wrong in so doing.

34,647. Do you mean to say you went and acted on the advice of persons you knew nothing of?—Yes.

34,648. Where does Fuller live?—He lived at that time in Cathedral Street, Prince of Wales' Road.

34,649. Was anybody else there at that time?—There might have been two more, but I do not know who they were.

34,650. Did you talk to Fuller about it?—Yes.

34,651. Who had charge of the committee-room when Mr. Stanley was out?—Starkey had.

34,652. Was that the man who advised you?—Whether he was present at this time or not, I do not know, but Fuller was, and Fuller said, "Go and vote again, that will help Sir Henry up."

34,653. When did you speak to Mr. Stanley about it?—The day after, when I went to the office next morning.

34,654. How came you to speak to him about it the next morning?—We were discussing the matter over, and he said, "At what time did you vote?" and I told him, and I said I voted twice, and he said, "if you had "mentioned it to me at first I should have advised "you to do nothing of the sort. You will get in a "mess for it, in all probability."

34,655. Were you paid anything for that day?—I was paid altogether 1*l.* 15*s.* for services rendered.

34,656. Who paid you?—Mr. Stanley paid me at the "Bull and Butcher," at the same time as he paid the others.

34,657. For your services at the election?—At the election, and prior to it.

34,658. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Independent of your regular weekly wages?—Yes, quite.

34,659. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Your irregularity consisted in voting at all, and next, you are guilty of a serious offence, for which you are liable to be prosecuted, for having voted again. We shall not protect you unless you tell us the whole truth. You may go, but I advise you to think over it well, and if you have got any further information to give it to us.—I have told you the truth as far as I can.

SAMUEL MEEK sworn and examined.

34,660. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I did.

34,661. For whom?—Mr. Stracey; about 9 o'clock in the morning.

34,662. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing at all.

34,663. Had you promised your vote?—No, never.

34,664. Did anybody promise you anything for voting?—No.

34,665. Have you not stated that you knew well the Tillett party bribed four men for 2*s.* 6*d.* each, and a pensioner for 20*s.*?—No.

34,666. Do you know anything about bribery by the Tillett people?—No, I know nothing about it.

34,667. Did you not talk about it?—On an electioneering day there is a deal of talk, but I know nothing; I know nothing about it.

34,668. I shall not be content to take that. Have you not said that you knew the Tillett party gave four men 2*s.* 6*d.* each?—Never four men; never.

34,669. You say, "never four men"?—Never, or never any.

34,670. Did you say that you knew where any men were paid by the Tillett party?—No.

34,671. Nothing of the kind?—No.

34,672. Did you say anything about a pensioner being paid something?—I do not know a pensioner.

34,673. Have you not said that you knew where a pensioner was paid something by the Tillett party?—No, that is wrong; quite wrong.

34,674. Had you heard anything about bribery by the Tillett party?—I have heard a deal about it, and the more is the shame of it. I voted for a good intent, and am sorry to say it ended badly.

34,675. I am speaking about bribery by the Tillett party?—I am not concerned in it.

34,676. Do you know anything about it?—No, I do not; if I did, I have come with a good intent, and I would have said so at once.

34,677. Have you heard anything about it?—No, I have not.

34,678. Have you not been talking about bribery by the Tillett party?—Any person might do it.

34,679. You must have had some ground?—I mean to say I know nothing at all about it, and was not concerned in it.

34,680. How came you to be talking about bribery by the Tillett party if you knew nothing about it?—I do not know that I did.

34,681. Do you mean to swear you have not said you knew where four men had been bribed by the Tillett party for 2*s.* 6*d.* each?—I can say that confidently.

34,682. Have you said anything about bribery by the Tillett party at all?—No, never.

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S. Meek.

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34,683. By the Liberals ?—No, never. I can look anybody in the face and say that.

34,684. What have you said about it ?—Nothing at all ; I had nothing at all to do with it. I came and voted, and went home at night.

34,685. It is not what occurred on the day of election, but what have you said since ?—I am happy to say I am clear of all that you lay to my charge.

34,686. It is not what you did yourself; you said you knew something that other people had done ?—No.

34,687. That the Liberal party had been bribing ?—No.

34,688. Did you never say anything of that sort ?—No.

W. Gardiner.

WILLIAM GARDINER sworn and examined.

34,689. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A rag and metal merchant.

34,690. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Tillett and Russell.

34,691. Do you employ any men ?—Oh yes.

34,692. Did you make them vote ?—Neither of them happened to have a vote.

34,693. You took a good deal of interest on the side of Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell ?—No, I did not, at this election. I lent my horse and trap for the good of the election ; but I was not very well, and never asked a single man to vote.

34,694. Did you not go out at all that day ?—I was out.

34,695. Did you take up some voters ?—No; not one.

34,696. Did you get other people to take up voters ?—I gave my horse and trap and man for the use of the election.

34,697. For what purpose ?—So that if any one wanted fetching up to the poll, it was at their use.

34,698. You were not with the horse and trap ?—I was by myself about an hour or an hour and a half.

34,699. You took no part in it yourself ?—I never took one up, I will swear.

34,700. You drew a cheque for a considerable sum of money that day. You had a considerable sum of money upon you ?—It was my own.

34,701. Do you know what you had ?—I cannot say.

34,702. Do you know what you did with it ?—I kept it for my business. I did not spend it on that day.

34,703. Did you not part with any of it for election purposes ?—Not a farthing.

37,704. Are you quite certain of that ?—Yes, I will swear that.

34,705. Have you not said you were putting a little money about on that day ?—I never said so ; certainly not. I could not say so unless I told a lie.

34,706. Did you draw a cheque on your banker's that day ?—Not that I know of ; if it was it was for my business ; but I did not draw on that day.

34,707. Are you quite certain of that ?—I feel most sure of it.

34,708. Did anybody hand over to you a cheque that day ?—No ; not any one.

34,709. You had a good deal of money in your pocket ?—I had some, but I could not tell to a few shillings. I am not like some of these misers who reckon up every sixpence. I carry about with me what I think fit, and if I spend a shilling I spend it.

34,710. You spent a few shillings in beer that day ?—Not a halfpenny.

34,711. Did you not treat any one ?—No.

34,712. Did you not try to get up some voters for Tillett ?—No, not any one.

34,713. Did you not send messages to people to get them up ?—No ; I never sent a message. I did nothing no further than lending my horse and trap for the use of the party, and I was not asked for that.

34,714. You did not part with a shilling yourself ?—Not one farthing, and I never took one person up to the poll.

34,715. Do you know a man of the name of Claxton ?—I know several Claxtons.

34,716. George Claxton ?—Yes, very well.

34,717. You know he is a very busy man at elections ?—Yes.

34,718. Municipal elections ?—Yes ; I know him quite well.

34,719. Do you recollect the last municipal election on the 1st of November ?—Yes, that I do.

34,720. I suppose you spent a little money then ?—Oh yes, that I did.

34,721. On the Liberal side ?—Yes, but I was not asked to do it.

34,722. Still you did do it ?—Oh yes; that I do not deny.

34,723. Was there much of a contest in your ward ?—There was a great contest, I should consider. The reason I did it was that I wanted to get in two men ;—one poor man of the name of Kelton, who is dead, and a Mr. Jarrold; they were the very men to do away with the common sewer rate, which was a curse upon the city, and I did not care what I did if I could put in men to vote against it.

34,724. How much did you spend ?—I went into my room there, and whether I spent it, or whether they plundered it from me, I do not know. I had three or four fellows who stood before me, and swore they would knock my brains out. I got so confused that I could not find my purse.

34,725. How much did you part with altogether ?—I dare say I spent 40*l.* I make no doubt I did.

34,726. I suppose the people you spent it upon at that municipal election went with you for Tillett ?—One of them was Mr. Pratt, and one Mr. Morris, the potato dealer.

34,727. This municipal contest was about a fortnight before the Parliamentary election ?—I did not keep any account.

34,728. It is the beginning of November, is it not ?—Yes.

34,729. You recollect the election was on the 18th ?—I cannot tell you. I am no scholar, and I cannot recollect.

34,730. The 18th was the day of the poll in Norwich ?—Well, I am sure I never took any account.

34,731. The municipal election would be the first week in November ?—Yes.

34,732. That would be a very short time before the general election ?—I dare say it was, but I did not take much notice of it.

34,733. By getting the party together for the municipal contest, you kept them for the Parliamentary contest ?—These very fellows that behaved like blackguards stood before me in my room, and swore they would knock my brains out.

34,734. Did not these men that you paid for the municipal contest afterwards vote for Tillett at the Parliamentary election ?—No; they voted for Stracey.

34,735. All of them ?—Almost all of them ; all that I can think of.

34,736. Perhaps you will tell us the names of persons to whom you gave money at the municipal election ?—John Pratt, at the "Prince of Denmark," was one, and Maris, of Catton, was another.

34,737. You gave that money to those men to put about amongst the small voters ?—No, not at all. I believe they plundered very nearly all the money they got, and I never was so insulted in my life. Talk about blackguards ! if a lion was there they could not have behaved worse.

34,738. You parted with 40*l.*, and did not get the men to vote as you wished ?—I never see one man vote.

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W. Gardiner.

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34,739. Who were you supporting at the municipal election?—Mr. Jarrold and Mr. Kelton.

34,740. That was last November?—Yes, and Mr. Kelton told me, if I spent any money he would not pay a penny of it. I did it all of my own accord.

34,741. Were those the only men to whom you gave money?—There were several of them took it; I could not say who they were, there was such a confusion. The landlady of the house knows how they behaved.

34,742. You did not get them to do what you wished?—No, not one. They got in the house, and I could not get out. I could not get away more than a rat from a lot of dogs.

34,743. At that municipal election your party was the Tory party?—No.

34,744. You were against the sewerage question?—Yes; and so was Jarrold and Kelton.

34,745. By what side were they supported?—They were against it, and worked very hard against having it.

34,746. Were they supported by the Whigs or by the Tories, or both?—They were the very men that worked very hard, having meetings to get a resolution passed to vote against having this common sewerage.

34,747. I want to know whether, at this municipal contest, it was a political thing, or merely a question of sewerage rate?—All I can say is, I tried all I could to vote these people who would work hard against having the sewerage.

34,748. It had nothing at all to do with politics?—Not at all, that I know of.

34,749. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It was a mere question of how to manage the drainage of the city?—Yes, that was all.

34,750. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You wanted to get rid of a sewerage rate?—Yes; it was a curse on the city; and all those that voted to have it ought to be buried in the deepest place.

34,751. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You thought the sewerage was all an imposition?—Yes; it was what you call a lawyers' and gentlemen's fee, that is what that is, and the poor shopkeepers have to do it.

34,752. You thought it was all a job?—Yes, so it is; and a lot of roguery as well.

34,753. And you are against that?—Oh yes, that I am.

RICHARD COOPER sworn and examined. *R. Cooper.*

34,754. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker.

34,755. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,756. At what time in the day?—About twenty minutes to four, as near as I can tell.

34,757. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because my business prevented me from so doing.

34,758. Have you your ovens heated until a late hour in the day?—Yes.

34,759. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

34,760. Nor the promise of anything?—No, not anything.

34,761. Neither directly nor indirectly did you receive anything for your vote?—No, neither directly nor indirectly.

JAMES NOBBS sworn and examined. *J. Nobbs.*

34,762. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

34,763. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

34,764. Who canvassed you?—I cannot say who it was, but some gentlemen on the Liberal side.

34,765. What answer did you give to them?—I told them I could not make no promise, that I should vote which way I thought for the best.

34,766. Why did you not promise?—Because it was possible I might break such a promise, and it would not be right.

34,767. What would induce you to break that promise; money?—No; I had no request upon the subject.

34,768. How did you come to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Well, in the first place, of course, my employer led me some little way, although not in the shape of bribery, only by employment.

34,769. Did he promise you employment?—No; no particular promise. I have worked for him for upwards of twenty years.

34,770. Did he ask you to vote for Stracey?—No, certainly not.

34,771. You know he was for Stracey?—Well, so far, I knew he was a Tory, but I did not know whether he was a friend of Stracey or not. I never had any conversation with him upon the subject.

34,772. Did you get any money?—No; not one single farthing.

34,773. Nor the promise of any money?—No, nor any promise.

34,774. Were you at any public house where you got any beer that day?—No.

DAVID HARMER sworn and examined. *D. Harmer.*

34,775. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoeing smith and farrier.

34,776. How long have you had a vote?—About 25 years.

34,777. On which side have you always voted?—On the purple side.

34,778. Orange and purple?—Yes.

34,779. Have you always voted for the Tories?—Yes.

34,780. Have you ever got anything for it?—No.

34,781. I suppose you have been treated sometimes?—No; I generally treat myself. I pay for what I drink myself.

34,782. This time have you had any money given to you?—I received 7*s.* 6*d.*

34,783. Who gave it to you?—Robert Bunn, about five weeks after the election.

34,784. I suppose he promised it to you on the day of the election?—I met him in the morning about seven o'clock, and he asked me which way I was going to vote, and I said, "I shall vote for Stracey;" and he said if I did he would pay me for my day's work. That is all the conversation I had. I met him about four or five weeks afterwards, and he asked me if I had voted for Sir Henry Stracey, and I said yes, and he paid me.

34,785. Was there anybody else there being paid at the time?—Not any one.

34,786. Had he made any bargain with you for this?—No; it was his own proposition. I never asked him either way for it.

34,787. I suppose you generally get your day's work at elections, if you can?—Yes, if I can.

34,788. Did you ever get as high as 10*l.* for it?—No, not one, nor yet half a one.

34,789. 7*s.* 6*s.* is about your price?—He did not offer it to me. He said he would pay me my day's work, and when I received the money it was 7*s.* 6*d.*

34,790. Did you help to take any one else up?—No.

34,791. Did you not take any message to people that they might get money for their voting?—No, not to any one.

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XTH DAY.

E. Cole.

Oct. 1869.

ELIJAH COLE sworn and examined.

34,792. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.

34,793. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,794. For whom?—For Stracey.

34,795. At what time in the day?—About three o'clock.

34,796. Why did you not vote earlier than that?—I had something to do at home.

34,797. What was it?—Seeing after my garden; mine is a garden house.

34,798. There was no particular hurry about your garden?—I do not know about that; there were little jobs that wanted doing, and I stopped to do them.

34,799. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

34,800. Nor the promise of anything?—No, not a halfpenny.

34,801. Were any persons waiting there?—I had some customers.

34,802. Were they voters?—I do not know.

34,803. Were you attending to them?—Sometimes, and sometimes my wife.

34,804. Did you hear anything said about voting?—No, not a word.

34,805. I did not expect you did, as you are a publican. You mean to tell me you got nothing?—Not a farthing, and never did.

34,806. Had you been canvassed before?—No; I was not canvassed by either party.

34,807. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Nobody said a word in your presence about the election that day?—No.

34,808. Really the publicans in this city are the most extraordinary generation I ever came across, not a single one of them ever heard a word mentioned about the election. You are not telling the truth.—My house is no way near a polling place.

34,809. You know as well as possible there were people talking about the election at your house; it was the great topic of the day in the city, and it is idle to tell me that.—My house was not in the way.

34,810. Every one of the publicans in the city come and tell the same thing, that they heard not a single word about the election, and that they had not a single voter in their house.—My house was not in the way of it at all; it was nowhere near any polling place.

E. Gunn.

EDWARD GUNN sworn and examined.

34,811. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you for vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

34,812. At what time in the day?—Between three and four.

34,813. Why did you not vote before?—Because I did not leave my business till three o'clock.

34,814. What is your business?—Animal and bird preserver.

34,815. You could spare five minutes from that at any time to go and vote?—If we are about a job we are obliged to finish it before leaving it; it is a peculiar business.

34,816. Were you looking out for what you could get?—No; I never saw anyone.

34,817. You may not have seen any one, but were you looking out for what you could get?—No.

34,818. Were you not waiting to see whether anybody would come and offer you money?—No.

34,819. Were you willing to take money?—No.

34,820. Had you ever voted before?—No.

34,821. Why did you not vote before?—I took very little interest in the election at all.

34,822. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

34,823. Or the promise of anything?—No, from no one whatever.

34,824. Neither before nor since.?—No.

JAMES SMITH sworn and examined.

J. Smith.

34,825. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

34,826. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

34,827. What are you by trade?—A bricklayer.

34,828. For whom do you work?—Mr. Youngs.

34,829. Were you working on the day of the poll?—Yes.

34,830. What time did you begin?—At six in the morning, and worked up to one.

34,831. When did you vote?—At half-past one, and went to work again at two.

34,832. You voted at your dinner hour?—Yes.

34,833. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

34,834. Did any one treat you?—No, not any one. I never see the worth of no money or a glass of beer.

34,835. You went to the poll, and you were not hanging about the streets?—That is the truth.

. Allthorpe

JAMES ALLTHORPE sworn and examined.

34,836. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

34,837. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,838. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

34,839. At what time in the day?—Between ten and eleven.

34,840. Did you take any active part in the election?—No, not any.

34,841. Were there any voters collected at your house that day?—No; they were in and out. They would come in, and get a glass of ale, and go out again, as they usually do.

34,842. Was there any treating going on in your house?—No, not any.

34,843. Was no money paid for beer you served on that day?—No.

34,844. Did you get anything yourself for voting?—No, and did not want.

34,845. Or the promise of anything?—No; I did not want, and never did.

34,846. On former elections have you been engaged in paying voters?—No; never in my life.

34,847. Did you ever get anything yourself for voting?—Only my expenses, once. I had my expenses from Yarmouth to Norwich once.

34,848. Was that at Waters' election?—No; years before that.

W. Smith.

WILLIAM SMITH sworn and examined.

34,849. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,850. Did anybody canvass you for your vote?—No.

34,851. Were you not asked at all for your vote on the day before the election?—No.

34,852. Did anybody come and ask you to go up to the poll?—No.

34,853. Did you go up of your own accord?—Yes.

34,854. At what time did you go?—Between one and two. I left my work at dinner time.

34,855. Did anybody carry you up to the poll?—No; I walked up.

34,856. Were you at a beer-shop in West End Street, Heigham, that day?—No.

34,857. Do you know a man of the name of Miller?—I know a man of the name of Miller.

34,858. Do you know a man of the name of Fisher?—No.

34,859. Do you know a man of the name of Soames?—No.

34,860. Did anybody go with you to the poll?—No; I went alone.

34,861. Had you been in any public house that day?—No.

34,862. Or beer-shop?—No. I left my work, and went up in my dinner-hour, and voted, and returned back to my work again.

34,863. Before you went to vote, did you not go into a beer shop?—No; I did not go into any house that day.

34,864. Do you know a man of the name of Heinrich?—No.

34,865. Did any foreigner come to you that day?—No.

34,866. Did anybody offer you any money?—No.

34,867. Or promise you anything?—No.

34,868. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

34,869. Did anybody promise or give you any beer?—No, nothing. I do not know that I spoke to anybody except those that I was at work with. I left my work at my dinner hour, and went with my victuals in my hand, and got half a pint of beer as I went along, and stood to drink it with my victuals in my hand. I went and voted, and returned again.

JAMES ANDREWS recalled and further examined.

J. Andrews.

34,870. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a shopkeeper. I am no trade.

34,871. Do you do anything else?—Yes; I put stalls out in the Norwich Market.

34,872. Is this the first time you have had a vote?—No.

34,873. For which side have you generally voted?—Always Conservative.

34,874. What do you generally get by voting for the Conservatives?—I never took a penny piece in my life for voting.

34,875. You got nothing this time?—No.

34,876. What houses were you at to be treated this time?—I am not in the habit of being treated by anybody.

34,877. Never?—No, never.

34,878. Were you not treated at this election for the sake of your vote and interest?—No.

34,879. You took a very busy part in the election, I believe?—I did what I could to promote Sir Henry Stracey's return.

34,880. You took some people up to the poll?—Yes, some.

34,881. You had to stand them some beer?—No; I did not do anything of the sort.

34,882. How did you get them up?—I asked them if they had voted, and if they had not whether they would oblige me by voting for Sir Henry Stracey; some did, and some did not.

34,883. Did you not use any other means to get them up?—No.

34,884. Do you mean that you treated none of these men?—No; I never treated any of them, until after the election was over.

34,885. Who did you treat then?—Some of my customers that were in the house, but nobody that I took up to vote.

34,886. Not the people that you had asked to vote?—No, not one.

34,887. They were all belonging to the Stracey party, and I suppose that you treated them?—My house on the day of the election was pretty full of partisans of Sir Henry Stracey.

34,888. There was a committee-room there, was there not?—No.

34,889. Were none of the agents of the party there?—No.

34,890. Was anybody getting up voters from your house?—I am not aware of anybody. I was not at my house on the election day, I should think, half an hour during the whole of the day; not from eight in the morning to seven or eight at night.

34,891. What were you doing the whole day?—I was about the different wards; sometimes I was at the central committee-room in one part of Norwich, and sometimes another.

34,892. How many people do you suppose you got up during the day?—Seven.

34,893. Do you mean that the whole day, from eight in the morning to four in the afternoon, you only got up seven voters?—Yes.

34,894. And you mean to say you took a good deal of trouble in the election?—Yes.

34,895. You were about the city all day?—No, not all day. I was for the most part at the central committee-room.

34,896. You received instructions to go to different parts of the town?—No; I received no instructions.

34,897. Did anybody speak to you at the central committee-rooms?—No.

34,898. Did anybody give you instructions about what you were to do at the central committee-rooms?—No; not on the election day.

34,899. At the central committee-room on the election day what was said to you?—Nothing was said to me.

34,900. Do you mean to say you went and sat down and heard and said nothing?—I was at the central committee-room some time previous to the election, some twelve or fourteen days, and on the election day I went up to the central committee-room, and they were very busy. After that I had no instructions from anybody, and went about Norwich wherever I thought fit.

34,901. What money was given to you to put about?—Not a farthing.

34,902. Or to treat people?—Not a farthing.

34,903. Do you mean to tell me you did nothing but take those people up to the poll?—No, certainly not.

34,904. You took the whole day about that?—I was not the whole day about it. I did not start about anything of that sort till between twelve and one.

34,905. That was the time the money was being put about?—I do not know anything about that. I never saw any money or beer given for the purpose.

34,906. You still say you got none yourself?—Yes, I still say so. I have no occasion to say anything else.

34,907. Did you not engage some people before the election?—No, not on my behalf. My brother Ambrose had the engagement of the men, and if my brother Ambrose's list was not filled up, I would say, "Have you got his name down?" And my brother would put his name down.

34,908. I suppose you took no pains to inquire whether they were voters or not?—No, certainly not.

34,909. How many do you suppose there were?—Before the election?

34,910. Yes. Did you send a dozen?—Yes, a great deal more.

34,911. A couple of dozen?—I should say fifty perhaps during the different meetings.

34,912. Do you know the names of them?—I gave in a list of them when I was examined here before.

34,913. Did you tell them what they were to get?—Yes; two shillings and a pot of beer.

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8 Oct. 1869.

W. Nicholls.

William Nicholls sworn and examined.

34,914. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A maltster in the winter season, and a pavior in the summer.

34,915. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

34,916. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

34,917. At what time in the day?—Somewhere about 3 o'clock.

34,918. Did you get anything for voting?—No; I had not the chance.

34,919. You wish you had, I suppose?—I do not know about that.

34,920. You did not get an offer of anything?—No.

34,921. Or the promise of anything?—No.

W. B. Harvey.

William Bury Harvey sworn and examined.

34,922. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

34,923. What public houses did you go to in the morning?—Not on the poll day.

34,924. Did you go to none of them?—No; I had nothing.

34,925. What were you about the whole of the morning?—I was at work.

34,926. For whom were you at work?—At Mr. Bullard's.

34,927. What is he?—Mr. Bullard, the brewer; I was at work all the forenoon.

34,928. Did all your men vote for Stracey?—No, I think not; I do not know, I am sure, about that. I think two of them did. I think two of the carpenters did.

34,929. Mr. Bullard voted for Stracey, did he not?—I do not know.

34,930. Did Mr. Bullard ask you to vote?—No, nor yet any one.

34,931. Did nobody come to you?—No; nobody came to my house; neither from one side nor the other. I went merely because I had voted a Tory, and would vote a Tory this time.

34,932. Did no one offer you any money?—No one spoke to me about such a thing.

34,933. You went up entirely of your own accord, and came back?—Yes; I came home to my dinner, and went and voted on the Dereham Road at the school, and went to work again.

34,934. Are you sure you got nothing and were promised nothing for it?—No one ever asked me such a word, and I never thought of such a thing.

W. Watling.

William Watling sworn and examined.

34,935. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A market gardener.

34,936. Where do you live?—At Heigham.

34,937. How far off from your polling-place do you live?—I do not know what the polling-place is.

34,938. Where you give your vote.—I gave my vote on St. Giles' Hill.

34,939. How far is that off from where you live?—A mile off, I suppose, from where I live.

34,940. Who asked you to vote?—I voted for Mr. Stracey. I was not axed by anybody, nor yet canvassed by any anybody.

34,941. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

34,942. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, I am quite sure nobody came to me.

34,943. What have you had since?—Nothing.

34,944. Is this the first time you ever voted?—No; I voted for Mr. Bignold and Mr. Peto.

34,945. What do you generally get on these occasions?—I never got anything at an election.

34,946. And never tried?—No, never. I have always voted a Tory ever since I have ever voted.

34,947. Has nothing ever been offered you?—No, nothing; and they never even canvassed.

34,948. Do you know a man of the name of Porter, who keeps the "New Inn"?—Yes; I believe he is about here now.

34,949. I think you were at his place on the day of the poll?—No, never; I was never in his house, and nobody ever see me there.

34,950. If a number of people say you were there, is that untrue?—Yes, that is quite untrue, because I was not in his house.

34,951. Do you often go there?—No, I have never been, except three times, since he has kept the house, and that was to buy a piece of meat. He sells meat, and I have been there to buy meat about three times.

34,952. At what public houses were you on the day of the poll?—I left my labour at half past two, and came and voted at three; and after I voted I got half a pint of porter and a biscuit.

34,953. Who paid for that?—I paid for it myself out of my own pocket.

34,954. Did nobody offer to pay for it?—No, nobody offered me a farthing, or asked me to have a glass of anything.

34,955. Did you go near the "Tuns" that day?—Yes; I passed the "Tuns," but I did not go there; I went to the next shop.

34,956. Did you go into the "Tuns" that day?—I was in the "Tuns" after the election was over.

34,957. What did you get there?—Nothing.

34,958. Are you sure of that?—Yes, I never had nothing at the "Tuns."

34,959. Was that the only place to which you went?—Yes; except after my business in the evening, and then I called at different places.

34,960. What places were those?—I think one place was in St. Benedict's, and I had a glass of ale there. I was going after my wife's linen, and I had a glass of ale.

34,961. Do you mean to say that nothing was paid for you by any of your Tory friends?—No, nothing.

34,962. Did you not get some beer out of the Tillett people?—No, nor yet from anybody else.

34,963. Did you not know where to get some of the Tillett beer?—No, nor yet anybody else's beer. I never got none but what I bought myself.

H. Smith.

Henry Smith recalled and further examined.

34,964. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes; I have been before you before. I was tried on the "Trumpet" case.

34,965. You were not tried; did you tell anything about the "Trumpet" case?—I have told you as far as this, that I knew nothing about it. I thought it must be a mistake, having the paper sent; I was surprised at it.

34,966. Are you a freeman in Coburg Street?—Yes.

34,967. You were in the "Trumpet" that day?—Yes; I had to go there.

34,968. Some one asked you if you had got 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

34,969. What did you say to that?—No; I never see it.

34,970. Do you say the same thing to-day?—Yes. If I had seen it then I should have been as lucky as others.

PHILIP WAYLING sworn and examined. *P. Wayling.*

34,971. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At what public house were you on the morning of the election?—I was not at any.

34,972. What are you by trade?—A boot finisher.

34,973. Do you mean to say you were not out of your house that morning?—No.

34,974. Where were you in the afternoon?—About half-past three or a quarter to four I went out.

34,975. Why could you not get out before that time?—Because I had not finished my work.

34,976. There was plenty of time, you know. You had some time at your breakfast and some time at your dinner?—That was the most convenient time for me to go out.

34,977. Why did you not go and vote in the morning?—Because it did not suit me to leave my work.

34,978. Who came to fetch you up?—No one did not come to fetch me up.

34,979. Did anybody come to you?—I stood against my door, and a fly came past, and they were going up, and I got into it, and went up and voted.

34,980. Who was in the fly?—Mr. Cunningham.

34,981. Cunnington, was it not?—Cunningham.

34,982. It must be Cunnington. Did Cunnington promise you something for your vote?—No.

34,983. Did he not give you anything?—No

34,984. Was anybody else in the fly at the time?—Yes; Mr. Buttifant was in the fly at the time.

34,985. What did he give you?—Nothing.

34,986. Did they not promise you something?—No.

34,987. Did they not give you something;—Yes.

34,988. Did you ask for anything?—No; I went voluntarily; I was going up the lane to vote, and they was going up at the same time.

34,989. Did anybody give you anything to drink or anything of the kind that day?—No.

34,990. Where did you go after you had voted?—I went and got a pint of beer at the "Reindeer" after I had voted, at my own expense.

34,991. Had you no jollification that evening?—No, not anything of the sort, not a glass.

34,992. The next day?—I know nothing of the sort.

GEORGE ROWBOTTOM sworn and examined. *G. Rowbottom*

34,993. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A labourer.

34,994. Have you ever voted before?—Not for a general election.

34,995. Only at the municipal elections?—Yes.

34,996. Are you Whig or Tory?—Tory.

34,997. Have you always been a Tory at the municipal elections?—Yes, I always was.

34,998. You voted Tory at the general election?—Yes.

34,999. Did you get anything for it?—No.

35,000. No beer?—No.

35,001. What time in the day did you vote?—Between twelve and one.

35,002. Had you promised your vote?—No.

35,003. Had anybody asked you for it?—I had a card sent to me by both parties.

35,004. Did any gentleman come to your house, and speak to you, and ask you for your vote?—No.

35,005. That being your principle, you went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes; I always was a Tory in principle.

35,006. You have had nothing since?—No.

ROBERT WELLS sworn and examined. *R. Wells.*

35,007. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An ostler.

35,008. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,009. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

35,010. At what time in the day?—About a quarter past three.

35,011. Why did you not vote sooner?—I could not get away.

35,012. What were you about in the morning?—I was busy after my horses.

35,013. What did you do after you had voted?—I went back to my employment.

35,014. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

35,015. Or the promise of anything?—No, certainly not.

WALTER HART sworn and examined. *W. Hart.*

35,016. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,017. Did anybody come and ask you for your vote?—No.

35,018. Did anybody take you up to the poll?—No.

35,019. What were you doing on the morning of the election?—At work.

35,020. Where?—At my shop.

35,021. Could you not get away from your work?—No.

35,022. Why?—Because I had some work that lasted me till three o'clock.

35,023. You went off to breakfast, did you not?—Yes.

35,024. Did you not go off to dinner?—Yes.

35,025. You had a whole hour to dinner?—I had a long way to go.

35,026. Why did you not vote as you went home to dinner?—Because I had not time.

35,027. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

35,028. Did anybody give you anything that day?—No.

35,029. Or your wife?—No.

35,030. Did your wife tell you she got anything?—No.

35,031. Did anybody promise you anything?—No.

35,032. Did your master ask you to vote?—No.

35,033. Are you sure you got nothing for your vote or the promise of anything?—I am quite sure.

WILLIAM FARROW sworn and examined. *W. Farrow.*

35,034. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a farming bailiff.

35,035. For whom did you vote at this election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

35,036. Who asked you to vote?—No one did not ask me to vote.

35,037. Did you promise to vote?—I did not promise anyone to vote.

35,038. When did you make up your mind to vote?—I made up my mind as soon as I heard the election was coming on, to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

35,039. Have you always been Tory?—Yes, always.

35,040. Have you ever voted Tory at the municipal elections?—Yes.

35,041. Were you at the entertainment at Dr. Master's?—I was there because I am employed by Dr. Master.

35,042. You are one of his workmen?—I am farm bailiff for Dr. Master.

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W. Farrow.

8 Oct. 1869.

35,043. He gave you a little breakfast that morning?—He often gives me my breakfast, because I am up his way in the morning.

35,044. Have you had anything for your vote?—No, nothing at all.

35,045. Or the promise of anything?—No, nothing at all.

35,046. You got nothing at all that day except this breakfast?—No, nothing more.

35,047. No one stood you beer?—No, not at all.

W. Shingles.

WILLIAM SHINGLES sworn and examined.

35,048. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A cab driver.

35,049. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,050. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,051. What time in the day?—About five minutes to four.

35,052. That was driving it off rather late?—Yes, it was; but I had a fare for the four o'clock train, and could not go before.

35,053. Why did you not go sooner?—I had a fare for the train.

35,054. You were on your stand, waiting?—Yes.

35,055. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing.

35,056. Or the promise of anything?—Not a farthing.

35,057. Or anything after you had voted?—Nor anything after I had voted.

H. P. Wicks.

HENRY PHILIP WICKS sworn and examined.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The shorthand-writer will read to you the evidence given by Charles Howlett.

(*The shorthand-writer reads the evidence referred to.*)

35,058. Are you a clerk to Mr. Tillett?—To Messrs. Tillett & Co., not Mr. J. H. Tillett; he had retired from our firm then. Mr. Flux was a partner in the firm at that time.

35,059. Did you have any money for the purposes of the election at any time?—No.

35,060. Was none ever carried by you anywhere?—70*l.* was carried by me on the 3d of November to Mr. Bensley's, where I then lodged; it was a sum of money which was paid on the 2d, after the cashier had gone from our office, to Mr. Flux, one of the partners; he was going to London in the morning, and he handed me the money to pay the cashier in the morning, which I did, and here is the receipt in my cash-book which the cashier gave me for the money, and the cashier's entry in the book; that is the only money I ever had at Bensley's, and Bensley saw me with the money that night.

35,061. Was that handed over the next morning for the purpose of taking to London?—No; it was handed to the cashier next morning; the partner went to London by an early train.

35,061. It was handed to the cashier the very next morning?—It was.

35,062. Had the cashier left that evening before you received the money?—Our offices close at half past five, and it was between half-past six and seven that the money was received, and the cashier had then gone.

35,063. Who paid you the money?—Mr. Swanstead of Diss.

35,065. Was it an ordinary debt?—Yes; a little due to the firm.

35,066. Is there any truth in the statement that you ever carried home any sum of money for the purposes of the election?—Not the least.

35,067. Do you know of any money having been used for such a purpose?—I do not.

35,068. Did Mr. Bensley see the money?—He did.

35,069. Did you tell him what it was for?—I did not.

35,070. He simply saw the money in your possession?—He simply saw the money; I did not even mention to him that I had the money, but I heard that he had mentioned it afterwards.

35,071. And he saw you with the money in your custody?—I put it on the table in my sitting-room when I went in, and he saw it.

35,072. How did he know it was a bag of money?—I pulled it out, and counted it, after I got home, and he might have seen it then.

35,073. You were counting it to see whether it was correct?—Yes.

35,074. Do you know of any money being spent by any of the Messrs. Tillett connected with this election?—I do not.

35,075. Did any money pass through your hands for the purpose of being paid to anybody?—No.

35,076. In any way connected with the election?—Not in the least.

35,077. Did you yourself pay anybody anything on account of the election?—I did not.

35,078. Or for voting at it?—No.

35,079. Or for beer supplied at it?—No. I paid the messengers, and I paid for the room where I sat, the committee-room at Catton.

35,080. Where did you pay for that committee-room at Catton?—I forget.

35,081. For whom did you pay it?—I got the money from Mr. Stevens, and paid it over.

35,082. Did you pay the sum of money for the room which you got from Mr. Stevens, neither more nor less?—No; not exactly the amount I got from Mr. Stevens; there were other things included in our bill against Mr. Stevens. I paid a portion of the money.

35,083. Did you pay the sum of money which was appropriated by Mr. Stevens for the purpose?—Yes.

35,084. Neither more nor less?—Neither more nor less.

35,085. Did you vote at the election?—I did.

35,086. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

35,087. Or were you promised anything?—No, nothing.

35,088. Were you left free to vote just as you pleased?—Yes.

35,089. You were in no way influenced in voting?—Not in the least.

35,090. Which way did you vote?—For Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell.

35,091. (*Mr. Biron.*) Howlett said it was reported to him that you put a sovereign in one eye, and said, "That is the way we are going to do it"?—I did not.

35,092. "And if one won't do, it will be a sovereign "in the other"?—I did not do any such thing.

35,093. Did you say any such thing?—I did not.

35,094. Or anything that conveyed to this man Bensley that you intended to use the money for bribery?—I did not.

35,095. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you say anything in joke about that?—No.

HENRY HARBORD sworn and examined. *H. Harbord.*

35,096. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A publican.

35,097. Where is your public-house?—Down in Heigham, the "Marquis of Lothian."

35,098. Is this the first time you have had a vote?—Yes.

35,099. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

35,100. What time in the day?—Between three and four.

35,101. Who asked you for your vote?—Well, I was solicited by both parties.

35,102. Did you promise your vote?—To neither.

35,103. You preferred to wait?—Yes.

35,104. What made you vote at last for Stracey, between three and four?—Because it is my profession.

35,105. But you told me just now you did not make up your mind?—No; I beg your pardon, I did not. I said I would not promise to any one.

35,106. You did not say which way you were going to vote?—No, I did not.

35,107. What did you get for it?—Nothing at all.

35,108. Was there much doing at your house that day?—No, very little.

35,109. Were there many voters in there drinking?—No.

35,110. Were there any voters you knew of there?—I don't know of one; they might have come in and got a glass and out again, but there was no business done.

35,111. Have you had any score paid you for beer served on that day?—No.

35,112. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

35,113. Did anybody come in and find these men there?—No.

35,114. Are you quite certain of that?—Certain of it.

35,115. Did you take any busy part in the election yourself?—Not at all.

35,116. Did you ask any one to vote?—No.

35,117. Not one person?—Not one person.

37,118. Did you accompany any person to the poll?—No.

35,119. Have you been paid anything since for doing anything that day?—Not a farthing.

35,120. Who is your brewer?—Arnold and Wyatt.

35,121. Are they on the Stracey side?—I do not know.

35,122. Did they ever ask you about it?—No.

35,123. Did none of their managers speak to you on the subject?—No.

SAMUEL THOMAS MELVIN sworn and examined. *S. T. Melvin.*

35,124. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A boot and shoemaker.

35,125. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,126. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,127. What time in the day?—At a quarter before four.

35,128. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

35,129. Why did you not vote sooner than that?—I did not know it was any matter, as the polling hours was from eight to four in the afternoon; it did not suit me before, because I had some work on hand that I was obliged to finish.

35,130. Were you busy all the day?—Yes, and never left my home on any occasion.

35,131. Did you get any promise of anything?—No.

JOHN NELSON sworn and examined. *J. Nelson.*

35,132. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,133. Had you promised your vote before the election?—I had not.

35,134. Did anybody ask you for it?—I was asked.

35,135. Who asked you for it?—He did not ask me but he asked my wife, and she said as this, if I voted I should vote for the Tory party.

35,136. When was that?—I cannot tell you; a few days before the election took place.

35,137. Had you told your wife you meant to do that?—I had, sir; that is my principle.

35,138. Why did you say "if you voted?" Had you not made up your mind to vote?—I had, sir; I never had a vote before, and I thought if I had the chance I might do so.

35,139. Why did not your wife say you would vote for the Tories, without saying, "if you voted at all"?—Why did'nt she say so? She did say so.

35,140. It is a funny way of promising a vote. Had you made up your mind to vote?—She said as this, "If my husband vote, he vote for the Tory party," no more.

35,141. That was the answer?—That was the answer.

35,142. And you acted upon it, did you?—I did.

35,143. Did you get anything for your vote?—I never remember it.

35,144. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you mean that you did not?—I did not.

35,145. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you sure you got nothing?—I got nothing.

35,146. Nor the promise of anything?—Nor the promise.

35,147. Have you ever had anything given you at all, before or since?—Nothing.

35,148. Have you ever voted before?—No.

HENRY MITCHELL sworn and examined. *H. Mitchell.*

35,149. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A sawyer.

35,150. A workman or a master?—A master.

35,151. How many people do you employ?—One that helps me to saw.

35,152. Do you know Cunnington?—Yes.

35,153. You had some talk with him about this election, had you not?—Yes.

35,154. Did he give you some money?—No.

35,155. Are you quite certain of that?—I am quite certain of that.

35,156. Did he not promise you some?—No.

35,157. What have you had for voting at this election?—Not anything.

35,158. Have you not been promised something?—No.

35,159. Has any money gone through your hands for any one else?—No.

35,160. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

35,161. On the day of the poll were you treated anywhere?—No.

35,162. Nowhere?—No.

35,163. Who did you go up to the poll with?—No one.

35,164. Had you promised your vote this time?—I had promised Mr. Cunnington my vote.

35,165. When did you promise it to Mr. Cunnington?—Two days before.

35,166. Did he not tell you that you would get something by it?—No.

35,167. Did he not lead you to think so?—No.

35,168. Did he not say that he thought there might be money going?—No, he never said no such thing.

35,169. And that you should get what anybody else got?—No; he never said anything about money at all.

35,170. What time in the day did you vote?—Between eleven and twelve.

35,171. Did you try to get anything?—No.

35,172. Did you hear that money was going?—No.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

W. Pritty.

8 Oct. 1869.

WILLIAM PRITTY sworn and examined.

35,173. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a labouring man; I work for Mr. Master.

35,174. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,175. For whom?—For Lord Stracey.

35,176. At what time of the day?—I should think about nine o'clock; between nine and ten; I don't know exactly.

35,177. Did you get anything for voting?—No, that I did not.

35,178. Or the promise of anything?—Not a farthing.

T. H. Porter.

THOMAS HALL PORTER sworn and examined.

35,179. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You took an active part, did you not, in supporting Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—No; I never took no active part.

35,180. Did you do anything in support of Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—No, I never took no active part.

35,181. Did you take some men up to the poll?—Some men walked with me at the same time I did up to the poll.

35,182. When they went up, did the poll clerk ask the men for whom they voted?—I did not go up with a poll cart, we went walking up.

35,183. Do you not recollect going up with some men to the poll, and the poll clerk asking the men for whom they voted, they did not answer, but you said, "Oh, we are all for Stracey"?—We went walking up, three or four of us.

35,184. Well, do you recollect that happening?—Yes, I said we were for Stracey.

35,185. The men were a little fresh?—Not that I am aware of.

35,186. You can tell when a man is fresh, surely?—Well, sir, they that went along with me was not fresh.

35,187. What time in the day was it that you voted?—A little after twelve.

35,188. Do you keep a public-house?—A beer-shop. I have been there ten years come Christmas.

35,189. Do you know a fish dealer of the name of Miller?—Quite well, sir; he is a customer of mine.

35,190. Did you buy fish of him for half-a-crown that day?—No, that I did not.

35,191. Did you give him half-a-crown that day?—No, that I did not.

35,192. Did you promise him half-a-crown?—No, I had no money to part from.

35,193. There were a number of voters in your house that day, were there not?—There was a few of my regular customers.

35,194. Was William Watling there?—Yes.

35,195. William Fisher?—Yes.

35,196. Daniel Soames?—Yes.

35,197. William Smith?—Not that I know of. I never saw Smith.

35,198. Do you know a man of the name of Ladbrooke?—Yes.

35,199. Was he there?—I believe he was; all that you have mentioned was there.

35,200. And Whelpton?—Yes, he was there.

35,201. Had anybody given you any money to pay voters?—Not a farthing.

35,202. How came you to offer any of them money?—I never offered any of them money.

35,203. We have evidence about this, upon oath.—I never offered any one money.

35,204. Did you not offer James Lane 7*s.* 6*d.* for his vote?—No, I never offered him a farthing.

35,205. Remember.—I remember quite well, sir.

35,206. Did you not offer Robert Ladbrooke half-a-crown?—No.

35,207. Nor James Whelpton half-a-crown?—No.

35,208. Did you say that if they would vote they should have five shillings each?—No, that I did not.

35,209. Now, do you mean to say that you offered no money?—No.

35,210. To Miller, Watling, Fisher, Soames, Smith, Ladbrooke, Whelpton, or Lane?—Smith I never saw.

35,211. Did you offer any one of these men money that day?—No, not a farthing.

35,212. Or promise them any money?—No, nor yet ever promise them.

35,213. Did you have any conversation with them about voting?—I had a conversation as far as this—they came to my house, they are customers of mine, and I asked them whether they were going to vote.

35,214. With whom of these did you go up and vote?—There was Fisher, Miller, and Soames.

35,215. Watling?—No, not Watling.

35,216. Ladbrooke?—No, nor yet Ladbrooke.

35,217. Whelpton?—No, nor yet Whelpton.

35,218. Lane?—No; Lane was never in my house at all that day. I don't know which Lane you mean, I suppose you mean Lane the pig dealer, and he was not in my house at all.

35,219. Wilson?—No, nor yet Wilson. There was Watling, Fisher, Soames, and Miller, them is the four that went along with me, about twelve o'clock.

35,220. I call your attention again to it. Did you neither pay nor offer any one of these men money that day?—Not a farthing.

35,221. Or promise them anything?—I never promised them anything.

35,222. Did you have any money from anybody?—Not a farthing.

35,223. Did you give these men any beer?—No, not a drop; what they had they paid for; that I can swear to.

35,224. Neither before nor since have you offered them money?—No, neither before nor yet since.

35,225. James Lane has been here and has sworn that you did.—That I offered him money?

35,226. That you offered him 7*s.* 6*d.* for his vote.—That is false, sir; I can tell you about that if I am allowed to speak.

35,227. Certainly, by all means.—When I went and voted, I had a mind to see what was going on, and I happened on Lane against the "Grapes" where the polling place was; I said, "Have you been and voted, "Lane." He said, "Not yet." I said, "Which way "are you going to vote?" He said, "I don't know "yet." I said, "Is that your game?" I expected he wanted money. I said, "You want a five pound "note, do you?" He said, "I don't know." I said, "I suppose you would take a sovereign," but I never offered to give him one. He said, "I should not take "that." And I said, "You will stand a good chance "to get nothing; go and vote like a man." Lane said, "Will you stand a glass?" I said, "I don't mind "standing a glass," and I went into the public-house at the corner, Mr. Bunn's, and called for two glasses of ale, and I called the waiter and said, "This man has "asked me to treat him with a glass, and I am going "to do so, but not to vote, and you bear this in "mind." I said, "I don't mind treating him with a "glass but not for his vote." Them are the words that I used. I never offered him a farthing.

35,228. How long had these men been in your public-house before you took them up to vote?—One or two of them came in just at the time I was going.

35,229. Early in the morning?—I don't know about early in the morning. Some are regular customers.

35,230. What time did Miller, Watling, Fisher, and Soames come into your house?—I cannot tell what time; Mr. Soames is a regular customer of mine, and he might come in perhaps at eight o'clock for half a pint.

35,231. Had they been drinking in your house all

the morning?—Oh, no; Miller came in after he had been round with his cart, and we went up together.

35,232. I thought these other men went with you, Watling, Miller, and Soames?—So they did; they live close by, and they went and voted for Stracey.

35,233. Do you mean to say you never offered them any money?—Not a farthing, and never was authorised by any one to give them a farthing, and never received a farthing at all.

35,234. You had a conversation with Lane about money?—I have told you the truth, sir. I asked whether he had voted; he said, "No." I asked, "Who "are you going to vote for?" He said, "I don't "know." I said, "That's your game, is it?" I expected that he would not vote unless he got money, but I never offered him any. Not a farthing. I treated him with a glass of ale and told the waiter at the public-house, "I am going to treat this man with "a glass of ale but not for his vote." It was a public-house right opposite the "Grapes."

35,235. Why did you treat him?—I often treat him; I have treated him before.

35,236. You find a man who wants money for his vote, and then you take him into a public-house and treat him?—I supposed he was dry, and he had not got no money.

35,237. Do you always take him into a public-house and treat him?—Yes, sir; but I made the observation, the waiter knows it as well as I do; I said to the waiter, "I am going to treat this man with "a glass of ale, but not for his vote," because I was pretty cautious about it; I never thought about treating him for his vote.

35,238. There is a conflict between you and Lane, you know.—Well, I am prepared to meet Mr. Lane at any one moment that I never offered him any money; I treated him with a glass of ale, as I told you before, and I told the waiter at the public-house, "I am "going to treat this man with a glass of ale, but "mind, it is not for his vote," and he went away and I never saw him no more.

35,239. Which ward do Soames and Watling belong to?—They all belong to one ward. I think they call it the third ward, but I am not acquainted with the wards much; I don't trouble myself much with that sort of thing.

George Christmas Taylor sworn and examined. *G. C. Taylor.*

35,240. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I work at a yarn mill.

35,241. Who do you work for?—Sole, Stewart & Sole.

35,242. Were you at work on the day of the poll?—Yes.

35,243. When did you leave your work?—At a quarter past three.

35,244. Then did you go and vote?—Yes.

35,245. What did you do after that?—Went home; the yard was shut up.

35,246. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

35,247. Have you had anything since?—No.

35,248. Were you asked by any one to vote?—No.

35,249. Had you promised your vote?—No.

35,250. Were you treated on the day of the poll?—No, I was at work until a quarter past three.

35,251. Is this the first time you have voted?—No.

35,252. Have you never promised your vote at all?—No, I never saw none of the parties.

35,253. You have had nothing since?—No.

Benjamin Howlett sworn and examined. *B. Howlett.*

35,254. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A miller.

35,255. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,256. For whom?—Stracey.

35,257. What time in the day?—About a quarter to two, as near as I can guess.

35,258. Is that after your dinner hour?—After I got my dinner.

35,259. Did you get anything for it?—Not anything.

35,260. Or the promise of anything?—No promise of anything.

35,261. Or anything after you had voted?—No.

George Foster sworn and examined. *G. Foster.*

35,262. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

35,263. Who came and asked you to go up to vote?—Well, one of the young Cunningtons.

35,264. What time did he come to you?—About half-past one.

35,265. Did he promise you anything to vote?—No; not anything at all.

35,266. Did he not offer you something to go and vote?—No, not anything.

35,267. Why did you not vote before that time?—Because I did not leave work until one o'clock; then I went home and got my dinner, and then I went up and voted about a quarter before two, or something like that.

35,268. What were you about in the morning?—At work.

35,269. For whom?—Mr. Wales, at the new mills.

35,270. What are you by business?—I work for Mr. Wales, at the new mills.

35,271. What do you do for him?—I am a miller by trade.

35,272. Did not Cunnington give you anything to vote?—Not anything; I never see anything at all, and he did not offer me anything.

35,273. Did you get nothing?—No.

35,274. No beer, or anything of that sort?—No, only what I paid for; I had one glass of mild beer, and that I paid for myself.

35,275. Did he drive you down to the poll?—Yes.

35,276. How did you get back?—Walked back.

Ephraim Hollidge sworn and examined. *E. Hollidge.*

35,277. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A driver.

35,278. Who do you work for?—The Eastern Counties.

35,279. You are employed on the trams?—Yes.

35,280. Who did you vote for?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,281. Were you at work that day?—Yes.

35,282. Did you go back to your work after voting?—No.

35,283. Had you been at work until you had voted?—I left off at one o'clock.

35,284. What time did you vote?—Half-past two.

35,285. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

35,286. Did any one ask you to vote?—No.

35,287. Then why did you go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Well, I thought he was the properest man.

35,288. Are your friends generally on that side?—Yes.

35,289. Did any of them stand you any beer?—I never see any, only what I paid for.

35,290. Have you had anything given you since?—No.

35,291. Did any of the railway people get you and your friends to vote for Stracey?—No.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

8 Oct. 1869.

A. Smith.

ARTHUR SMITH sworn and examined.

35,292. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A tailor.

35,293. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,294. For Stracey?—Yes.

35,295. What time in the day?—Between two and three.

35,296. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

35,297. Or the promise of anything?—Not anything.

35,298. Did you get anything after you had voted?—No, not anything.

R. Laws.

ROBERT LAWS sworn and examined.

35,299. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you been a voter before the last election?—Once before.

35,300. For whom did you vote then?—Sir Samuel Bignold.

35,301. Are you a Tory?—Yes.

35,302. Were you paid anything for your vote?—No.

35,303. Or promised anything for your vote?—No, not anything.

E. Nelson.

EDWARD NELSON sworn and examined.

35,304. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A coachman.

35,305. In whose service?—Mr. Gedge's.

35,306. What time did you vote?—A quarter before four.

35,307. What made you so late?—I was in the country.

35,308. Did your master tell you to vote?—No.

35,309. What made you vote?—Why it is my feeling towards a gentleman; we had only one gentleman in Norfolk, and for that reason I had better vote for him.

35,310. Have you ever voted before?—Never.

35,311. This was your first time?—The first time, and it will be the last.

35,312. Did you get anything for it?—Yes.

35,313. How much?—Several civilities.

35,314. Who from?—Every one.

35,315. Did you get any beer?—Yes.

35,316. Who gave you that?—I bought it myself.

35,317. (*Mr. Biron.*) I think you have been buying some this morning?—Yes.

35,318. And drinking it?—Yes. I bought some, and give it away.

35,319. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You had better go down and come to-morrow morning at ten.—I cannot.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) A man who comes here in that state is not a fit and proper person to be examined; we may have some more questions to put to you, and if you do not come, a constable will fetch you.

J. Palmer.

JOHN PALMER sworn and examined.

35,320. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A harness-maker.

35,321. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,322. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,323. What time in the day?—About eleven o'clock.

35,324. Were you employed at any of the committee-rooms?—No.

35,325. Were you employed in any way about the election?—No.

35,326. Did you get paid anything with reference to the election?—No.

35,327. Or anything for your vote?—No.

35,328. Or did you get any promise of anything?—No.

R. Piggin.

ROBERT PIGGIN sworn and examined.

35,329. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—Nothing at all, and spent my own money.

35,330. Had you been a voter before?—No.

35,331. Were you promised anything?—No.

W. Cooke.

WILLIAM COOKE sworn and examined.

35,332. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A boot and shoemaker.

35,333. Are you a master?—Yes.

35,334. How many men do you employ?—Sometimes two and sometimes three.

35,335. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,336. What did you get for it?—Not anything.

35,337. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Hutton.

35,338. Did you promise to vote for Stracey?—I did not promise him.

35,339. Why did you not promise him?—Because I did not like the man that canvassed me.

35,340. Did you get anything to induce you to make up your mind?—No.

35,341. Were you treated that day?—No.

35,342. Have you had anything since?—No.

35,343. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

35,344. Have you ever had anything for voting at municipal elections?—No; this is the first time of my voting.

G. Spelman.

GEORGE SPELMAN sworn and examined.

35,345. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,346. For whom?—Russell and Tillett.

35,347. What time in the day?—About half-past eleven, I think.

35,348. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

35,349. Were you at all active on the day of the election?—No, I only went and voted.

35,350. I mean in getting up voters?—No.

35,351. Did you take any active part at all in the matter?—Not at all.

35,352. Did you see Read the harness maker that day?—No.

35,353. Do you know anything about Read's proceedings that day?—Well, I can tell you what I do know about the matter; I was going past his shop and I looked in; I know the man very well, and in the course of conversation I says, "Are you doing "anything on the election, are you busy?" and he said, "Yes, I have an interest in it, and then he told "me, though I did not ask for it, that he had 2*l.* "given him, and that he bribed two men with it at "10*s.* each, and kept the other himself." That is all I know about it.

35,354. Did he tell you who gave him the two sovereigns?—No. I said to him, "Mind, if you go "up you had better speak the truth, or it will go fur-"ther, and be the worse for you;" that is all I said.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Saturday, 9th October 1869.

ALFRED KENT sworn and examined.

35,355. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a paid manager for Russell and Tillett in one of the wards?—I was.

35,356. Which ward?—The second.

35,357. Did you vote at the last election?—I did not.

35,358. Do you know of any money being paid or provided in that ward in your committee-room or elsewhere during the election?—Certainly not.

35,359. Did you hear a talk in the committee-room of any money being spent?—Certainly not.

35,360. Did you hear of any provision being made for the purpose of paying for beer or provisions for persons during the election?—No provision whatever. I paid for some myself.

35,361. For voters?—Not for voters.

35,362. Who were the persons for whom you provided?—They were persons who were engaged in the committee-room.

35,363. Employeés in the committee-room, not voters?—Not voters. I ought to explain that we expected refreshments would be sent up at a certain hour. I and my colleague, Mr. Cooper, wanted some, and we sent for some.

35,364. During the day had you any reason to suspect that there was any irregular practice going on on the other side?—Yes, I had.

35,365. What gave you any reason to suppose that?—Well, members of our committee, one and another came in and said they were buying voters.

35,366. What time did that report first reach you?—In the afternoon of the day.

35,367. Did they give you any specific information, or did they merely make that general assertion?—There was no specific information, excepting that it was said that one man had asked below stairs for money.

35,368. Was the name of that man given to you?—The name was not mentioned.

35,369. Was it stated who had been asked for that money, or who had asked for it?—It was said that it had been asked down stairs where the messengers were. That I should tell you was about ten minutes to four.

35,370. As late as that?—As late as late.

35,371. Beyond the vague reports which were brought in, and to which you have alluded, did you hear or see anything which induced you to believe that any mal-practice was going on?—Nothing beyond that; except that at a house opposite, voters—at least I ought not to say voters—persons were brought up in conveyances where the Stracey colours were being used. That house was a public-house.

35,372. Well, they might be brought up very innocently?—Precisely; they might. I knew nothing.

35,373. What is the name of the house?—I cannot tell you. It was directly opposite the committee-room.

35,374. Where was your committee-room?—I really forget the name of the place. I am not so well acquainted with the locality as some are.

35,375. Do you know the name of the street?—I should not like to charge my memory as to that.

35,376. Did you take any part in canvassing?—None whatever.

35,377. Were you in the committee-room almost the whole of the day?—The entire day.

35,378. Do you know of any undue influence having been used to procure persons to vote for Russell and Tillett?—Certainly not.

35,379. Or of any inducement held out to persons?—Not the least.

35,380. Had you engaged under you any persons who were voters?—I had nothing to do with engaging the men at all.

35,381. Then under whom did you act?—Under directions received from the central committee-room.

35,382. Your instructions were derived entirely from the central committee-room?—Entirely.

35,383. Whoever had the control of that had the control of you?—Certainly.

ROBERT GISSING sworn and examined.

35,384. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A commercial traveller.

35,385. Did you take any part in this last election?—No.

35,386. Did you vote?—Yes.

35,387. For whom?—Russell and Stracey.

35,388. What time in the day?—About half-past nine o'clock.

35,389. Did you promise your vote before?—No.

35,390. Is this your first time of voting?—No.

35,391. For which side have you generally voted?—Liberal.

35,392. This time you voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—I did.

35,393. Did anybody ask you to do that?—Certainly not.

35,394. Did you canvass at all yourself?—No.

35,395. Did you give any money, or the promise of any money, to any voters for Sir Henry Stracey?—Certainly not.

35,396. Neither one side nor the other?—Certainly not.

35,897. Have you ever said that you got up voters?—Yes.

35,398. Do you mean that you did get up voters?—No.

35,399. Then what made you say that you did?—I done it in jest, and it was well known at the time that it was in jest. I am surprised at things being so handled in a commercial room. The party that told of it knew it was a jest.

35,400. Who was the party?—Benjamin Fuller.

35,401. He is a commercial traveller?—Yes, and a disgrace to the body for having made use of what he heard in that way.

35,402. Did you make any statements as to money being given to you to get up voters?—No; I said that I gave some sherry and cigars.

35,403. Then you now mean to say that there is no foundation for your saying so?—Not the slightest.

35,404. Have you never been an active politician in this city?—Never in my life; not at all. I never asked a man to vote.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

R. Gissing.

9 Oct. 1869.

35,405. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I suppose that these men had been joking with you about your having voted for Sir Henry Stracey this time?—Yes, that is the way it was brought about in the commercial room in the way of a joke, a chaff and a laugh as we do in a commercial room.

35,406. Then you made it a little worse than it was?—I made it all up.

35,407. You got nothing for your vote?—No.

35,408. Neither were promised anything; money, or anything of the kind?—No.

H. J. Esling.

HENRY JONATHAN ESLING sworn and examined.

35,409. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A coal merchant.

35,410. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

35,411. For whom?—Stracey.

35,412. What time of the day?—Just after eight in the morning.

35,413. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

35,414. Or the promise of anything?—Certainly not.

35,415. After you had voted were you active in getting up voters?—Yes.

35,416. Who were you with?—Mr. Abel.

35,417. Where did you go first with him?—He called at mine at about ten o'clock in the morning.

35,418. Was he on foot or in a trap?—In a trap.

35,419. Was yours a public-house?—I keep a porter shop, not a public house, as you may call it. It is an out-door business principally.

35,420. A beershop?—A beershop.

35,421. Were there any men at your house?—No, merely our own customers that come in generally every day.

35,422. Had those customers of yours voted or not?—Yes.

35,423. All of them?—I believe to a man they had voted.

35,424. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) They had voted then?—Yes.

35,425. (*Mr. Biron.*) At ten o'clock?—At ten o'clock.

35,426. Can you give me any of their names?—No, I cannot.

35,427. Not one single name?—Not one single name. I was scarcely at home all the day. Of course there were men in my house.

35,428. At ten o'clock I mean, when Abel called upon you?—There were no men there when Mr. Abel called upon me.

35,429. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had there been men in your house that morning who had voted before Mr. Abel came?—I dare say there might be.

35,430. (*Mr. Biron.*) Will you say "Yes" or "No" to it?—There were no men waiting to be taken to the poll.

35,431. Were there in your house that morning before Abel called, or when he called, voters who had voted before ten o'clock?—There might be some who had voted, and come and had a glass of ale, and paid for it.

35,432. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were there?—I will not swear whether there were or whether there were not.

35,433. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did Abel take up any men from your house in his trap?—No.

35,434. Not a man?—Certainly not.

35,435. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Then what did he come to your house for?—Because I was canvassing a few days before, and I knew the streets where I canvassed, and I went and showed him where the parties were.

35,436. (*Mr. Biron.*) Where did you go from your house?—I cannot tell you.

35,437. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you sober?—Quite sober.

35,438. (*Mr. Biron.*) You had been canvassing and you were there with Abel for the purpose of showing him where the voters lived. Now, who was the first man whom you took up to the poll?—I should want to refer to the books to see who I had canvassed.

35,439. It is quite possible that you may not remember all the persons, but can you give me the name of any whom you took up to the poll that morning with Abel?—I believe the first whom we took up was a man who lived in Charles Street, who was very ill, and could not walk.

35,440. What was his name?—I don't know. He did not want any persuading. He promised me yes, and said "I cannot walk."

35,441. Whom else did you take up?—We took up another old gentleman from near the west end, out of one of those streets; Adelaide Street I think the name was.

35,442. What was his name?—I never saw the man before in my life. He was ill in bed. No, I beg your pardon, not ill in bed, but he could not get out of the house without being carried.

35,443. What was his name?—I don't know.

35,444. Well, who was the next man?—A man of the name of Newton.

35,445. Where did you get him?—Out of his own house.

35,446. Where?—In the City Road.

35,447. What time was that?—Between eleven and twelve, I suppose.

35,448. Did you take them up one by one, or fill the trap, and go off to the poll?—About three or four, at the outside, would fill it.

35,449. You waited till you got them up, and then went back?—The polling place was very close to mine, so that we went and polled there, and back again, at least, I did not poll the men. I merely went to the committee-rooms to see the names on the list, to see who were good.

35,450. Which was the committee-room?—The "Bull and Butcher."

35,451. Did you drive up to the door of the "Bull and Butcher," and as soon as you ascertained that the names were all right, take them up to the poll?—No; Mr. Abel stopped at the top and I jumped out from the box. I ran down to get up a fresh name; whatever there was upon the list I know.

35,452. Where was it that Abel stopped?—Between the "Tuns" and the "Grapes" and the "Gate." You must stop very near the whole three.

35,453. Very near the "Tuns," for instance?—Yes.

35,454. Did you take up any men from the "Tuns"?—No.

35,455. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you drive down to this place near the "Tuns"?—I did not drive, Mr. Abel drove. The committee-room was close to the "Tuns."

35,456. Was the carriage in which you were driven down to the spot near to the "Tuns"?—Yes.

35,457. From which place was it driven down there?—From different directions.

35,458. With people in it?—Yes.

35,459. I suppose when you got there some of the people got down?—I got down; I had nothing to do with taking them to the poll.

35,460. Some of the other people that came with you got down while you went up there to see that all was right?—I went down to pick up any fresh name.

35,461. Some of the people got down?—I think there was very few voters there.

35,462. Not many, but some of the people, I suppose, got down there?—Well, they might have got down at the time I was away.

35,463. That is up to twelve o'clock. Now, after twelve where did you go?—I think I went to St. Augustine's first and then to Thorpe.

35,464. How many did you get there?—Only one.

35,465. Did you bring him up and poll him?—I did not poll him at all.

35,466. Where did you bring him to?—To the bottom of William Street, I believe.

35,467. Is that a polling-place?—Yes.

35,468. You left him there?—I left him there.

35,469. How many did you get up between twelve and two?—Very few then; not more than three or four.

35,470. Was Abel with you all this time?—With the exception of my being in the committee-room, when I was going to hear the state of the poll.

35,471. You and he were working together?—Yes. I was doing my part and Abel was doing his.

35,472. After two what number did you get up?—Very few indeed; fewer still.

35,473. How was that?—Mr. Abel sent me to the central committee-room to see the state of the poll, and Mr. Tillett had got 650 majority, and I came and told him; he said the election was lost. I said, "No, "I don't think it is." He was down-hearted after that, and, in fact, he did not work the same as I should have liked to have seen him.

35,474. He seems to have thought that was the true state of the poll?—Yes.

35,475. Did you stop at any public houses in the course of the day for voters?—Not one.

35,476. Did you take any voters to a public house and leave them there?—No, not that I saw; if it was it was unknown to me.

35,477. Did you take some men to the "Tuns" and leave them there?—No.

35,478. Are you quite sure you did not stop at the "Tuns," or near the "Tuns"?—We were obliged to stop near the "Tuns" every time I got down to see the state of the poll.

35,479. How far was the polling-place from the "Tuns"?—I should think from 40 to 50 yards, about. I have not measured it, but I should think that is about the distance.

35,480. Did Abel go on to the poll, or did he turn round and wait for you to go back and get some other voter up?—He waited for me every time.

35,481. Did the voters get out and go to the poll?—Yes; I had not anything to do with that.

35,482. But I want to know facts; he waited for you?—He waited for me.

35,483. Then the voters whom you had brought up would go to the poll while you were going to the committee-room?—Yes.

35,484. Does the "Tuns" lie between the committee-room and the polling-place?—No.

35,485. Which side is the "Tuns"?—It is a very steep hill.

35,486. There is an entrance to the passage where you go up to the committee-room?—No; it is a four-cross way where the polling-place was. There is a very steep hill; *here* is the "Gates" public house, *here* is the "Tuns," and *here* is the "Grapes"; Mr. Abel came up *here*, so he would pass the whole three of them *so*, in order to turn his trap round.

35,487. In fact they are all together?—They stand all three together, the whole three public houses.

35,488. And the polling-place is about 50 yards off?—About 50 yards lower.

35,489. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you give any of these men that you took up any money to vote on the day of the election?—No.

35,490. Or promise them anything?—I never promised them anything.

35,491. Or give them anything afterwards?—Or give them anything afterwards.

35,492. Did you pay for any beer for them to induce them to go up and vote?—No, not to induce them to vote.

35,493. Did you pay for any beer?—There was one man rather noisy on Mr. Abel's trap; Mr. Abel wished him to get off, and I gave him a glass of beer to quiet him, but he was not one whom we had polled; he had voted before.

35,494. You gave him a glass of beer to get rid of him?—Yes.

35,495. Did you give any beer to any of those men on the day of the election?—No. I stopped one man in the morning, I cannot tell you his name but I know where to find him; that was before ten, I think, I am almost sure it was. I was close to my house. I said, "Have you voted?" and he said, "No." He went and voted with me in William Street, and I took him into Mrs. Brooks' and gave him threepenny worth of brandy and had threepenny worth myself, but it was not for his vote. It is a man that always comes to see me, and brings beer from Bullard's.

35,496. You made him no promise before voting, but stood a glass of brandy afterwards?—I stood a glass of brandy afterwards.

35,497. Did you see Abel give any man money that day?—I never saw him part with a farthing.

35,498. Did you know of him giving any man anything?—I am certain he did not.

35,499. Or promise anything?—I am certain he did not.

35,500. Any beer?—No.

35,501. He did not treat any of the men with beer?—No; in fact Mr. Abel only had one glass of ale. Once I felt thirsty, and I said "I must have a glass of ale," and then he said "you may as well bring me one."

35,502. Was that at your own house?—That was at my own house.

35,503. When you canvassed these men before the day of the poll, did you then promise or give any of them money?—Not one; in fact we did not want to promise in our district, because if the books were examined they would show that the parties we canvassed were three to one in favour of Sir Henry Stracey against Tillett.

35,504. What did you do with these canvass books?—They were returned, they went back again to the committee-rooms.

35,505. To which committee-room?—To the third ward committee-room, they were sent in every night.

35,506. After that you don't know what became of them?—I do not, I have never seen them since.

35,507. What do you call your district?—The third ward.

35,508. You don't know whether they got into Mr. Chittock's hands or not?—I should think probably they might, I should think they did go there.

35,509. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What time in the day was it when Mr. Abel first came to you?—A little after ten o'clock.

35,510. I suppose you had some conversation with him about what you were going to do?—He was sent by a Mr. Alden I believe, because I was canvassing with Alden, and he said I should know where to go to.

35,511. Where did that conversation take place?—Just ontside the door in the room.

35,512. Did he not come into your house?—No.

35,513. Did he not ask you whether you had any people there ready to vote?—No, he never asked the question.

35,514. How long were you driving about?—Until about 3 or a little after 3; I think it was 10 minutes or a quarter past three when I left Mr. Abel and went home.

35,515. Did you not take any more trouble about the election?—No, not until after it was over, and then I went back again to the Grapes.

35,516. Who was with you besides Mr. Abel?—Mr. Bartley and Mr. Alden.

35,517. Anyone else?—Herr Heinrich the teacher.

35,518. Was he with you the whole day?—No, he was off and on, he was not with us the whole day.

35,519. Who else?—A man by the name of Bunn that keeps the "Gates," was there at the beginning of the morning.

35,520. Did Heinrich also take an active part in getting up voters?—Yes, a very active part; he was bustling about wherever he could get a voter.

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H. J. Esling.

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35,521. Were you aware that Heinrich was buying voters?—I did not hear a word about that.

35,522. You knew Bunn was one of the Yarmouth bribers?—No, I never saw the man before in my life; it is a house I never go into.

35,523. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What number of persons did you canvass?—I cannot say; the books will show.

35,524. I don't ask you to a man?—I was canvassing I think, four days, and I went into a great many houses in the course of the four days.

35,525. In what part of Norwich, in respect to quality; was it the lower part or the better part of it?—In the parish of Heigham, we reckon that a very respectable parish.

35,526. Did you find there were a considerable number of persons hanging back?—There were some that required a little stimulant, but I told them it was no use, I could not stop and talk to them.

35,527. They did suggest that they ought to be paid a day's wages, or something of that sort?—Oh yes.

35,528. Did you know of any means which had been provided for the purpose of influencing doubtful voters?—No, I never heard of sixpence being provided in any way until after the election was over.

35,529. Did you know of any person who was going among the voters in your district influencing them in any way?—No, I saw nothing of the kind.

35,530. Have you not heard it before or since?—I have not.

35,531. I am speaking of your district.—I do not think there was a penny spent there, not round me, I could not hear of anything, I have not heard of any being bribed there.

35,532. Do you know, or have you heard of any beer having been given at any public house or public houses that day?—No, I have not.

35,533. By either side?—By either side.

Sir H. J. Stracey, Bart.

Sir Henry Josias Stracey, Bart., sworn and examined.

35,534. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were one of the candidates at the last election for the city of Norwich?—Yes.

35,535. Before you became a candidate did you receive any deputations inviting you to become a candidate?—Yes; more than one.

35,536. From whom were they?—They were from the Eldon Club, and I think from a representation of the working classes; I believe that was all. I had three deputations altogether.

35,537. You have been resident, I suppose, in this neighbourhood for many years?—Yes.

35,538. As to the Eldon Club, is that an association of Conservatives of an influential character in this city?—It is an association of Conservatives.

35,539. Is it of an influential character?—I have no doubt that some members are influential, certainly some of them are.

35,540. But take it as a body?—Yes; I should think so; yes, certainly.

35,541. Did you consent to become a candidate in accordance with those requisitions?—Yes; in consequence of those requisitions, but not for some time. I had three, I think, before I consented.

35,542. Who were the principal persons who attended upon you, presenting those requisitions?—I cannot accurately tell you all their names, because I did not know them. I remember asking one gentleman his name, and he said his name was Swash. I knew another gentleman whose name was Hulme, I think.

35,543. Hulme the chemist?—Yes. The organ of the last deputation was Mr. Sparrow, who is a solicitor in the town.

35,544. Was Mr. Hulme presented as chairman of the Eldon Club?—Yes.

35,545. Having been resident in the neighbourhood, I suppose you had heard rumours that corrupt practices had prevailed at some elections in the city?—Yes.

35,546. Being aware of that, did you take any precaution to prevent such practices taking place at your election?—Every precaution which I think a candidate could take I took.

35,547. Will you tell me what precautions those were?—I told the several deputations that I would not spend one shilling beyond the legal expenses, and that if I heard of any corruption of any kind existing after I became a candidate I should at once withdraw.

35,548. Were those terms acceded to by that deputation?—Quite.

35,549. Do you recollect the exact time at which you announced yourself as a candidate of your own act?—No, I do not know, but I should think about a fortnight before the election; I believe that will be the utmost.

35,550. Did you then go into the city and proceed to canvass?—No; I made no absolute canvass. I told these gentleman who waited upon me that I could not go round the city to canvass, and that I had no intention of doing so, but that I would speak to any body of men at any time, and wherever there was any large body of men I would most happily go and speak to them, and I did so; I went and spoke to Barnard and Bishop's men, and several others.

35,551. How many meetings did you attend in the interests of the election for this purpose?—I cannot tell you.

35,552. About?—I attended, I believe, all the ward meetings, certainly most of them, and perhaps I attended two ward meetings sometimes the same night.

35,553. Were those ward meetings meetings of clubs in the wards, or were they general meetings of voters in the wards?—I presume they were general meetings of voters in the wards, but of course I could not tell that, but that was my presumption.

35,554. I suppose that now you are aware of what you may not have known before, namely, that there are clubs in the wards—Conservative clubs in the different wards?—I know that there are clubs in the wards, that is, I suppose they are clubs. I suppose the ward meetings are all clubs, that I don't know accurately.

35,555. Did you understand that you were attending meetings of the clubs, or that you were attending meetings of voters in the wards generally?—I understood that I was attending meetings of voters in the wards; that was my idea.

35,556. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) I suppose that notice had been given that you would meet gentlemen on those occassions?—I have no doubt that notice was given on each occasion, generally in the day, if I was in the town, not always, I believe, but when I was in the town my agent told me of ward meetings which would take place that night, and I made a point of attending them when I was told in the day that they would be held.

35,557. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see printed announcements placarded in the streets, or anything of that sort?—No, I think not; I don't remember it.

35,558. Did you at all canvass personally in different parts of Norwich?—I think I have mentioned that I was ready to canvass, to speak, if that may so be taken.

35,559. I mean did you personally canvass?—No, no. I spoke to any body of men to which I might be invited to speak. I, perhaps, might have canvassed personally in some two or three instances, but very few instances indeed. I distinctly told the deputation that I should not undertake, and would not undertake, a canvass of the city generally, but I should be very happy to speak to any body of men.

35,560. Although you might have made that resolution originally, you might have deviated from it

afterwards. Did you at all make a personal canvass of any part of Norwich ?—No ; I did not.

35,561. Did you at any of the meetings receive any intimation that any of the voters required to be paid or influenced for their votes ?—Never ; never.

35,562. Did you hear of nothing which indicated a desire for any corrupt practice ?—Not a word.

35,563. Nor in any visit that you may have paid to any house ?—Never.

35,564. Mr. Chittock became your representative or agent ?—He was my election agent.

35,565. Did you select Mr. Chittock, or was he selected for you and recommended to you ?—He was recommended to me.

35,566. Who recommended Mr. Chittock to you ?—There was a meeting at Sir Samuel Bignold's, I believe, the day after I assented to become a candidate. I met certain leaders of the party, Sir Samuel Bignold being, of course, in the chair, and the principal one, and then the question of who should be the agent was urged ; if I remember rightly I think Mr. Utten Browne recommended him, but that I would not positively say ; I believe it was the general wish of the room, but I think Mr. Utten Browne suggested him.

35,567. Did you communicate with any other professional gentleman besides Mr. Chittock with a view to your election ?—No.

35,568. Was he the sole person whom you in any way employed as your agent for your candidature in the city ?—Yes ; he was the sole person.

35,569. Did you give any instructions to him respecting the mode in which the election should be conducted ?—I particularly told him, immediately after he was recommended to me, this—I begged he would understand that I would not spend one shilling beyond the legal expenses—that whatever was spent must be published ; and I have no doubt I said that if anything was spent illegally I should withdraw. I very likely said that, but I don't remember it exactly ; I certainly told him the first part—that I would not spend one shilling beyond the legal expenses, and if he was my agent he must strictly understand that. He did strictly understand that, and he accepted the agency under those circumstances.

35,570. You had been a member of Parliament before, and had been concerned in elections ?—Yes, but not for Norwich.

35,571. Did you put any limit on the expenditure which you were willing to incur ?—Do you mean with regard to this election ?

35,572. Yes, in point of amount ?—No.

35,573. Was no sum specified by you ?—No, I specified no sum.

35,574. Did you merely insist upon the legality ?—The legality I particularly specified in the hearing of all persons of the different deputations, and the last meeting which I had previous to being declared a candidate was at Sir Samuel Bignold's——

35,575. Did you impress that on the persons at the meeting at Sir Samuel Bignold's ?—Certainly, and I am quite certain not one of them forgets it.

35,576. Now before the day of the election was any suggestion made to you in any way by anybody that money should be provided for anything like illegitimate purposes ?—No ; not a word.

35,577. Were you aware of a number of roughs having been provided and paid to parade the streets during the time of your candidature ?—No.

35,578. Do you know where the funds came from with which those roughs were to be paid ?—Not a bit ; they did not come from me.

35,579. Bands were parading the town, were they not ?—After the election I saw or heard a band, and perhaps more, and I can remember a band at some torchlight meeting which there was. That is all I do remember.

35,580. During the time of your candidature, when you were in the town, were there any bands ?—No ; I do not remember that there were.

35,581. You were not present when there were any ?—I was not present, to the best of my recollection, at any band meeting previous to the election.

35,582. Was your attention at all called to any organised body of men parading the town with your colours or in your name ?—No, not at all. You are speaking, I presume, previous to the election ?

35,583. Oh yes ; I am speaking of previous to the election day. Were you aware that Inspector Clarke was hiring persons of that description to parade the town in any way ?—The band I allude to at this torchlight meeting was, I believe, headed by Inspector Clarke, but I know nothing more of it than that.

35,584. I suppose you were not present at that meeting. You heard of it ?—I drove away immediately after making a speech at whatever the public house was. This band business went on, but I drove home.

35,585. Did you hear of it the next day ?—Not a word.

35,586. Now, you were not acquainted with anything like an expenditure which would not be perfectly legitimate, if I understand you, before the day of the election ?—I did not spend one shilling.

35,587. Or authorise its expenditure ?—Or authorise it to be spent by anybody.

35,588. Or know of its expenditure ?—I did not know of any one shilling being unlawfully spent.

35,589. Did you hear anything respecting the show of hands at the nomination ?—No, I did not, indeed. I have read the evidence since, but I knew nothing about it.

35,590. Were you aware of what was done with respect to the nomination on either side at the time it was done ?—No. I am only aware that it was a very riotous kind of meeting, and I was very considerably hooted.

35,591. Then you were not aware of any persons being employed to support you at the nomination ?—I was not aware of any persons being so employed.

35,592. On the day of the election, what time did you come to Norwich ?—Well, I came I am afraid rather late, that is for a candidate. I suppose, but I do not actually remember, still I think I was not here before one o'clock.

35,593. That is late.—I do not say that as a matter of certainty, but I think that would be about the time.

35,594. Did you then find that there was a considerable number of men hanging back who refused to vote at all ?—In going round the town, as candidates I suppose do, I understood that there was a certain number of men who were hanging back and would not vote, or were, as you say, hanging back, in fact.

35,595. Were reports brought to you of their being congregated at any particular places ?—No.

35,596. Did you see a considerable number of men loitering about the streets ?—Indeed I did not. I do not remember seeing any men loitering about the streets, more than six or seven together. There might have been that—that at the outside.

35,597. Did you go to the different committee rooms ?—I went to several of them certainly, only for a second or two ; I came out again directly.

35,598. At any time during the day of the election, did you hear that there were men who wanted to be paid something for voting, to be paid their day's wages or anything of that kind ?—I have no doubt that I heard that there were men who wanted to be paid, that I have not the least doubt about. As far as I was concerned I assented to nothing or countenanced nothing of the kind.

35,599. I am only asking now as to what you heard.—I could not tell you who informed me of it.

35,600. Do you recollect being at one of the committee-rooms, and a report being brought to you that there was a number of men at the "Trumpet" who wanted something for their day's pay, or something of that kind ?—Not a word.

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Sir H. J. Stracey, Bart.

9 Oct. 1869.

35,601. You did go to the "Trumpet"?—I went down to the "Trumpet," I believe it was the "Trumpet;" yes, "the Trumpet case." I know I did go there.

35,602. Will you tell me, as far as you can recollect, what exactly it was that led you to go down to the "Trumpet"?—Well, I suspect you are quite right in putting that question, because I do believe that I did hear there were a certain number of men there. Oh, I remember, it was a man outside who told me; he told me "there are a certain number of men all "willing to vote for you if you will only speak to "them."

35,603. How came you to see the man outside?—I was driving past in my carriage at the time with Mr. Patteson, and this man was at the door, a half-drunken fellow. He was at the door, and he ran up to me, and said "so many men are here willing to vote for "you if you will only speak to them." I went in and said some few words to them, and then I came out again directly.

35,604. Had you not been in a committee-room before that, to which a report was brought that men were down there who wanted to be paid something?—No, I was not.

35,605. Were you not in a committee-room with Mr. Patteson before you went to the "Trumpet"?—Only that which was called the central committee-room, and that central committee-room was, perhaps, wrongly called so, because I had no committee.

35,606. We have been told by a person here that he went—I am now speaking from memory, I have not got the exact note, but I think what I say is accurate—into the central committee-room, that he saw Mr. Patteson and yourself there, that he communicated to you that there were a number of persons at the Trumpet, and that they wished to get a day's pay, and he urged that somebody should go down and try to get them to vote?—I do not remember it. It is possible, but as far as the day's pay is concerned I am certain that I should remember that, and I am sure that was never said to me.

35,607. It may have been said to Mr. Patteson, and yet you may not have heard it?—I cannot possibly tell that.

35,608. Did you not go to the "Trumpet" in consequence of something that you learned at the committee-room?—Possibly; but really my only recollection is getting into the carriage to drive round to show one's self, and talk to the people wherever there was a crowd; and then I saw outside the door this man, whom I described to you as half drunk. He was a fine looking fellow, and he told me that there were so many men in the house who were willing to vote for me if I would only speak to them. I told this fellow, "You are a fine fellow, you go up and head them to "the poll."

35,609. You went yourself into the "Trumpet"?—I went into the "Trumpet."

35,610. Was Mr. Patteson with you?—Yes, to the best of my recollection.

35,611. Was there no discussion between you and Mr. Patteson as to whether you should go to the "Trumpet" before you did go?—I do not remember it.

35,612. When you got into the room did you find a number of men sitting there drinking?—If I remember rightly—but I think I have a very indistinct memory of it, because it was the only one case—if I remember rightly, I stood at the door, close by the passage, and I did see a certain number of men about, and I said something or other to them, perhaps the style of language that candidates use generally, and then I went out again directly.

35,613. Was anything said to you there which gave you to understand that they wanted money?—No. I think I have answered that question before.

35,614. I mean in the room?—Not at all.

35,615. Was there not something said to you about rates?—I do not remember anything being said to me about rates there.

35,616. Your memory was fresher when you were examined before Mr. Baron Martin?—Yes. If you will kindly turn to my evidence then, at the time of the petition, you will find that is what I felt at the time; I do not remember things so accurately now.

35,617. Was there anything said to you about giving anything to drink?—Not a word, that I remember.

35,618. Your memory was fresher at that time, because it was very soon after the election. I will call your attention to what you did say in a passage which I have before me. "I went into the room, "which was full of men (whether voters or not, I do "not know, but I suppose they were), I believe "I said either these words, or words to this effect, "'My friends, I understand you want me to ask you "'to vote for me. I shall be obliged to you to do "'so, and if there be any questions you may like to "'put to me I shall be very happy to answer them.' "Some man or other, or men, said 'Cannot you give "us something to drink?'"—Very possibly; I do not remember it.

35,619. "I answered 'I cannot give you one "'farthing, not even half a pint of beer?'"—I believe I did, now you bring that to my recollection.

35,620. Whether it was in your evidence or in Mr. Patteson's I do not exactly know, but do you recollect anything having been said with respect to rates?—No, I do not. I do not remember. You know that was my *cheval de bataille*, the erroneous representation of Mr. Tillett with respect to rates, and I may have spoken; no doubt I always did speak upon that subject of rates.

35,621. I am not speaking of the mode of rating, or anything of that sort, but whether any men said to you "We have rates to pay?"—I should think it is very likely. Most complaining men did say so, but I have no recollection of their saying so.

35,622. It may have been said, but in a different sense from that suggested?—At any rate if it was said, it would not have the slightest influence upon my paying the rates.

35,623. The suggestion was made, you know, that they had rates to pay, and therefore that something ought to be paid to them?—Very possibly something of that sort might have been said, but I do not remember it.

35,624. Did you see a man of the name of Hunt there?—Yes.

35,625. Did you also see a person of the name of Smith, a fowl dealer?—No; I don't remember him, nor did I know that that man's name to whom you allude was Hunt till I saw him in this witness-box at the time of the election petition.

35,626. Do you know Smith, the fowl dealer?—No.

35,627. Do you know him now?—No, I do not.

35,628. Had you seen a person who was represented to you to be Smith, the fowl dealer, at any committee-room?—No, indeed, I have no recollection of having seen Mr. Smith the fowl dealer, or any other man of the name of Smith.

35,629. Then he is a perfect stranger to you at this moment?—A perfect stranger.

35,630. How long did you remain in the "Trumpet"?—I cannot say, but I should think perhaps three or four minutes, not more, at the very utmost.

35,631. When you left, did the men follow you out?—I don't know that they did. I believe there was a general crowd. It is a small passage, and I dare say that was thronged to a certain degree, but I have no recollection of the men following me out, with the exception of this man Hunt.

35,632. Did you hold out any inducement to anybody there to pay those men any money whatever?—I held out no inducement to them to be paid at that time, previous to the time, or subsequent to that time, and I never have paid one shilling, or been asked for it.

35,633. You never authorised anybody to pay anything?—I never authorised anybody to pay one sixpence, beyond my agent, and he was not authorised to pay anything illegal, of course.

35,634. You are now aware that sums were paid to the men at the "Trumpet"?—Yes, I have heard that. I have read the evidence given here.

35,635. Had you in any way authorised or encouraged, or were you cognisant of any one of those payments?—Not one. I knew nothing about it. I had no idea of one sixpence being spent illegally until after the election.

35,636. Where did you go to after you left the "Trumpet"?—I cannot tell you the names of the public houses. If I remember rightly, I turned in my carriage to the right soon after, and I went to some public houses, and was there for a minute or two, and said very much the same thing.

35,637. Did you go to a number of public houses in the same way to speak to men?—I have a recollection of going to that one or two others, and I might have gone to others, but I don't remember going to more than two others besides the "Trumpet." I kept driving about the town. That was the great object, I understood.

35,638. Do you know Hardiment?—I never saw him, never heard of him, and did not know there was a man of such a name until I heard him mentioned at the time of the election inquiry.

35,639. You knew Mr. Allen, the surgeon?—Yes.

35,640. I will ask you generally. On the day of the election were you aware of any money whatever having been spent in bribery upon your side?—I was not aware of one sixpence being so spent, nor did I believe that one sixpence had been spent illegally during that day.

35,641. You found, did you not, that you improved very considerably after 2 o'clock?—Well, I understood that it was the case, but I made very few inquiries about it. I understood that it was the case.

35,642. I am afraid that if you did not take particular notice of it, you may not have made any inquiries. Was any suggestion made to you as to the mode in which the majority, which was procured after 2 o'clock, was procured?—Not the slightest in the world. After the election, I put the question to Mr. Chittock, the election agent. I said "Are you "sure that there has been no impurity whatever "occurring during the election?" and he said "I "know of none, and I believe there has been none."

35,643. When was it that you put that question?—Immediately after the election.

35,644. What induced you to put that question to Mr. Chittock?—Well, upon my word, I believe this, and I believed then, that for Norwich this was the purest election that ever had taken place, and I did not believe that as a general rule elections in Norwich were pure, but I believed this election to have been a perfectly pure one, and I thought it was a very great triumph that I should have been the one at the time.

35,645. Then why did you put that question to Mr. Chittock?—Because I was very proud of it. I felt that it had been a pure election, and I wished to have his corroboration of it.

35,646. Then am I to take it that you were neither privy to, nor were you even aware of, any corrupt practice whatever at the last election?—Yes. I was not at all aware of the slightest impurity having taken place at the canvass or during the time of the election.

35,647. I see that the expenses returned by Mr. Chittock, for yonr election, amounted to 1,915*l.* 1*s.* 9½*d*; did you pay that to Mr. Chittock?—I did.

35,648. Beyond that sum, did you promise or pay any money?—Not one shilling beyond the sum I paid to Mr. Chittock, which I thought was 1,922*l.*, but I may be in error about that.

35,649. Assuming that was the sum demanded of you, and paid to Mr. Chittock, has there been anything else?—Whatever the sum was, that was published; and I paid neither more nor less; and since then I have not paid one shilling.

35,650. Have you had claims made upon you in respect of any other sums than those which you paid to Sir Henry Stracey?—No. The only claim I had was from a publican, who at the time of the petition brought me a charge which I told him I certainly should not pay, inasmuch as I had paid all the legal expenses to my agent, and I should not pay one shilling more. So the man went away. He was rather drunk at the time he came.

35,651. Can you tell me who that man was?—I do not know his name, but I believe he is the landlord of the "Waterloo." I believe so. Well then, this man came again.

35,652. For what was that amount claimed?—I do not remember the amount.

35,653. What was it?—For drinking and breakages.

35,654. You do not recollect the amount?—No, I do not. I have only an impression of it, but I do not know it. I fancy it was 12*l.*

35,655. You did not keep the bill or claim?—No.

35,656. You entirely repudiated it?—I did not listen to it for a moment.

35,657. Have you had any application made to you, not in the nature of a claim, but of a suggestion for payment of any other money expended on your behalf—No. That is the only man who has made a claim upon me, bringing a bill with him. I am not sure that there was not another man who came for some small amount. I did not pay it. I believe that was previous to the payment to Mr. Chittock. I told him whatever was recognised by Mr. Chittock I should very gladly pay, but I did not intend to pay anything else, and I did not.

35,658. I will not put it so high as a claim, but did not persons suggest that in point of honour, or as a matter of indulgence, you should reimburse money which they had spent on account of the election?—For the honour of Norwich, I have not had one symptom of a demand of the kind.

35,659. You were, very shortly after the election, served with a notice of a petition?—Yes.

35,660. Did you proceed to make inquiries as to whether the allegations in the petition were well founded?—No, not personally. I put the whole of the matter into Mr. Skipper's hands, and I had very little communication with him during the time, for I knew of no corruption myself, and I left him to work it out.

35,661. Did you give him instructions thoroughly to sift the matter?—Whatever the solicitor's duty was under the circumstances he had full instructions from me.

35,662. To do whatever was necessary?—To do whatever was necessary.

35,663. You left yourself for that purpose entirely in Mr. Skipper's hands?—Quite so.

35,664. You made no personal inquiries yourself?—I did not make one inquiry.

35,665. Were you aware before the trial of the petition that money had been spent by Hunt, or Smith, or Hardiment?—I knew nothing about it, and as I told you just now I never heard of Hardiment before. I never heard of his having spent one shilling, and I never saw Hunt before. I saw him in this box, and I was not aware that he had spent one shilling either.

35,666. Had you heard of any money having been used by Mr. Hulme, or Mr. Bunn, or Mr. Howse Allen?—No; I knew nothing of it.

35,667. Or Wiseman?—Not a word.

35,668. Do I understand that the statements which were made here with respect to corruption were entirely unknown to you?—Perfectly.

35,669. You were wholly ignorant of anything of the kind up to that time?—I was totally ignorant of anything of the kind.

35,670. Had Mr. Skipper been your personal solicitor before?—No. I knew he was well acquainted with electioneering matters, and he had been a very great supporter of mine during the contest.

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35,671. Mr. Patteson was a very active supporter of yours during the election, was he not?—He was.

35,672. And a very influential man in the city?—I should say so.

35,673. Was Sir Samuel Bignold also a strong supporter of yours?—Yes.

35,674. And Mr. John Bignold?—Oh yes. I have no doubt that he was; in fact, I am sure he was.

35,675. And Mr. Arthur Bignold?—Yes; in short, all the family. I am very much indebted to them all in that way.

35,676. They were very active in your behalf?—I have no doubt they were; in short, I am sure they were.

35,677. Did you see Mr. Arthur Bignold several days before the election in Norwich?—I think not. No, I don't remember it.

35,678. Have you ever heard of his providing any money for this election?—I have not heard of it up to this time, and certainly not before the election.

35,679. He never made any communication to you that he was about to provide any money, or any suggestion of that kind to you?—Never. He knows very well that it would have been very badly received if he had.

35,680. We have heard that some money was provided by your son, Mr. Edward?—I am sorry to say I heard it in the papers when I was at Glasgow, I believe, on the 2d of September.

35,681. Had you ever heard anything respecting that matter before you read it in the paper that day?—Never.

35,682. You never, directly or indirectly, had any knowledge or idea of that circumstance?—I had not the remotest suspicion.

35,683. Your son, Edward, was very active during the election?—Very.

35,684. Was he here, or where was he during the time of the election petition trial?—He was here in court every day. He was subpœnaed and remained in court during the whole time of the trial, but never was called.

35,685. And he never made any communication to you before or during that trial?—He did not.

35,686. Is your son abroad now?—Upon my word I cannot tell you in what quarter of the globe he is. I have not heard from him. He has never written to me. He writes very seldom indeed to any of us. He has never written to me, perhaps not for the last year.

35,687. When did you see him last?—I think at the time of the petition would be the last time. I saw him in London for a minute or two one day, but I have not seen him since then.

35,688. The secretary of the commission called upon you respecting the attendance of your son here?—Very true. It was for information generally.

35,689. But he spoke about your son's attendance here, did he not?—Yes.

35,690. He told you that his attendance would be required here, if he could be found?—Well, I don't remember his telling me that his attendance would be required; I remember his mentioning his name, and also my son's name in the Guards. He asked me if I had a son in the Guards.

35,691. He asked you where your son was?—I do not remember that. He might have done so. I am sure I should have told him at once if I had known where he was.

35,692. Did you not tell him that you did not know where he was?—I dare say I did; if I did not know, you may depend upon it I did.

35,693. Did you take means to acquaint your son with that communication which had been made to you?—I don't believe I saw him afterwards.

35,694. You may not have seen him, but there are members of your family, I suppose, who correspond with him?—Indeed, I doubt it; I do not believe that he has any correspondents in the family.

35,695. When did you see Mr. Arthur Bignold last?—Last? Oh, I don't know, I am sure. I don't know when I saw him last. I saw him I fancy in London, but I have not seen him for a very considerable time now.

35,696. Have you seen him since you saw the secretary on that occasion?—No; I believe not.

35,697. Have you had any communication with him in the shape of letters since that period?—No, none at all.

35,698. Do you happen to know where he is?—I know no more than the man in the moon. I have not an idea where he is.

35,699. When you last saw him had you any conversation with him respecting the inquiry which is now going on?—I cannot say that I had. I think it is more than probable that I had; but I cannot say that I had.

35,700. Do you recollect the subject of any conversation you had?—No; but it was certainly not of any consequence. There was not anything material in the conversation.

35,701. Did he tell you that he meant to be here at the time of this inquiry?—No. My idea is that he said he had the gout. He was very lame at the time, and I have no doubt he had the gout badly, and he was going abroad to drink the waters, he said.

35,702. He did not tell you that he intended to be here in September?—No; certainly not.

35,703. Or that he had told the secretary that he would?—No.

35,704. Sir Henry, I do not think that we need trouble you further; but there is one matter which I should like to communicate to you, which is of importance for your own information; that is, that during the inquiry here we have found that the number constituting your majority, certainly a number exceeding your majority, had been influenced either by bribes or treating, and that therefore, under these circumstances, the unseating of yourself by the election judge was a just result independently of anything like the question of the agency of Mr. Hardiment. At the same time, the people of Norwich ought to know that Mr. Tillett could not have retained his seat after the illegal practice which was resorted to respecting the procurement of the majority at the show of hands at the nomination; so that justice in fact was done by the decision of the election judge; and the vacating of the entire seat was the right result, independently of any agency of Mr. Hardiment.—Sir, I have never made a remark upon the judge's justice, whatever my opinion might have been. May I take the liberty of making one observation? I do not find fault, the least in the world, either with your examination of me, which I am sure has been sufficiently courteous and indulgent, or with the judge's opinion upon the inqury; but will you allow me to say that there were no houses open here for treating, and although certain treating in pints of beer and half pints of beer doubtless went on, which you have elucidated clearly enough—to what extent it was is a matter of doubt perhaps—but, however, one in my position cannot help contrasting his case with that of others. The same judge, if you remember, tried the Bradford case——

35,705. Pardon me; I do not think we can listen to that.—I think I may be allowed to say this, that there were 128 houses open at Bradford, all of which were recognised by the judge who tried the petition here, and he allowed Mr. Forster to sit.

35,706. Sir Henry, will you pardon me—— ?—I mean no disrespect.

35,707. All I wish to assure you is that when the matter comes to be thoroughly sifted from the beginning to the end, the majority which was your majority was one which had been improperly influenced, not in any way let me assure you, I believe, through your instrumentality or with your cognisance, but by persons whose conduct was exercised on your behalf, and who were partisans of yours; whose acts, therefore, would have in fact invalidated your

election.—I quite agree with you; I have no doubt of it, and it was most improperly exercised. No one regrets it more than I do that it should have been so exercised. It was most unjustifiably exercised, there is not the least doubt about it, and particularly against my son. These men evidently knew they could not influence the father unless the father was compromised through the feelings of the son, and I call that most unjustifiable on the part of those people with whom you have found fault. I am only echoing your remarks; I find fault with them much more even than you have done.

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THURSTON WILLIAM LINCOLN sworn and examined. *T. W. Lincoln.*

35,708. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A master chimney sweep.

35,709. For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,710. Did you get anything for it?—I got 7*s.* 6*d.*

35,711. Who gave you the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Mr. Brook.

35,712. Where did he give it to you?—In his shed.

35,713. Was there anybody else present?—I never see anybody else.

35,714. When had he promised you that 7*s.* 6*d.*?—I did not have it until after I voted.

35,715. He gave it to you for voting for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes; I suppose that is what it was for.

35,716. Had anybody asked you to vote?—No; I was going to vote for him.

35,717. Was that all the money you had?—Yes, that was all.

35,718. Do you know of anybody else getting any money?—No.

35,719. Is that all you know about the election?—Yes, that is all.

35,720. Have you ever voted before?—No.

ROBERT RAYNOR recalled and further examined. *R. Raynor.*

35,721. (*Mr. Biron.*) You have been examined before?—Yes.

35,722. Do you work for Bacon?—Yes.

35,723. Were you in his shop the first day after the election?—The first day, I believe, or the next.

35,724. Did you see Bacon give anything to a railway guard?—Yes.

35,725. What was it?—Half a sovereign.

35,726. Who was the man?—A railway guard.

35,727. Do you know his name?—No, I do not.

35,728. Did he say what it was for?—No.

WILLIAM BROWN sworn and examined. *W. Brown.*

35,729. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,730. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett.

35,731. At what time in the day?—I was the sixth that voted. I should have been the first, only I gave way to another gentleman.

35,732. Do you know a person of the name of Edmund Adcock?—No, I do not know that I do.

35,733. Do you know a person of the name of Adcock?—To the best of my belief I do not.

35,734. Do you live in Chittock's Yard?—No; I lived at St. Julien's at the time of the election; I now live in Museum Court.

35,735. Do you know a person of the name of Edmund Adcock, who lives in Goose's Lane, St. Clement's?—No, I do not; I voted in Ber Street, at Mr. Harris'.

35,736. Do you know a person of the same name as yourself, who lived in Chittock's Yard?—No, I do not.

35,737. Did you receive anything for voting at the last election?—No, not a farthing.

35,738. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

35,739. Was nothing promised you?—No, and I never wished them to promise me anything.

35,740. Do you know where Chittock's Yard is?—No, I do not.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER sworn and examined. *W. Slaughter.*

35,741. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

35,742. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,743. At what time?—In the afternoon.

35,744. What made you so late?—I was at work in the morning.

35,745. For whom do you work?—Mr. Tillyard.

35,746. Did you go back to your work after voting?—No, not after I voted.

35,747. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

35,748. Did you try?—No.

35,749. Did you get any beer?—No.

35,750. Was anything promised you?—No.

35,751. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

35,752. Who asked you to vote?—No one at all.

35,753. Did you ever say for whom you were going to vote?—No. A paper was sent to me once. I was not at home, and I never saw any one. I do not work at home. I do not go home sometimes till eight or nine and ten o'clock at night. Some parties called during the day, but I never saw them.

HENRY WILLIS sworn and examined. *H. Willis.*

35,754. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An engine driver.

35,755. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,756. At what time in the day?—It would be about ten minutes to four.

35,757. Did you get anything for it?—No.

35,758. Or the promise of anything?—No, nothing; no coin.

35,759. Neither directly or indirectly?—No.

35,760. Did you see Mr. Bacon that day?—No, I never saw no one.

35,761. Were you promised anything?—No, I never see anyone, nor yet anyone promised me anything. I should have gone and voted before but I was an engine driver, and could not leave my engine.

WALTER BENNETT sworn and examined. *W. Bennett.*

35,762. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a member of the firm of Bream & Bennett?—Yes, I am.

35,763. Have you heard anything from a person in the employment of the brother of Fuller, of the "Trumpet," with respect to the money being spent in public houses, at the election?—One of our workmen married a daughter, I think, of Fuller, the brother to the one who keeps the "Trumpet," and I have heard him speaking sometimes to the other men, chaffing about money.

35,764. Chaffing?—Yes, about the money that was spent. I overheard him making a statement one day to one of the men in our yard, that some money was taken to the "Trumpet" and given to him on the day

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of the election, and his father-in-law received some portion of it. I believe that has been sworn to during this inquiry.

35,765. Did he say by whom it was taken there ?—No.

35,766. Or how it was taken there ?—No.

35,767. Or who provided it ?—No.

35,768. Merely that the money was taken there ?—That is all. When I overheard the statement, I asked him if he really knew anything at all about it, and he said, no, his father-in-law knew nothing about it, and he would take very good care not to let him know about it ; he was not a voter.

35,769. The wife of the man is the daughter of Fuller's brother ?—I believe that is so.

35,770. That would be George Fuller ?—I really do not know ; I believe he lives in Coburg Street. I really knew nothing of him, and his son-in-law lodges with him.

35,771. He said that his father-in-law would take very good care not to give him any information ?—Just so.

35,772. Do you know anything about how money was provided for purposes of this kind ?—No, on the day of the election I was actively engaged in getting up voters in the sixth ward. I canvassed a portion of the sixth and third wards, and so far as the canvass was concerned it was very satisfactory. In the first instance I canvassed merely for Mr. Tillett ; I had no faith in the other section of the Whig party. I canvassed for Mr. Tillett and successfully in both portions of the city. On the day of the election I was actively engaged in getting up voters. On the canvass I might say I canvassed a man named Spinks, a cabman ; when I went to him, he said he could not attend to me, and that his wife would attend to me, and I said to his wife, "Which way is your husband going to vote ;" she said that he had always voted for the Liberals, but they always engaged his cab, and I said that no cabs would be engaged by the Liberals this time, and she said he would not vote unless his cab was engaged. I saw him on the morning of the election and asked him if he had voted, and he said, "No, not at present." I saw him at the "Surrey" Inn with four voters, and he said he was going to vote, for his cab was engaged, and I believe he voted for Stracey because his cab was engaged.

35,773. Where does he live ?—In St. Stephen's, opposite the hospital. I was down in the seventh ward and went down to the gasworks after a voter about three o'clock of the election day, and went into a public house there to see if the man was there, and a lad told me he had gone down the river in his wherry ; that somebody had given him some beer to do so. I went into the public house and there were about 16 or 20 men there.

35,774. What public house was that ?—I do not remember the sign ; it was close by Bishop's Bridge, towards the gasworks ; there were 16 of them that had not voted, and they said they were quite willing to vote for Tillett if I would stand a gallon or two of beer. I said that was quite out of the question ; and they said they should not vote without, and I left them.

35,775. Do you know of any money being spent at the last election ?—Only what I have seen reported in the papers about this inquiry.

35,776. (*Mr. Biron.*) On your own side or Tillett's side do you know of any expenditure for the purpose of getting votes ?—No, not any.

W.C.Hazelton.

William Charles Hazelton sworn and examined.

35,777. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A sawyer.

35,778. For whom do you work ?—For anybody where I can get a job.

35,779. Who did you work for on the day of the election ?—Messrs. Harvey.

35,780. Were you at work that day ?—Yes.

35,781. When did you leave your work ?—About a quarter past three. I had a job to finish.

35,782. You voted for Stracey ?—Yes.

35,783. Was anything offered to you ?—No.

35,784. Not a glass of beer ?—No ; I was a teetotaler at the time.

35,785. Has anything been given you since for voting ?—No.

35,786. Did anybody ask you to vote ?—No.

35,787. Had you promised your vote ?—No.

35,788. This is your first time of voting ?—Yes.

W. Roper.

William Roper sworn and examined.

35,789. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A miller.

35,790. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

35,791. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,792. At what time in the day ?—About three, or it might be a little after.

35,793. Why did you not vote before that ?—I was ill.

35,794. Were you brought up to the poll ?—No.

35,795. Did you walk ?—Yes.

35,796. Who came for you ?—No one.

35,797. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

35,798. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

R. Ladbrooke.

Robert Ladbrooke sworn and examined.

35,799. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At the time of the election were you engaged in Porter's beerhouse ?—Yes.

35,800. How long were you engaged there ?—Well, I might be there two or three hours.

35,801. Assisting in the house ?—No, not at all.

35,802. What were you doing ?—Nothing ; only taking a little beer at my own expense.

35,803. You were not employed there ?—No.

35,804. You know the landlord, Porter ?—Yes.

35,805. Do you know a person of the name of Welton ?—Yes, I know the person.

35,806. Did Porter offer you anything that day ?—No.

35,807. Did he not offer you 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—No.

35,808. To vote ?—No.

35,809. Did he not offer you any money ?—None at all.

35,810. Have you not said that he offered you 2*s.* 6*d.* to go up and vote, that you would not take, and that then he offered you 5*s.* ?—No.

35,811. Did anybody offer you anything ?—No. You will excuse me this far : he says to me like this, "You wish to be paid for the day." I said, "I shall be paid for the day ;" that was by the man I was engaged for, Mr. Freeman ; he lay dead at the time, but that was nothing to do with the election. He says to me, "You will have half a crown," not that he said he would give me half a crown.

35,812. He said you would have half a crown ; did he say who would give you the half a crown ?—No.

35,813. He said you would have half a crown if you would vote for Stracey ?—No, half a crown for my day's work, but he did not say I should vote for Stracey.

35,814. Were you doing any work on the day of the election ?—I was after Mr. Freeman's business.

35,815. What business were you about ?—It was the property tax, carrying out letters and that like.

35,816. Did you go to work at all that day ?—Yes, between times. I went to vote at the national school between 9 and 10, but could not get up without being

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jammed, and therefore I would not do it. I am crippled in this arm, and thought it most likely I should get my arm broken again, and so I would not go up then, and as I went back I met with Mr. Porter, and he says to me as I now says to you, "Where are "you going now." I says, "I am going back again, I "could not get up;" he says, "Come along with me." "No," I says, "I do not think I shall;" he says, "Just come into my house a little while," just as I now say it to you, and I says, "No, I do not think "I shall;" he says, "There are only two or three "there who perhaps you know;" "No," I says, "I "do not know anybody about here." I went in, and there was only one person I knew, and that was a person of the name of Cozens, and that is all I can say. No money was offered to me no further than half-a-crown for my day's work, but he did not say he would give it.

35,817. Was he talking about your voting at that time?—No.

35,818. Did he not say anything to you about voting?—No.

35,819. Not at all?—No, not at all.

35,820. Did he not say a word about your going up?—No, not a word.

35,821. Have you been drinking some beer this morning?—It is very likely I have.

35,822. We will continue your examination on Monday morning.—Very good, I will come.

JOHN HARDY sworn and examined.

J. Hardy.

35,823. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A retired tradesman.

35,824. Did you make yourself very busy at the last election?—Yes.

35,825. On which side?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

35,826. Did you canvass?—Yes.

35,827. Did you take up any voters to the poll?—Yes, I canvassed five or six.

35,828. Were you at it all day?—Yes.

35,829. From where did you take them up?—From their homes.

35,830. Were you travelling about with Hibbett?—Yes, I was. I think I commenced with Hibbett about half-past ten. I was along with Mr. Abel the first part of the morning.

35,831. Can you tell me at all how many voters you got up in the course of the day?—I cannot say—a great many.

35,832. To which public-house did you go to pick up the voters?—Not any.

35,833. Did you not stop at any public-house during the whole day?—I might go up to the "Tuns" to get a list the latter part of the day to see where I was to go.

35,834. I suppose voters were hanging about the "Tuns?"—There might be some, possibly.

35,835. Did you take up some from there?—No.

35,836. Are you certain of that?—Yes.

35,837. Was there any public-house from which you did take up voters that day?—I believe I took two voters from the committee-room that belonged to the Liberals—the "Coach and Horses" in Union Place—they called me, and they got into our trap, and we drove them up to vote.

35,838. Did they vote for the Liberals?—No, they did not.

35,839. Did you induce them to change their minds?—No, I did not; they were friends of mine, and they promised to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, but they happened to be in the house.

35,840. Did you give them anything?—No.

35,841. Have you spent any money of your own at this election?—Certainly not one half-penny. When I say that I think I did spend a shilling. I was visiting one of the booths, it might be eleven o'clock, and I gave the clerks half a gallon of porter, and paid for it, but that is all I spent.

35,842. Have you spent anything since on matters connected with the election?—No.

35,843. No money, or given the promise of anything?—No.

35,844. Did you make any promise to a man of the name of Hansall?—No, certainly not.

35,845. You have not assisted him in any way in his trade?—No; it was reported he was bribed, but it was false; more than that, he had received a note from some one to go and clear up the case before Mr. Morgan, and he told me of it, and I said, "Go by all means." He never received a penny from me, or the promise of anything, and that I will say upon my solemn oath. I have the letter if you like to look at it that he received. I sent him to Mr. Morgan three different times to see him, but he was not in the way, and a witness with him to clear it up.

35,846. You did nothing but take up voters?—I canvassed. I took up a Mr. Whall at the back of St. Stephen's; he lived in Park Lane, but he was at the shop, and I took him up at three o'clock. He did not intend to vote at all, but when I saw him I persuaded him to go and vote, and he went and voted in St. Stephen's, and then I believe we called at a Mr. Robinson's, a horse dealer on Chapel Field Road. We took up a man there to vote and took him to the poll, but they objected to his vote, and I thought it was an objection that they did not ought to make, and therefore I drove him to the sheriff, and the sheriff not being at home I drove him up to the "Tuns," and left him there for some one to see him voted; that is all the persons I ever drove up to the "Tuns" on the day of the election.

35,847. Have you subscribed any money for the purpose of the election?—No, I have not.

35,848. Do you know of any money having been spent either for bribing or treating by any person at this election?—No, certainly not, and I would have made any bet that there was not a single penny spent when the inquiry first commenced, and I was surprised to hear it.

RICHARD HANKS sworn and examined.

R. Hanks.

35,849. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A publican.

35,850. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,851. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,852. At what time in the day?—A little after three.

35,853. Why did you not vote earlier than that?—Because it did not suit my purpose; my business prevented me.

35,854. What were you doing in the early morning?—My business.

35,855. Were you attending to your business in your own house?—Yes.

35,856. Were you doing a pretty good business that day?—No, nothing hardly; only there was no one at home, only myself.

35,857. Were there no men at your house?—No.

35,858. No voters at all?—No, none whatever.

35,859. Where is your house?—Next to the theatre.

35,860. Was there anybody there that day?—No, not at all; not voters at all that I remember.

35,861. Did you get anything by voting?—No, not a farthing.

35,862. Or the promise of anything?—No, never, and never expected it.

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F. Merry.

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FREDERICK MERRY sworn and examined.

35,863. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

35,864. Do you work on your own account?—Yes.

35,865. Where were you working on the day of the poll?—In Thorpe parish.

35,866. Is that your own place or your master's place?—My own place.

35,867. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,868. At what time in the day?—I think it was just about dinner time.

35,869. What became of you after that?—I called in on a man named Burdett at a public-house close by.

35,870. Did you get anything for your vote that day?—No, not a farthing.

35,871. Were you treated?—No, not a farthing.

35,872. Have you had anything for voting?—No.

35,873. Did anybody offer you any inducement to go and vote?—No, not the slightest.

35,874. By whom were you asked to vote?—By Mr. Morgan and Mr. Green.

35,875. Did you promise to vote for Stracey?—Yes.

35,876. Did they say anything to you about a day's wages?—No, not the least.

35,877. You were willing to go without any inducement?—Yes; I told them they need not call upon me any more, I should vote for Mr. Stracey.

C. Ratter.

CHARLES RATTER sworn and examined.

35,878. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a butcher by trade.

35,879. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,880. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,881. At what time in the day?—Between eleven and twelve, up at the school on the Dereham road.

35,882. Did you get anything for voting?—I never got anything or never see anything.

35,883. Or the promise of anything?—No, bless you, no; if I had I should have repelled it at once, I despise anything of the sort.

J. Moore.

JOSEPH MOORE sworn and examined.

35,884. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A wire worker.

35,885. For whom do you work?—Barnard and Bishop.

35,886. Were you at work on the day of the election?—No.

35,887. Where were you that day?—At home.

35,888. Did anybody come and ask you for your vote?—No.

35,889. Did you promise your vote?—No.

35,890. At what time in the day did you vote?—Somewhere about three, or a little after three it might be.

35,891. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

35,892. Did you not get any beer?—No, I do not drink beer.

35,893. Was anything promised you?—No.

35,894. Have you had anything since?—No.

35,895. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

35,896. Had you not been canvassed by either side?—No.

J. Nichols.

JEREMIAH NICHOLS sworn and examined.

35,897. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,898. For Stracey?—Yes.

35,899. Did you get anything for it?—I never got anything for it, or never asked for anything.

35,900–1. Did nobody promise you anything?—No.

J. Welton.

JAMES WELTON sworn and examined.

35,902. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,903. At what time in the day?—At half-past eleven as near as I can guess.

35,904. Had you promised your vote?—No.

35,905. Did you get anything for it?—No.

35,906. Did you try to get anything for it?—No.

35,907. Has anything been paid you since for voting?—No.

35,908. Were you not treated that day at all?—No, not so much as a pipe of tobacco.

35,909. Have you ever voted before?—No.

35,910. Had you promised your vote this time?—No.

35,911. Had you not been asked?—No, I had no one at my house.

35,912. Do you know Porter's beer-house?—Yes, that is in my neighbourhood.

35,913. You were there on the day of election?—Yes.

35,914. At what time of the day was that?—I I think I went as near as I can guess about nine o'clock.

35,915. I think something was said there about your getting a day's wages?—I do not know.

35,916. You did not get it but something was said about it?—There was a little report, but I know nothing about reports.

35,917. Something was said there about it?—I think there was something said about receiving half-a-crown.

35,918. Do you recollect who said that?—I do not know; it was reported that there would be half-a-crown, but I did not see half-a-crown given.

35,919. Who said it was likely there was to be half-a-crown for your day's work?—I do not know.

35,920. You were there with Ladbrooke were you not?—Yes.

35,921. Something was said to him about half-a-crown too?—There might be.

35,922. You know there was?—I do not know, because I left the house with Mr. Abel's man and voted.

35,923. You went up with Mr. John Abel?—Yes, I did.

35,924. Have you ever had your half-crown since?—I never had a farthing.

35,925. You were told there was half-a-crown to be had for your day's work?—I was not told it.

35,926. You heard it there?—Yes.

35,927. I suppose that made you go and vote for Stracey?—No; I voted according to my principle.

35,928. Who did you ask afterwards for that half-crown?—Nobody.

35,929. You tried to get it?—No, never.

35,930. You talked about it afterwards, surely?—No, never.

35,931. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes, I am certain. I have come here to speak the truth.

35,932. Did you get some beer that morning at the beer-house?—I believe I had several half pints during the day, but I was not treated.

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J. Welton.

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35,933. Were you not treated at Porter's beer-house?—No, not with so much as a pipe of tobacco or half a pint of beer.

35,934. Was there not some there which you might have had?—No, I never had the offer.

35,935. Are you certain of that?—Yes, quite certain.

35,936. You are quite certain you have never had the half-crown?—No, I never see one.

35,937. I suppose you would be very glad to get it?—Yes, that I would; I stand in need of it, but it was never offered.

35,938. You would have voted for anybody for half-a-crown?—I voted according to my principle.

JAMES SEELY sworn and examined.

J. Seely.

35,939. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,940. At what time in the day?—I suppose it would be between two and three o'clock.

35,941. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all.

35,942. Did you not get ten shillings?—No, I never see any money.

35,943. What were you promised?—Not anything.

35,944. Were you in company that day with a man called Pye?—He was at work along with me.

35,945. Did not you and he go and vote together?—He was at work sweeping the sheep-pens out on the hill here.

35,946. Did not you and Pye go up and vote together?—Yes.

35,947. Who took you up?—I cannot say who it was.

35,948. There were two gentlemen in the cab?—Yes, there were two gentlemen, but who they were I cannot say.

35,949. Do you know a man of the name of Pearce, William Pearce, of Cock Yard?—No, I do not know the name.

35,950. Did you ever say to a man about your having voted, that you got ten shillings and went to vote like a gentleman?—I never got a farthing, and never see anybody.

35,951. Did you say, "You are a fool to vote for "nothing, I got ten shillings and went to the poll "like a gentleman"?—No, never to any one, I could not tell them that, because I never got it.

35,952. Were you promised it?—No, never.

35,953. Was nothing offered you?—I was never promised nothing at all.

35,954. Why did you not vote earlier?—I was at work, I could not go.

35,955. You mean to say you got nothing directly or indirectly for your vote?—No, I had nothing nowhere.

ROBERT RANSOME sworn and examined.

R. Ransome.

35,956. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you employed at the last election?—Yes.

35,957. By whom?—By Mr. Stracey.

35,958. You were paid for that I suppose?—No.

35,959. Not paid at all?—No.

35,960. In what capacity were you employed?—As a carpenter.

35,961. Where?—At Mr. Hood's then.

35,962. Were you employed by Sir Henry Stracey's committee?—No.

35,963. Were you a check clerk?—No.

35,964. Had you anything to do with this election?—No, nothing at all, only by going and voting with my free good will.

35,965. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,966. Had you promised your vote?—No, not to any one.

35,967. Where do you live?—In Derby Street.

35,968. Was your father employed?—No.

35,969. Was any one of your name that you know employed?—Not that I know of.

35,970. Have you any son old enough to be employed?—No.

35,971. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

35,972. Was anything offered you?—No, nothing at all.

35,973. Has nothing been given to you since?—No; and if they had offered it I should not have taken it.

THOMAS FLAXMAN sworn and examined.

T. Flaxman.

35,974. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

35,975. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,976. Where were you on the morning of the election?—Cab-driving.

35,977. Was your cab engaged by Sir Henry Stracey's people at all that day?—Not that I know of.

35,978. Not at all?—Not that I can say.

35,979. Was it engaged in taking up people to the poll?—No.

35,980. Did you drive voters up to the poll?—No, only myself.

35,981. When did you vote?—In the afternoon.

35,982. Why could you not vote before?—Because I could not neglect my business.

35,983. You were passing to and fro by the poll?—No, not where I polled.

35,984. Where was your stand?—In the market.

35,985. Where was your polling place?—Ber Street.

35,986. That is close by?—I know it.

35,987. What did you receive for your vote?—Not anything, only civility.

35,988. Who gave you the civility?—Them that took my name down.

35,989. Was that all?—Yes, that was all.

35,990. Had you been canvassed for your vote beforehand?—No.

35,991. Had you not been asked to give your vote by anybody?—No, I was never at home only at night.

35,992. You might have been asked during the day?—No.

35,993. Did you get any beer after voting?—Yes, at my own expense.

35,994. Did anybody give you any beer?—No.

GEORGE BEAUMONT READ sworn and examined.

G. B. Read.

35,995. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A master tailor.

35,996. You got some money from Mr. Bunn I believe?—No, I do not know Mr. Bunn.

35,997. Did you get any money from any one?—No.

35,998. Not to pay to voters?—No.

35,999. Did you get nothing yourself?—No.

36,000. Have you ever voted before?—No.

36,001. You are a tailor?—Yes, I keep a tailor's shop in White Lion Street.

36,002. A master tailor?—Yes.

36,003. How many people do you employ?—Seven.

36,004. Did you canvass them for their votes?—No.

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36,005. Have you never had anything yourself for your vote?—No.

36,006. Nor anything promised you?—No, I should not have taken it if I had been offered anything.

36,007. Nothing went through your hands for other people?—No, I had nothing to do with canvassing or anything of the kind.

A. Cain.

ABEL CAIN sworn and examined.

36,008. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,009. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,010. At what time in the day?—As near as I can recollect about half-past two.

36,011. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not anything.

36,012. Or the promise of anything?—Not a farthing.

D. Stone.

DANIEL STONE sworn and examined.

36,013. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,014. For whom?—Tillett and Russell.

36,015. At what time?—Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

36,016. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, nothing at all.

36,017. Did anybody promise you anything?—I was asked to have something but I did not take anything.

36,018. Was any money offered to you on the day of the election by anybody?—A man asked me if I had voted, and I told him no, and he said I might as well oblige his party.

36,019. Which party was that?—Mr. Stracey's party. He said, "I suppose you are laying back for "something?" and I says, "Yes;" he says, "We are "giving our party half-a-crown," and I said, "I shall "not have it."

36,020. Who was that?—Mr Hayes in King Street.

36,021. Did he offer that to anybody else in your hearing?—Not that I know of, I left him walking, he was walking past my shop when he said that to me and that is all the conversation we had.

36,022. What time in the day was that?—That was about three o'clock.

W. Whiting.

WALTER WHITING sworn and examined.

36,023. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A blacksmith.

36,024. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,025. At what time in the day?—A little past three, I suppose.

36,026. Where were you all the day of the election?—At work.

36,027. For whom did you work?—Mr. Bolton.

36,028. You went and voted after your dinner?—I voted after I got my dinner. We worked till one o'clock, and then I went home and got my dinner and washed and put on my other clothes, and then went and voted at the first place I came to.

36,029. Did you get anything for it?—No.

36,030. Did anybody offer you anything?—No.

36,031. You were not promised anything?—No; I was not canvassed for my vote at all.

36,032. Were you treated?—No, I never went into a public house that day.

36,033. Have you had anything since?—No.

36,034. I suppose your master asked you to vote?—No, he did not.

36,035. He voted for Stracey, did he not?—I do not know. I never see the poll book. I believe he did.

36,036. And you voted to oblige him as much as any other person?—Yes, but he did not ask me.

36,037. You voted to oblige him without being asked?—I voted which way I thought best.

36,038. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You would rather vote with your master than against him?—Yes, I would.

E. Weeks.

EDMUND WEEKS sworn and examined.

36,039. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker by trade.

36,040. Did you vote at the last election?—No.

36,041. For neither party?—No.

36,042. Were you canvassed?—No.

36,043. You took no part in it at all?—No.

36,044. Do you know that somebody else voted for you?—There must have been somebody personated me I think.

36,045. Were you ever offered money to vote yourself?—No.

36,046. Were you offered money afterwards?—No.

36,047. Were you asked to go away at the time of the election?—Yes, I was about six weeks after the affair, after the election.

36,048. That is when the petition was pending?—Yes.

36,049. Who asked you to go away?—My deputy landlord.

36,050. A man to whom you pay the rent, the man who collects the rent?—Yes, that is the man.

36,051. Who is that?—Mr. Hall.

36,052. Why did he ask you to go away?—Because my name was in the poll book. I told him I did not wish to get into any muddle as I had not voted and he wanted me to go away, and he said, could I hide myself for three weeks until the bother was over, and I told him, no.

36,053. Do you know who voted for you?—No.

36,054. Do you know now?—No.

36,055. Did your deputy landlord tell you who had voted for you?—No.

36,056. Did he say he knew?—No.

36,057. What did he offer you to go away?—Nothing; he said the expenses would be too great for me to go London.

36,058. Did you want to go to London?—I told him I could not run away and leave my wife and family, and he asked me if I had got any relations close by, and I told him none nearer than London, and he said the expenses would be too great to send me to London.

36,059. Did he pay your expenses?—No, he never gave me anything.

36,060. Who paid your expenses?—No person; I never got anything. I never went away.

36,061. You stayed here during the inquiry, is that it?—Yes.

GEORGE BETTS sworn and examined. *G. Betts.*

36,062. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,063. At what time in the day?—Between three and four.

36,064. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,065. At what public-houses were you during the day?—Nowhere.

36,066. Nowhere at all?—No, I never went into one at all.

36,067. Were you not in a public-house before you went up to vote?—No.

36,068. What were you doing before you went up to vote?—Walking about the city.

36,069. What were you walking about the city for?—I was looking about the same as other people were.

36,070. Who got you to vote?—Nobody, I went myself and voted.

36,071. Did not anybody speak to you about voting and ask you to vote?—No, not a man.

36,072. I suppose you were looking out for what you could get?—No, I was not. I did not think anything about it. I never voted before in my life, and know nothing at all about it.

36,073. Were you not wishing for a day's pay?—No, I was not thinking about it.

36,074. You would have taken a day's pay if anybody had offered it to you?—Yes, but I had no chance.

36,075. Were you not looking out for it?—I never got nothing, and never saw no man.

36,076. Are you sure you did not get anything promised you?—Not a farthing.

36,077. Was no beer given you?—No, not a half-penny.

36,078. There were a good number of other people standing out like yourself to get a day's pay?—I do not know. I never paid no regard to other people, I looked to myself.

36,079. Did you not talk to them about it?—No, I did not.

36,080. You were loitering about the town all day?—Yes, of course, I was walking about the same as other people.

36,081. What is your employment?—Working on the common sewer.

36,082. Were the works stopped that day?—I do not think they were stopped.

36,083. Were you working under Mr. Clarke?—No, Mr. Smith.

36,084. Is he the contractor?—Yes, he is the undertaker.

JOHN DRANE sworn and examined. *J. Drane.*

36,085. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,086. Who asked you to vote?—No one.

36,087. Did you not promise your vote?—No, I never promised it.

36,088. Did you say you were going to vote for him?—I voted for him.

36,089. Had you told people you were going to vote for him?—No.

36,090. Had you not said so to your friends?—No.

36,091. Had you not mentioned it at all?—Not till a few minutes before I voted.

36,092. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

36,093. Was anything offered to you?—No.

36,094. With whom did you go to the poll?—Only with a neighbour next door to me.

36,095. Was he a Straceyite too?—Yes, he voted for Stracey.

36,096. Have you had nothing since for your vote?—No, nothing.

36,097. Did anybody stand you any beer on the day of the election?—No.

36,098. Nothing at all?—No.

36,099. What are you by trade?—A hot presser.

36,100. Were you busy on that day at your work?—I was busy at home.

36,101. The whole day?—Three parts of the day.

36,102. Did nobody come to you about the election?—Previous to the election they did.

36,103. Did you not promise then?—No.

36,104. Who came to you previous to the election?—Mr. Green and some other gentleman with him.

36,105. Why did you not promise to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I promised him in this way, I said I would not do him any harm.

JAMES BEXFIELD sworn and examined. *J. Bexfield.*

36,106. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a cabinet maker and shop keeper.

36,107. Have you your own shop or are you working under some one else?—I have my own shop.

36,108. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,109. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,110. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock, as near as I can guess.

36,111. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

36,112. Or the promise of anything?—No.

36,113. Had you been asked for your vote?—No, not even solicited.

36,114. Why did you not vote earlier?—I was so very busy in the fore part of day.

JOHN SARGENT sworn and examined. *J. Sargent.*

36,115. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

36,116. Where were you during the day?—I was at work from the morning till three o'clock.

36,117. What were you doing?—Pulling mangold-wurzel.

36,118. That was outside Norwich I suppose?—Yes, for Mr. Clarke.

36,119. How far from Norwich was that?—About a mile.

36,120. Did you come in and vote as soon as you could?—Yes, I voted about half-past three.

36,121. Who asked you to come and vote?—Not any one.

36,122. You came of your own accord?—Yes.

36,123. Did anybody offer you anything to vote?—No.

36,124. Did anybody give your wife anything?—No.

36,125. Or promise you or her anything?—No, not a half-penny.

36,126. Did you get any beer before you came?—No, I had not a drop of beer all the day.

GEORGE ADAM AMIES sworn and examined. *G. A. Amies.*

36,127. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a builder?—Yes.

36,128. You took an active interest in the last election?—Yes, I canvassed the whole parish as far as I could, with the assistance of others.

36,129. Do you recollect on the day of the election seeing a man of the name of Barker?—I do not know that I know the man; I perhaps might recognize him if I saw him, but I do not know him by name.

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G. A. Amies.

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36,130. Do you know a man by the name of Chettleburgh?—No.

36,131. Do you recollect anybody saying to you "This man wants 1*l.* for his vote"?—I am quite certain no person said such a thing to me.

36,132. Was nothing of that sort said in your presence on the day of the election?—Nothing, I am quite positive.

36,133. Nor before the election?—Nor before the election.

36,134. Has any money passed through your hands for voters at the election?—No, not one farthing in any shape or form.

36,135. Did you make any promise?—No, I never heard any promise. I am proud to say I took an active and honest part in the election.

36,136. Did you treat anybody that day?—I am not aware, but if I did it was most decidedly not a voter; if I did so it was the latter part of the day. I might possibly give a glass of beer away, I could not swear whether I did or not, but I did not most certainly give a glass of beer to any voter.

36,137. For the purpose of influencing his vote?—No, I did not most decidedly, I can swear it.

36,138. Have you paid any money since for beer supplied?—No, not one farthing; neither have I been applied to or had it intimated to me in any fashion. I was not aware until the close of the election, but that it was the most pure election that had ever been conducted; I quite believed that in my own mind.

36,139. You had nothing whatever to do with any corrupt practices?—Neither at that election nor at any other time, and I hope I never shall, it is quite contrary to anything I have ever upheld.

W. Barker.

WILLIAM BARKER sworn and examined.

36,140. (*Mr. Biron*) What are you?—I am on the highway.

36,141. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,142. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,143. At what time in the day?—I cannot say exactly, but it would be somewhere about twelve or one o'clock.

36,144. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—A gentleman came and asked me to vote.

36,145. That day?—Yes, not till that day.

36,146. Who was it?—Mr. Green came and asked me whether I would vote.

36,147. Green the plasterer?—No, Mr. Green the timber merchant.

36,148. Did you go with him?—No, I did not go with him; he came to me some time in the forenoon, but I forget what time it was.

36,149. What did you say to him when he asked you to go?—I was not at home when he came. I do not think—but I really forget—I told him I should vote.

36,150. Did you say for whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,151. Did he promise you anything if you would go?—No.

36,152. Did he give you anything?—No; not anything.

36,153. Nothing at all, no money?—No.

36,154. Did he not give you half-a-crown?—No.

36,155. Did you get nothing for voting, neither money nor beer?—No.

36,156. Or the promise of anything?—No; not the least promise of anything.

36,157. Or anything after you had voted?—No; I was my own master, so I could go and vote when I pleased.

J. Aldouse.

JAMES ALDOUSE sworn and examined.

36,158. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At what time in the day did you vote at the last election?—About half-past three or twenty minutes to four.

36,159. Where were you?—In different public houses.

36,159*a*. Tell me what was the first public house you went to?—I went to the "Nelson," at the bottom of Ber Street.

36,160. From the "Nelson" where did you go to next?—To the "Thorn," in Ber Street.

36,161. Where did you go to after the "Thorn"?—I went to different public houses that day.

36,162. You got a good drop of beer given you that day, did you not?—Not a drop but what I paid for.

36,163. There were a lot of you drinking in the different public houses, were there not?—There were several men drinking; they were full almost all the day.

36,164. They were talking about that they wanted their day's pay, were they not?—Yes.

36,165. At all the public houses?—Yes, they were all looking for that.

36,166. I suppose you wanted your day's pay?—Yes, I should like to have got it.

36,167. Did anybody offer it you?—No, that is what I was looking after.

36,168. Did anybody give you anything?—No.

36,169. Somebody gave you some beer, did they not?—Not a drop but what I paid for.

36,170. Did you get neither money nor beer that day?—Neither.

36,171. You seem to have tried a good number of public houses?—I was looking after it but I could get none.

36,172. You did not happen to go to the "Horse shoes"?—No.

36,173. Or Cubitt's?—No.

36,174. Were you at Clarke's beer house?—No.

J. Soloman.

JAMES SOLOMAN sworn and examined.

36,175. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,176. At what time in the day?—About ten minutes before four.

36,177. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

36,178. Where had you been all day?—Waiting to see if I could get anything.

36,179. Where did you try to get something?—I never asked anybody.

36,180. You were on the look out?—Yes.

36,181. Was anything offered you at all?—No, nothing at all. I never had a farthing offered me.

36,182. You let people know you wanted it?—Yes.

36,183. Did they give you no beer?—No, not a drop.

36,184. Have you had nothing since?—No, nothing since.

36,185. Did you promise your vote to any one?—Yes, I promised Sir Henry Stracey.

36,186. At the last moment?—I promised it two or three days before the election; a man came round and canvassed me.

36,187. On the day of the election you wanted your day's wages?—I was seeing whether I could get it as well as other people.

36,188. You did not get it?—No.

GEORGE THIRTLE sworn and examined. *G. Thirtle.*

36,189. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a smith and fitter.

36,190. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,191. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,192. At what time in the day?—About twenty minutes to four.

36,193. Did you get anything for it?—No, not a farthing, nor yet see a farthing.

36,194. What were you waiting for?—I went there, and they promised me a day's pay. I went there, and they took my name down, but I never received a farthing, nor yet see a farthing.

36,195. Where was it?—At Mr. Larkman's, in Ber Street. I never see a farthing, or got a farthing.

36,196. How many of you were there there?—I should say there were from 20 to 30 people in the house.

36,197. Were their names all taken down by Larkman?—I cannot say, but a great many were, I believe.

36,198. Can you give me the names of any of the men?—A man of the name of Holdiss, and a man of the name of Brown.

36,199. What Brown was that?—An engine driver I think he was; and another man who keeps a shop, but I cannot think of his name now.

36,200. What sort of a shop does he keep?—A fish shop.

36,201. In what part of the city?—In Thorn Lane I think it is.

36,202. Who else?—I do not recollect anyone else.

36,203. Who took down the names?—I think a man of the name of Larkman did it.

36,204. What did he promise you?—He did not promise anything, he said he thought he could get us something the next day.

36,205. What was it he was to get you the next day?—He did not promise anything at all, he said he thought he could get us something.

36,206. Did you understand he was going to get you a day's pay?—I did not understand anything; he said he thought he could get us something, and we never got a farthing, none of us.

36,207. Did you go the next day?—Yes, I went the next day, and never received a farthing.

36,208. What did he say to you?—He said he thought there was not anything at all.

36,209. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) He said if you would vote for Stracey, he would try what he could get you?—Yes, that is right, that is what he told me.

THOMAS SENDELL sworn and examined. *T. Sendell.*

36,210. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

36,211. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey about a quarter past two.

36,212. What are you in business?—A plumber.

36,213. Are you on your own account?—No; I work for Mr. Cozens in Goat Lane.

36,214. Did anybody canvass you?—Not at the time I was at home. I did not see any one at all.

36,215. Did any one come to your master that day?—No; no one.

36,216. Which way did your master vote, do you know?—He voted for Sir Henry Stracey, I believe.

36,217. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not anything, not a farthing.

36,218. Or the promise of anything?—No, nothing at all.

36,219. Did anybody give you any beer that day?—No.

ROBERT GATHERGOOD sworn and examined. *R. Gathergood.*

36,220. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A sawyer.

36,221. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,222. At what time in the day?—Between three and four.

36,223. What made you so late?—Well, I do not know.

36,224. Who asked you to vote?—I was not asked by any one particularly.

36,225. Not by anybody?—No, I meant voting for Sir Henry Stracey, but I was not in a hurry about it.

36,226. Did you go up to the poll with anybody?—No.

36,227. Were you at any public houses that day?—Yes, I was.

36,228. Which?—I was at the "Bull" in Ber Street, and I was at Larkman's, the "Thorn" tavern.

36,229. Did not Larkman tell you there was something going?—There was something rumoured about it the latter part of the day, but I never see nothing of the sort.

36,230. Do you not know that Larkman was taking down the names of the men, and saying he would get something for them if they voted for Stracey?—Yes.

36,231. Did he take your name down?—Yes.

36,232. Have you asked since for something?—No.

36,233. Have you not been near the place?—I live quite against him.

36,234. Have you never mentioned the promise?—No.

36,235. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you not ask whether he got anything?—No; I heard there was nothing after the election was over, and for that reason I never troubled anything more about it.

36,236. You expected you would have had something for it?—Yes; but still there was no particular promise of anything; but that was the rumour amongst the parties that was there.

36,237. He took all the names down and told you he would try and get something?—He took mine down and several others. I do not know all the names.

36,238. You have never had anything?—No.

JOSEPH TILLEY sworn and examined. *J. Tilley.*

36,239. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shopkeeper.

36,240. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,241. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,242. At what time in the day?—The middle part of the forenoon as near as I can tell.

36,243. Did you get anything for voting?—No, certainly not.

36,244. Or the promise of anything?—No, not anything.

JAMES HICKS sworn and examined. *J. Hicks.*

36,245. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A confectioner.

36,246. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,247. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,248. At what time in the day?—Twenty minutes past one.

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36,249. At your dinner hour?—Yes.

36,250. Where you bribed?—No.

36,251. Or treated?—No.

36,252. Did you get the promise of anything?—No.

36,253. Have you been asked since the election whether you were bribed or not?—No.

36,254. Or whether you knew anything about it?—No.

36,255. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

HENRY NEWMAN sworn and examined.

H. Newman.

36,256. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

36,257. At what time in the day?—About half past two or twenty minutes to three.

36,258. Why did you not vote before that?—I was busy the first thing of the morning.

36,259. What made you so busy that you could not go up and vote before half past two?—I could have gone I dare say if I had left my work.

36,260. What was your work?—I am a chairmaker.

36,261. On your own account?—Yes.

36,262. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No; no one persuaded me to vote.

36,263. Nobody came to you about voting?—My landlord came in the afternoon and asked me how I was going to vote.

36,264. Who is your landlord?—James Welch.

36,265. Before the election did Mr. Stanley come to you?—No.

36,266. Did you go with Mr. Stanley to the poll?—No.

36,267. Did you go with your landlord to the poll?—He walked up with me.

36,268. Your landlord came and fetched you did he not?—No.

36,269. He came to you?—He came and asked me how I was going to vote. I waited for him.

36,270. He asked you to go up and vote?—Yes.

36,271. Did anybody promise you anything for your vote?—No.

36,272. Did he agree to pay your rates for you or anything of that kind?—He always has paid them, right through.

36,273. There was a question about paying rates last year?—I never disputed it. He always agreed to do so.

36,274. And has always paid them?—Yes.

36,275. Did he knock anything off the rent?—No.

36,276. Did you want any repairs done?—No.

36,277. Did he give or promise you anything for voting?—No, not even a glass of ale.

36,278. Nor anybody else?—No, no one else.

JAMES SOLOMON recalled and further examined.

J. Solomon.

36,279. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you at Larkman's public house on the day of the election?—Yes.

36,280. Did he take your name down?—Yes.

36,281. You wanted something next day in consequence?—He said there would be a crown allowed, but I never thought about it although he put my name down.

36,282. I suppose you heard that there was nothing elsewhere?—No; I promised my vote for Sir Henry Stracey as soon as he came.

36,283. You went to Larkman's again?—No, I never went to Mr. Larkman's no more. I have not been there above once since.

36,284. You heard there was no money coming I suppose?—No, I never heard there was no money coming at all.

36,285. Why did you not make inquiries?—Because I thought it was of no use.

EDWARD BOUGHTON sworn and examined.

E. Boughton.

36,286. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A hairdresser.

36,287. Did you take any part in the last election?—Yes.

36,288. You got up some voters I believe?—Yes.

36,289. I think you got some money to get them up with?—Yes.

36,290. Who gave you the money?—Dr. Allen.

36,291. How much did he give you?—10*s*.

56,292. How did you lay it out?—I gave the half sovereign to Mr. Bloom, and he parted with it between himself and Mr. Freeman.

36,293. Is that all the money you parted with?—Yes.

36,294. Is that all you know about it?—Yes.

36,295. Did you spend any money on your own account?—Three or four shillings.

36,296. How did you spend it?—In drink.

36,297. For voters?—I believe it was.

36,298. Do you know who they were?—No.

36,299. Can you tell us in what public house you spent that money on voters?—I cannot say. I was at several.

36,300. I suppose you spent that money for the purpose of inducing them to go up to the poll?—I spent it in drink, but not particularly to get them to vote.

36,301. To encourage them?—Yes, that is quite right.

36,302. I suppose they were very unwilling to go unless they had a glass of beer or so?—Yes, that is quite correct, I found it so.

36,303. Cannot you tell us the names of the public-houses?—Yes.

36,304. Which were they?—I went to Mr. Warner's, the "Horse-shoes," for one.

36,305. Any more?—Mr. Aylmer's for another; but I saw no voters, and I spent my own money.

36,306. What other public-house were you at?—Mr. Geldhart's the same day.

36,307. Did you give any money to anybody by way of treat?—No; only the two I have named.

36,308. Do you recollect the names of those you treated?—No, not one. I only remember the name of those two that I have given.

36,309. Have ever you applied to anybody for a payment?—No.

36,310. Have you received nothing since?—No.

36,311. Only that ten shillings?—That is all.

36,312. Did you promise any voters something for their day's work?—No.

36,313. You led them to believe they would get something elsewhere?—No.

36,314. You offered no other inducement except that which you have mentioned?—No.

36,315. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of anybody having done the same thing as yourself that day?—No.

36,316. Were you associated with anybody in getting up voters?—Yes.

36,317. With whom?—With a Mr. Goldsmith.

36,318. Did he not do the same thing as you did?—No, not that I know of.

36,319. Did he pay any men?—Not that I know of.

36,320. You found the men very slow to come up without a little treating, I suppose?—I do not suppose there was one that would come up without his being treated, by the appearance of them so far as I saw.

36,321. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did any of these men ask for money for their day's work as well as beer?—Yes, they asked for it, but I could not give it to them.

36,322. At the different public-houses you were asked to give money?—Yes.

THOMAS WATERS sworn and examined.

T. Waters.

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36,323. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

36,324. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,325. At what time ?—As near as I can tell you about half past two.

36,326. What did you get for it ?—Not anything at all.

36,327. Did you not get any money ?—No, not anything, nor yet no beer.

36,328. Have you since the election said that you got some money and bought a pair of boots with it ?—No, not at all. I was in with a new pair of boots on, and they said that I got them by the election, but I did not. I never had a farthing.

36,329. Did you ever say you did ?—No, I never said so ; it is not likely.

36,330. Did you ever say in the "Yarmouth Arms" that you did ?—No, never. I did not go to the place ; it is a disrespectable place ; a lot of women live there, and I should not like to go there. I never took one halfpenny, nor yet a glass of ale.

ROBERT LARKMAN sworn and examined.

R. Larkman.

36,331. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election ?—Yes.

36,332. Where were you all the day before you voted ?—At my own house, the "Thorn" tavern, Ber Street.

36,333. There were a great number of voters in your house that day, were there not ?—Yes, out and in.

36,334. They all wanted their day's pay, or something for voting ?—I believe they wanted something, if they could get it.

36,335. You were anxious to get them up for Stracey if you could ?—I did not try to get any man up myself.

36,336. You were anxious that they should vote the same way as you voted ?—I never asked one man that question.

36,337. Did you at any time in the day take their names down on a piece of paper ?—Yes.

36,338. Did you tell them if there was anything going you would get it for them ?—I believe I told them there would be some money for them if a certain party came back with it.

36,339. Who were the parties to come back with it ?—They did not come back with the money, they came without it.

36,340. Who were the parties ?—Mr. Green, the timber merchant, was the man.

36,341. Robert Samuel Green ?—I do not know his Christian name.

36,342. Had Mr. Green gone for the purpose of getting money, if he could ?—That is what he told me he was going for.

36,343. Who else had gone ?—No one else, not that I am aware of.

36,344. What time was it that Mr. Green came into the house ?—He was in, I believe, the fore part of the forenoon, but I did not see him then ; when I see him I think it was two o'clock, and he came in several times afterwards.

36,345. He came into your house about two o'clock ?—Yes.

36,346. Did he find the men there, and talk to them ?—He talked to two or three against the door.

36,347. Did he also speak to you about the men ?—He asked me what I thought the men were waiting about for. I said I did not know. He said, "Have "they voted ?" and I said, "That I cannot tell you." He said "Do you think they want any money ?" and I said, "I should think very likely from their "appearance they do."

36,348. I suppose you had no doubt of that ?—I thought by their appearance they did, but I did not ask the men personally.

36,349. Did he speak to the men, or what did he say to you ?—He spoke to me.

36,350. What did he say ?—He asked me what I thought they wanted, how much ; and I said, "I "have not asked them, of course not." He said, "Do you think half-a-crown a piece would suit "them ?" I said, "I think very likely;" and the consequence was I let him out at my back door with the intention of his getting the money ; but of course he came back without it.

36,351. Before he went out to get the money did you speak to any of the men ?—No, not before.

36,352. When he was gone did you speak to the men ?—The men came to me. Apparently they met Mr. Green as he was going out of the back door. From what they said to me I anticipated that they had had some conversation with him, though I did not ask what it was ; and they said, "Mr. Larkman, "would you be so kind as to put our names down ?" From that I thought they had spoken to him upon the subject, and knew the purpose for which he was gone. I said, "I do not mind," and I put two names down, and they told me a lot more, and I put their names down. I should think it might be 23 or 24 altogether, or something like that.

36,353. Have you got that list ?—No ; I rent it when he came back and said he could not get any money. I thought it was of no use whatever.

36,354. Did he tell you where he had been to get the money ?—No.

36,355. Can you tell me the names of the men who were at your house upon that day ?—I do not know but a few of them, and the chief of them frequented my house.

36,356. Tell me the names of those you recollect ?—I have put them down here. There was a Daniels, Farrow, Brown, Haig, Gathergood, Claxton, Cable, and Brook.

36,357. Are those all you can recollect ?—Yes ; those are all I could recollect when I put them down this morning. I might possibly recollect one or two more.

36,358. Had Mr. Green treated the men at all in your house ?—He never spent a farthing, not as regards treating the men. I believe he got a glass of ale either once or twice for himself.

36,359. Had you seen him speaking to the men himself ?—No, not personally I did not.

36,360. Did he return after the close of the poll ?—He did not come in the house no more after he went out at my back door.

36,361. At what time do you say he returned, or came to your house again ?—He did not come to my house again after he went out at the back door, because the men, or the larger portion of them, were waiting outside with the greatest expectation for Mr. Green to come back, and two or three of them went to meet him before he arrived as far as my house, and he told them he had been and could not get them anything.

36,362. When did you see him again ?—I did not see him no more after he left my house.

36,363. Who brought you word ?—The men came back and said Green said it was all up ; he could not get nothing. Green went after the money where he thought proper.

36,364. You did not see him again, but learnt from some of the men that he had got nothing ?—Yes ; that is it.

36,365. Was a man of the name of Barrett there ?—Yes. The Barrett I mean is a man that lives in St. Martin's. I do not know whether you mean the same man.

36,366. Was a man of the name of Claxton there ?—Yes ; Claxton was there.

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36,367. Was a man of the name of Snelling there; I do not know whether he was amongst the list?—I believe there was a man of that name.

36,368. You have mentioned Daniels?—Yes; he is a sawyer, the Daniels that I mean.

36,369. And Preston?—Preston, I do not know.

36,370. Do you know John Brown, of Scot's Yard, Ber Street?—Yes.

36,371. Was he there?—Yes; I have mentioned his name.

36,372. Was Mr. Morgan, the brewer, at your house that day?—I believe he was there twice.

36,373. Did you, after he had been there, take any men privately into another room?—No, certainly not.

36,374. Did he see any men privately in any room?—Certainly not.

36,375. What was Morgan there for that day?—I suppose he was there trying to get the men to go and vote.

36,376. Were you present when he was trying to get the men to go and vote?—I was not. I never heard him ask a single individual, at the time he was at my house, to vote. He made a little sort of a speech in the bar, surrounded by a lot of them, so much as to say that when he was along with working men and working people of course he considered he was well treated, and such like. I thought it was an electioneering piece of kid to the men. That is all I heard him say to all those that were there to hear.

36,377. Did you see him give any money to any men?—No, not a farthing.

36,378. Or any promise?—No, nor yet a promise; nor yet half a pint of beer.

36,379. He did not give anything away that day?—Not a single farthing's worth.

36,380. Did any of the men say he had given them anything?—No, I never heard any men say that he had, or anybody else. All the men that were there at that time paid for what they had out of their own pockets.

36,381. Did anybody come into your house, and promise anything to the voters?—I never saw any individual.

36,382. Or heard anything of the sort in your house that day?—Yes, I heard a man make a remark in my porter room,—that is the very man you refer to living in St. Martins,—Barrett; I heard him drop a few words to some of them; he said that he thought he could get them something for their votes. He asked them whether they would stop half an hour; I think those were the words, and they said yes, and they told me he was gone to Mr. Blackburn's, the currier, in St. Stephen's, after the money; however, he came back, like Mr. Green, without anything.

36,383. The men remained there after that?—Yes, they remained there after he left.

36,384. What time was it that Green left your house to go and see what money he could get?—I should think it was half past three, as near as I can guess; I would not say for five minutes, but I think that was about the time.

36,385. The men immediately afterwards left your house, did they not, and went up to the poll?—They left my house, a great many of them, after he returned without any money, and where they went to of course I do not know.

36,386. You say Green did not return to your place?—He did return, but not into my house; he came up the street, and they met him; he did not come into my house after he departed to go and get the money.

36,387. How long was he gone?—I think he was gone a good quarter of an hour; it might be between that and twenty minutes.

36,388. Had not the men gone up and polled, a good many of them, during that time?—I believe there was a few went; that was after I put their names down, and before Mr. Green returned.

36,389. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a single farthing.

36,390. Or the promise of anything?—Nor the promise of anything, and had not a friend to ask me to drink neither.

36,391. Do you know a man of the name of Durrant?—Do you mean a grocer?

36,392. Yes.—I know him quite well.

36,393. Was he in your house that afternoon?—He was not in my house the while; I never saw him in my house.

36,394. Are you sure you did not see him in your house?—Yes.

36,395. Outside?—I saw him go past once or twice the time I was in.

36,396. In the afternoon of that day?—I believe I saw him go past before dinner, and I believe I saw him go past in the afternoon at some time.

36,397. Between three and four?—I believe it was between three and four.

F. Rudrum.

FREDERICK RUDRUM sworn and examined.

36,398. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A stationer.

36,399. Did you take any part in this last election?—Not a bit.

36,400. Did you canvass for neither side?—No.

36,401. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,402. Did you make any promise to voters?—Not at all.

36,403. Neither money or beer?—Not at all.

36,404. Did any money pass through your hands for those purposes?—No; I gave a shilling in the afternoon.

36,405. To a voter?—No, to be protected by some people in the Market Place; that is all.

36,406. Do you not know who they were?—No.

36,407. That was for the sake of the party?—Yes, and myself for protection.

36,408. That is all you have done at this election?—Yes, that is all.

36,409. You have never received anything since?—No, not at all.

36,410. And I suppose no promise was made to you?—I should reject it.

G. Claxton.

GEORGE CLAXTON sworn and examined.

36,411 (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer, and work for Mr. Andrews.

36,412. Were you at the "Thorn" Tavern kept by Larkman, on the afternoon of the polling day?—No; I never went into a public house till I had done my work, when master gave me a glass of ale.

36,413. Did you vote at the election?—Yes.

36,414. At what time in the day?—I should reckon between eight and nine, as near as I can tell.

36,415. Which way did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,416. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

36,417. Or the promise of anything?—No.

36,418. Had anybody asked you to vote for Stracey?—No.

36,419. You went the first thing in the morning and voted?—Yes.

THEOPHILUS HEWITT sworn and examined. *T. Hewitt.*

36,420. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You did not vote till between three and four?—No.

36,421. Close upon four?—Yes.

36,422. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

36,423. What were you doing up to four o'clock upon that day?—It was the transfer of a licence up at the Hall.

36,424. Were you the person to whom the licence was to be transferred?—Yes.

36,425. That would not be until after ten o'clock. What were you doing between eight and ten?—I was at home then.

36,426. What time did you go up to the transfer of the licence?—I think they began about one.

36,427. What were you doing from eight to one?—It is a hard job to say.

36,428. You cannot say?—No, that I cannot.

36,429. Why were you not voting?—Because I had other things to do.

36,430. Were you looking out for something to get?—No doubt I was.

36,431. Did you get anything?—No.

36,432. Did anybody give your wife anything that day?—No; not that I know of.

36,433. Did anybody promise you anything for giving your vote?—No.

36,434. And you went without anything, much against your will?—No; it was not against my will.

36,435. Your will was good to take something, if you could get it, was it not?—Yes, quite good enough.

SAMUEL BARKER sworn and examined. *S. Barker.*

36,436. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

36,437. What time in the day?—Between three and four.

36,438. Did you get anything?—No.

36,439. Did you try?—No; I thought there was no chance to get anything.

36,440. I suppose you were looking out for it?—No; I was busy after my work.

36,441. Were you at any public houses that day?—I went to get a pint of beer at my own expense.

36,442. Did you go to Mackley's public house?—No.

36,443. What house did you go into?—I went into the "Butchers' Arms," and I think I went into Mr. Blyth's, but at my own expense.

36,444. Was anything offered to you?—No; not a farthing.

36,445. Have you had anything since?—No; nothing since.

36,446. Is this the first time you have voted?—My first time.

36,447. I suppose you would have been glad enough to get something if you could?—I do not know for that.

36,448. How much would have satisfied you?—I was supposed to be satisfied without anything, I never thought about getting anything.

EDWARD JOHNSON sworn and examined. *E. Johnson.*

36,449. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A millwright.

36,450. On your own account?—No, for my master.

36,451. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,452. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,453. At what time in the day?—About a quarter to three, as near as I can remember.

36,454. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

36,455. Or the promise of anything?—Not the promise of a farthing.

36,456. Had any one asked you for your vote?—Yes; I was canvassed by Mr. Green, the brewer, and another gentleman, and I promised my vote to them, and personally refused my vote to Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett.

36,457. You got nothing for it?—I got nothing for it whatever. I am a Tory by principle, and vote independently.

ROBERT TWADDLE sworn and examined. *R. Twaddle.*

36,458. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

36,459. It was very nearly four o'clock before you voted?—Yes, a quarter to four.

36,460. Did anybody give you anything to vote?—Nobody. I went to vote for Sir William Russell, and I went to a man of the name of Harris, at the polling place. I am a coal merchant and carter. I was in my horse and cart, and I stopped there and said, "My name is Twaddell. I want to vote for "Russell." Says he, "Where is your ticket?" I said, "I had a ticket, but I did not pay any regard to "it." Says he, "What is the number of it?" Says I, "I don't know."

36,461. Did you vote for Russell?—No, sir: he said, says he, "I cannot vote you." And I said, "That is of very little consequence; I am not in- "terested in electioneering jobs myself. I will go on "with my business." I finished about half past three; and after I had finished, my son says to me, "Have not you voted?" And I said, "No; I went "to the polling place but they wanted the ticket "and the number, and I could not vote." "Well," says he, "you can vote next door." That was adjoining my premises; and I went there and I said, "I should wish to vote for Stracey." And they asked me nothing about it. They asked me who I would vote for, and I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

36,462. You voted for your son?—He said, "Does "it signify who you vote for?" And I said, "I am "so electioneering that I don't care who I vote for, "that's the truth of it neither better nor worse." I should have voted for Russell, but they would not take my vote, and as long as they would not take the vote, I voted for t'other.

JOSEPH HARRISON sworn and examined. *J. Harrison.*

36,463. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

36,464. What did you get for it?—Nothing at all.

36,465. Did you not try to get anything?—No.

36,466. Have you had anything since?—No, certainly not; only a lot of trouble.

36,467. Did they not treat you to some beer?—No, I never drank a drop of beer that day till half past eight in the evening.

36,468. What time did you vote?—I voted about a quarter after three, as near as I can possibly tell.

36,469. What made you vote so late?—I worked until ten minutes to two.

36,470. Where were you working?—Down at Carrow Abbey.

36,471. In whose employment?—Mr. Field, the boat builder.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

E. Coe.

9 Oct. 1869.

EDMUND COE sworn and examined.

36,472. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

36,473. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,474. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

36,475. What time in the day?—Ten o'clock in the morning.

36,476. Did you get anything?—No.

36,477. Or the promise of anything?—No.

36,478. Did you take any active part in getting up voters afterwards?—No; I went to my employment.

36,479. Do you know anything, directly or indirectly, about bribery or treating at this election?—No.

E. Nelson.

EDWARD NELSON sworn and examined.

36,480. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time in the day did you vote?—A quarter before four.

36,481. Why did you not vote before that?—I was in the country.

36,482. What part of the country?—That I cannot tell you now.

36,483. You must know where you were if you were in the country?—I cannot remember where I was; I know I was out.

36,484. You know you were out of Norwich; is that all?—That is all.

36,485. Did you not get back until nearly four o'clock?—I got back at half past three.

36,486. Who asked you to go and vote?—No one.

36,487. Did you go and vote entirely of your own accord?—Yes.

36,488. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,489. Did anybody give you anything for your vote?—No.

36,490. Neither beer nor money?—No.

36,491. Did anybody promise you anything?—No.

D. Soames.

DANIEL SOAMES sworn and examined.

36,492. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—Well, sir, as to that, I am in no trade at all.

36,493. Are you an independent man?—Yes sir; I am a pensioner, that's the truth.

36,494. A soldier?—I have been.

36,495. For whom did you vote this time?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey; at twelve o'clock as near as I can guess.

36,496. Who asked you to vote?—No one asked me, only a card was sent to me.

36,497. Were you in Porter's beer house that day?—Yes, I was; I often go in there.

36,498. You were asked at Porter's beerhouse to vote?—No, I was not, because Mr. Porter is a neighbour of mine and I very often go in there.

36,499. Was not something said about getting a day's wages for voting?—No.

36,500. Are you certain of that?—I am confident.

36,501. Have you had anything for voting?—No.

36,502. Was anything promised you?—No.

36,503. Has anything been paid you since?—Nothing has been paid to me since.

36,504. Did you get any beer given to you on the day of the poll?—No.

36,505. Nowhere?—No.

Adjourned to Monday at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Monday, 11th October 1869.

RICHARD GREEN sworn and examined.

36,506. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you by business a plasterer?—I am.

36,507. Were you a voter at the last election?—I was.

36,508. Did you take an active part in promoting the interest of Sir Henry Stracey at that election?—I did.

36,509. Did you canvass before the day of the election?—I did.

36,510. What part of the city?—Mostly about St. Miles' and St. Martin's.

36,511. In which ward is that?—The eighth ward.

36,512. In the course of your canvass did you find that there were a number of men who declined to say which way they would vote?—Yes, I found that there were a number of men who would not promise either way without money.

36,513. Did they say that to you?—They did not exactly say those words, but they gave me to understand that they would be paid before they would vote.

36,514. You found that there were a number of what you would call doubtful voters, that is persons who would be influenced, and who were disposed to be influenced by money?—Decidedly so.

36,515. Was there a considerable number of such persons in the district that you canvassed?—No, I canvassed a great many, but the number I cannot exactly speak to. I was canvassing for about a fortnight I think.

36,516. On how many days did you canvass?—I had my own business to attend to, and I canvassed in the evening and at odd times when I found that I had time to spare.

36,517. On how many evenings should you say you canvassed?—Five or six, I should think.

36,518. Did no one accompany you in your canvass?—No, I did it privately.

36,519. Before the day of the election did you give or promise to give anything to any voter for his vote?—No, I did not.

36,520. On the day of the election, at about 2 o'clock, did you find that Sir Henry Stracey was behind?—Well, I did not take particular notice of it. I was about in different public-houses, and did not know that he was behind.

36,521. Did you, in the course of the day, receive money from anybody for the purpose of influencing voters?—I did, at about 20 minutes to 4.

36,522. Had you received no money before that time?—No, not one farthing.

36,523. Had it been intimated to you that you might, or that you should have means to influence voters in that way before that time?—No.

36,524. What had you been doing up to that time on the day of the election?—I had a job in Princes Street Chapel, which I was then doing, and I was attending principally to that.

36,525. Did you try to get up any voters on the day of the election?—I did not on the day of the election; I had no particular interest in getting them up, because from what I saw there was nothing to do it for.

36,526. Had you been a paid agent?—No, not at all.

36,527. You were a mere volunteer?—A mere volunteer.

36,528. Then up to that time in the day you had taken no active part in getting up voters?—No, not at all, only so far as going to hear how the poll was getting on.

36,529. At what time in the day did you vote?—From 8 to a quarter past 8.

36,530. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

36,531. You say you received some money; from whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Wiseman.

36,532. What sum did you receive?—*5l.*

36,533. Did you live at that time in St. Giles'?—I did.

36,534. You say you received money from Mr. Wiseman; how came you to receive it?—I was with the two Mr. Barnes; we left the market at half-past 3. Mr. Wiseman called to me and said, "We are getting close;" and he took *5l.* from his pocket, and gave it to me and said, "Do the best you can with it." It was then 20 minutes to 4 o'clock.

36,535. Was it Wiseman, the elder, who gave it to you?—Yes, the elder Wiseman.

36,536. Where did he give it to you?—In the back yard belonging to the committee room.

36,537. At what place?—At St. George's, in Middle Street.

36,538. What did you do with the *5l.*?—I had not much time. I could not spend it all. I gave 10*s.* to a Mr. Sexton, and 10*s.* to the best of my remembrance to Robert Balls.

36,539. Where does he live?—In St. Miles'. One man who showed me his voting card under my own window I gave 10*s.* to, and 10*s.* to another man. I spent *2l.* on voters; that is all I gave.

36,540. What did you give to each of those men?—10*s.* If I had had a mint of money I could not have spent more than I did. I had not time to do it.

36,541. Was what you gave to these men given to them for their votes?—Yes.

36,542. And did you see that they went and voted?—I did.

36,543. Do you know who the man was to whom you gave the last 10*s.*?—I cannot recollect. I have been trying to find out, but I cannot recollect at all who it was.

36,544. Do you know a man of the name of Levick of Bridge Street, St. Miles'?—I know such a man, a shopkeeper in St. Miles'.

36,545. Was he the man to whom you gave it?—I really cannot say. I was very excited, and I could not say who it was.

36,546. Do you know a man named Thomas Grint?—I do not.

36,547. Henry Murrell?—I do not know him by name.

36,548. Was there no other person to whom you gave a portion of the money you had received besides the persons you have mentioned?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

36,549. Did you receive any further sum than the *5l.* you have spoken of?—No, I did not, not one farthing.

36,550. Is it true that you received three different sums in instalments amounting to *20l.* 10*s.*?—No, that is not true; it is false, and that was my reason for writing to the Commissioners.

36,551. After you had received the first sum of *5l.*, did you go to the committee room at all?—I received it in the back yard belonging to the committee room.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

R. Greene.

11 Oct. 1869.

36,552. Did you go back to the committee room at all before the closing of the poll ?—I did not.

36,553. I must put this question to you directly in order that there may be no possibility of a mistake; did you receive first one instalment of 8*l.* 10*s.* ?—No, I did not.

36,554. Did you tell Wiseman that you had done something with that money on one of the sides of St. Miles' Street ?—I did not.

36,555. Did you when you were before Mr. Baron Martin give Wiseman the names of those persons you had bribed ?—I never was before Baron Martin.

36,556. When he was waiting to be heard before Mr. Baron Martin, did you say to him, "There is one," pointing out a man to him ?—No, I did not.

36,557. Did he afterwards give you 7*l.* ?—He never gave me one farthing except the 5*l.*

36,558. Have you received any further sum than that 5*l.* ?—I have not.

36,559. Not on that or any other day ?—I did not receive anything on any other day but that day.

36,560. You say that in the early part of the day you were at your work ?—I was.

36,561. When did you leave your work ?—Several times during the day.

36,562. What did you do in the intervals of your work ?—I went down to the committee room to see how they were getting on, two or three times during the forenoon.

36,563. Did you leave off work that day ?—I went out at intermediate times. I had to keep the work going on, but at the same time I took an interest in the election.

36,564. You were superintending your own work ?—Yes, it was my own job. I am a master.

36,565. Had you been to the committee rooms several times in the course of the day ?—I had in the forenoon.

36,566. Where were you at half-past 3 o'clock ?—I was in the market.

36,567. What were you doing ?—In fact I was at the "Oxford" along with Robert Sexton, and made a bet, and I had more interest in that than I had in the election; but Mr. Wiseman asked me to oblige him by doing what I could, but as regards money I knew nothing about it till 20 minutes before 4.

36,568. What were you doing between 2 o'clock and half-past 3 ?—I cannot say exactly. I left the market about half-past 3, and went straight towards the committee room, and got there at 20 minutes to 4, as near as I can recollect, but I cannot speak to a minute.

36,569. What were you doing in the market ?—I was in different houses along with those two men.

36,570. Which men ?—William and Charles Barnes.

36,571. What were you doing with them in the market ?—I was drinking with them. I was in the "Oxford" with them.

36,572. Wiseman has given us a different account from yours.—Yes, I am aware of that. I saw it in the paper.

36,573. Do you know of any other money having been given away that day ?—I assure you I do not.

36,574. Did you give any beer away that day ?—After the election I did.

36,575. I am speaking of before 4 o'clock ?—No, I did not.

36,576. Did you give any beer away, or did you pay for any beer supplied to other people in the course of the day ?—I cannot say as to that. I was with my friends, having glasses with them, first one paying and then the other paying.

36,577. I do not mean that, but I am speaking of a quantity of beer supplied to voters. Did you pay anything for that ?—I assure you I did not.

36,578. After the election did you spend any money in beer ?—Yes, I did, in several houses. I was rather excited, and I believe that I spent a good bit in the course of the evening. I did not get home till late.

36,579. When did you see Wiseman again ?—I should say it was two or three days before I saw him again.

36,580. What have you done with the residue of the money ?—I cannot say. I found myself minus the next morning. I know I spent it in some way or another, but that which I have told you is all that I spent for voting.

36,581. There were four men, to each of whom you gave 10*s.*, Sexton, Balls, and two others. Do you know the names of those men ?—No, I cannot call their names to mind. Those two men I perfectly know.

36,582. In what houses did you spend money that evening ?—I spent some at the "Cellars," and at the "Oxford," but how much I cannot say.

36,583. Did you go to the "Horse Shoes" at all ?—No, I did not.

36,584. Did you go at all to Warnes' that evening ?—No. I went back into the "Oxford" to receive the money, but I did not get it that evening. That was where I chiefly spent my time.

36,585. Did you hear of any persons betting that day 5 to 1, or 10 to 1, that persons dare not vote for Stracey ?—No. I heard a great deal of talk, but I could not say what was said. You could not go into a house without the election being called over, but I really cannot call to mind the conversation that passed.

36,586. Did you ever tell Wiseman what you had done with the money ?—No, I did not. He never asked me a question about it.

36,587. And you never volunteered it ?—No, I did not.

36,588. The election was won ?—Yes; and there was an end of it I thought.

36,589. Was anybody present when the money was paid to you by Wiseman ?—No. It appeared to me that that was the only money that he had in his pocket. It was 10 half-sovereigns that he gave me.

36,590. Did you mention to anybody that you had got 5*l.* from Wiseman ?—Yes.

36,591. Who was that ?—I told Richard Mackley. He was telling me what he had got, and he said he had had 5*l.*, and asked me what I had had, and I said, "That is what Wiseman gave me."

36,592. When did you mention this to Mackley ?—A week after that. He said that Wiseman had given him 5*l.*, and I said, "That is what he gave me." Richard Mackley, who keeps the "Woolpack," said that he got 5*l.* from Mr. Wiseman.

36,593. He spoke to you about it ?—Yes.

36,594. Have you ever said to anybody that you received 20*l.* 10*s.* ?—No, never in my life.

T. Priest.

THOMAS PRIEST sworn and examined.

36,595. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—I am no trade whatever. I live on my means.

36,596. Did you take an active part in the last election ?—Not very active. I canvassed for half a day.

36,597. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,598. Did you take up any voters on the day of the poll ?—No, I gave up canvassing because I think it is very dirty sort of work, and I would have nothing more to do with it.

36,599. Did you contribute any money towards the expenses of the election ?—No, I know better what to do with my money than that.

36,600. Did you make any promises to anyone ?—No, not any.

36,601. Neither that day nor afterwards ?—No.

36,602. Did you pay any score for beer ?—No.

36,603. Did any money go through your hands for other people ?—No, none whatever.

36,604. You confined yourself to canvassing for

half a day?—Yes; that was in the most respectable part of the city, and I had enough of it.

36,605. Even there, did you find that people were waiting for money?—No, not those people that I canvassed. I had a fly for half a wet day, and then gave it up. I object to canvassing altogether. I wish it were done away with.

36,606. You received no inducement to vote?—I hardly think that is a question you need put to me.

36,607. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We have been obliged to put questions of this kind. No doubt it is a very offensive thing to do, but in consequence of a large number of persons in this city having combined together, and having been advised by persons who ought to have known a great deal better not to divulge what they know, and in consequence of the equivocation of a large number of witnesses we have been obliged to put these questions to every individual, whether he be rich or poor, and such being the case, I am quite sure that you as a man of common sense will not suppose that any insult is intended to be offered to you.—Then to that question I decidedly answer no.

36,608. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you ever been engaged in former elections?—No. I do not like electioneering work. I am not at all a party man. I voted for Sir Henry Stracey because I considered that this city had not been represented for years, and I thought he would make a very good member for the city. If it had not been for Mr. Disraeli's Reform Bill being carried I should not have voted at all.

36,609. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I understood you to say that you got disgusted after the first half day of your canvass?—Yes.

36,610. And you said, if I understood you, that you thought canvassing was a dirty business?—I know it is.

36,611. What induced you to say you thought it a dirty business?—I think that to go among all the holes and alleys of the city, and to find out these men to induce them to vote is a dirty sort of work. I consider it so, and I would not do it again for anyone.

36,612. Was there anything in the overtures which voters made to you, or in their demeanour that induced you to come to that conclusion?—Certainly not. I know from former experience what canvassing work is among the lower class of people in the city.

36,613. Then it was your apprehension rather of what might occur than the result of what did occur?—Precisely. Among the class I canvassed of course there would be no question; if I asked a gentleman who he was going to vote for, and he told me, of course there was an end of it.

36,614. You did not go among the class called venal?—Certainly not; I should say not half a dozen.

36,615. Then there was nothing said to you indicating venality?—No. I would not have canvassed in any other part of the city to please anyone.

EDWARD WILD sworn and examined.

E. Wild.

36,616. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,617. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,618. At what time in the day?—During the first half hour.

36,619. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

36,620. Or the promise of anything?—No.

36,621. Did you take an active part in the election after you had voted?—No.

36,622. Did you canvass at all?—No, not at all.

36,623. Did you busy yourself at all in getting up voters to the poll?—No, not in any way whatever.

36,624. Did you come across a man of the name of Waters that day?—No.

36,625. Do you know Waters by sight?—No, I do not know anyone of that name.

36,626. Did you give anybody a sovereign on the day of the election?—No.

36,627. I do not say it was to vote?—Not in any way whatever; I had nothing to do with any voters whatever in any form or shape.

36,628. Did you give anyone a sovereign?—No. I voted in the morning, and went home to my business. I have no reservation whatever. I had nothing to do with the election beyond recording my vote.

WILLIAM STANLEY sworn and examined.

W. Stanley.

36,629. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you take an active part in the last election for this city?—I canvassed.

36,630. What part did you canvass?—The part I reside in, St. Julian's.

36,631. Where is that?—The sixth ward.

36,632. How many days did you canvass?—I was solicited by the committee on the Saturday previous to the election, and every day from that time up to the day of the election, I should think, I canvassed more or less.

36,633. You say the Saturday evening?—The Saturday evening prior to the election.

36,634. Then you began your canvass on the Saturday evening?—I began on the next Monday morning. I think I canvassed part of three days.

36,635. That would be on the Monday and the day of the nomination?—That is it.

36,636. Were you present at the nomination?—No.

36,637. In the course of your canvass did you find that there was a considerable number of doubtful men?—Not very many.

36,638. Have you got the result of your canvass?—No; a list was provided by one of the clerks in the committee room in a twopenny memorandum book, and it was so pulled about that I put it into the waste basket on the election day, and I do not know what became of it afterwards.

36,639. Did any of the men ask you for anything, or did they suggest to you, or did you gather from what they said, that they wanted a consideration for their votes?—There were one or two very poor men who would not promise me; they stood out, and if they could have got anything I have no doubt they would have accepted it.

36,640. But you would know what they wanted?—Yes; they were very poor people, and perhaps a shilling or two would have been very handy to them.

36,641. You understood from their demeanour or from something that they said that they wanted some money?—They would have been very glad to have it, no doubt.

36,642. Did you hold out any inducement to them, or lead them to suppose that there would be money forthcoming?—No; I was cautioned greatly against that, and told not to do so.

36,643. Who had cautioned you on that subject?—Several people; my brother in particular had cautioned me.

36,644. You, in the course of your canvass, never promised money to anyone or suggested to any voter that he might have it?—Certainly not; I would not do it on any consideration.

36,645. On the day of the election were you active in getting up voters?—I got up a few in the morning, three or four.

36,646. Were you not occupied more or less the whole day in getting up voters?—I was at the committee room marking off from the list those that had voted.

36,647. Did you go to the "Thorn" tavern?—I went there about half-past 3.

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W. Stanley.

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36,648. Did you find a considerable number of men congregated there who wanted to be paid for their votes?—There was one man who had promised me his vote; I went particularly after him.

36,649. What is his name?—I think his name is Custance.

36,650. Where does he live?—In St. Julian's, Church Alley.

36,651. Did you see him there?—I saw him there.

36,652. He had promised you his vote?—Partly; he led me to suppose that he would vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

36,653. I suppose it was a very imperfect promise?—Yes.

36,654. When you found him down at the "Thorn," what did he say?—He would not come with me, and he wanted some more beer. I could not get him to vote, and I left him; he wanted me to stand some beer.

36,655. And did you decline to let him have it?—Yes, I declined to let him have it.

36,656. Did you in the course of the day pay for any beer for any men?—Not a penny the whole day.

36,657. And you declined to provide any for him?—Decidedly.

36,658. Did you see whether there were a number of men who like himself were wanting beer?—There were a number of men at the "Thorn" tavern.

36,659. Did you see Larkman, the landlord there?—I do not know him; I may have seen him, but I do not know him.

36,660. Did he tell you that there were a number of men there?—To the best of my knowledge I only spoke to this man and Mr. Morgan, the brewer, who was in the house at the time.

36,661. Are you a timber merchant?—No, I am a surveyor and slate merchant.

36,662. Is there a person of your name who is a timber merchant?—No.

36,663. Is there a person named Green who is a timber merchant?—Yes.

36,664. Did you see him there?—I am not sure; I rather fancy I saw him outside the door.

36,665. Do you recollect at all whether you saw Green, the timber merchant, that day?—I believe I did see him there. I believe he was there at the time I went after this man.

36,666. Did he say anything to you about money?—No, I am certain that he did not.

36,667. Then you did not get Custance to go up?—He did not go.

36,668. Was a person named Henry Newman, of Barge Yard, there?—I do not know the name.

36,669. Did you take up Henry Newman?—I really do not know at all that I did.

36,670. Henry Newman, of Barge Yard, King Street; do you know such a person?—I met him on Saturday, and he told me he was asked that question, but I did not take that man up; I never saw that man till I saw him leave this witness-box on Saturday afternoon, so I could not have taken him up.

36,671. Did you have a conversation with him on the day of the election?—No; I did not know him till I saw him last Saturday, and therefore I could not have a conversation with him.

36,672. You might speak to him though you did not know him?—I never saw that man before Saturday.

36,673. Is there any foundation for the statement that you gave him anything on the election day?—There is no foundation whatever for it.

36,674. You were at the committee room on the day of the election?—I was.

36,675. Did you hear of any money being provided or given for the purpose of influencing voters?—I never heard of such a thing, and I should think from what I heard from Sir Henry Stracey that it would be the farthest from his wish, and I did not hear of a penny being spent.

36,676. Was there any talk in the committee room about providing anything for the payment of voters?—I never heard a single sentence uttered about the payment of anything.

36,677. Have you heard anything since of any guarantee or of any subscription being raised?—No, I have not.

36,678. You know that there were sums spent before the election and during the election; do you know at all whence the fund came out of which those payments were made?—I do not know at all.

36,679. Have you ever been asked to subscribe?—No, I have never been asked to subscribe anything.

36,680. Not to anything of the sort?—To nothing of the sort.

36,681. Nor have you subscribed?—No, I have not subscribed.

36,682. Have you heard of anything of the sort being proposed in the city?—I heard of something, if the seat was vacant, to offer Sir Henry Stracey's son to come forward.

36,683. That is in case of a vacancy?—Yes, that is all I have heard.

36,684. Beyond that you have heard nothing?—No, I have heard nothing beyond that.

36,685. Did you during or before or after the election, pay any man anything for his vote?—No, not a penny.

36,686. Or give anything?—No, not a penny. I neither promised nor paid anything.

36,687. Are you aware of anybody else having done so?—No; I do not know of a single penny having been spent in bribery at all.

J. Raven.

JOHN RAVEN sworn and examined.

36,688. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A stationer.

36,689. Did you take any part in canvassing at the last election?—No, not any.

36,690. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,691. Did you receive any consideration for voting?—No, not any.

36,692. Was any promise made to you?—No, not any.

36,693. Was there no promise of custom, or of assistance of any sort?—No, nothing of the kind.

36,694. Had you promised your vote?—No.

36,695. Was this your first time of voting?—Yes.

36,696. Have you received anything since the election for having voted?—No, not anything.

36,697. Has no money gone through your hands for other voters?—No.

36,698. Have you been paid any score for beer supplied either on the day of the election or afterwards?—No. I took no part whatever in the election.

W. Hague.

WILLIAM HAGUE sworn and examined.

36,699. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A wood turner.

36,700. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,701. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,702. At what time?—About 20 minutes to 4.

36,703. Did you get anything for it?—No.

36,704. Why did you not vote before?—I was promised 5*s.*, but I did not get it.

36,705. Were you at Larkman's?—Yes.

36,706. I suppose you thought when you voted that you were going to get the 5*s.*?—Yes.

36,707. And did you go back to Larkman's after-

wards for it?—Yes, the following day, and he said there was not anything for me.

36,708. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see Green there?—Yes.

36,709. (*Mr. Biron.*) What did Green say to you?—I do not know. Green never spoke to me.

36,710. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you get your name put down on the list?—Yes.

36,711. (*Mr. Biron.*) Who was with you there?—John Chilvers.

36,712. Where does he live?—In Ber Street; and Solomon James was there, and Gathergood was there.

36,713. Can you give me any other name?—There was Thirtle, that is all I know; there were several more, but I do not know their names.

36,714. How many were there altogether; were there 30?—Between 20 and 30. I could not say to one or two.

ROBERT HARE sworn and examined. *R. Hare.*

36,715. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your business?—An upholsterer.

36,716. On your own account?—Yes.

36,717. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,718. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,719. What time in the day?—About a quarter to 4.

36,720. How came you to vote so late?—I had a job in hand that was very pressing and I could not leave it, or I should have got into disrepute.

36,721. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

36,722. Or the promise of anything?—No.

36,723. Did you give anything to anybody for voting?—No.

36,724. Or the promise of anything?—No.

36,725. Are you aware of any money having been paid to any person for voting?—No.

36,726. Or of any treating?—No.

36,727. You, I suppose, did not take an active part in the election?—No, I did not.

SAMUEL CLAXTON sworn and examined. *S. Claxton.*

36,728. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) I believe you voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

36,729. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

36,730. Did you get anything for voting?—No, nothing.

36,731. Were you in Larkman's public-house that day?—Yes.

36,732. Were you one of those whose names were taken down?—No.

36,733. Was no offer made to you there?—No, not in any shape or form.

36,734. Was not a promise made to you that you should have something afterwards if you voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Certainly not.

36,735. How long were you there?—About half an hour.

36,736. What time did you go there?—It might have been about half-past 2.

36,737. There were a good number of men there?—There were some men.

36,738. Did you see some names taken down?—There were some names taken down.

36,739. Was your name taken down?—Not that I am aware of.

36,740. Are you certain about that?—Yes, quite certain.

36,741. Had you any conversation with Larkman?—Yes.

36,742. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You know what was being done; now tell us what it was?—I do not know what was done.

36,743. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What were the names taken down for?—I cannot say. I had no conversation with any person. I drank my pint of ale, me and the friend that was with me, and came out again.

36,744. You did not hear what was going on?—There were some names taken down, but my name was not.

36,745. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see Mr. Green, the timber merchant, there?—Not that I am aware of.

36,746. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote before or after you had been in that house?—After.

36,747. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who went with you to the poll?—A friend of mine.

36,748. What is his name?—Pawle.

36,749. Where does he live?—Down St. Miles', Thorn Lane.

36,750. Did you apply afterwards to Larkman for anything?—I never had any thought of it.

36,751. Did you not know that money was being promised for votes at Larkman's beerhouse that day?—Not that I am aware of. I was not promised anything, and was never asked a question about it.

36,752. Did anybody speak to you about money?—No. I went and recorded my vote after I came out of Mr. Larkman's.

36,753. And you got nothing for it?—I got nothing for it.

36,754. Why did you not vote earlier?—I did not know I was tied for time.

36,755. You were not at work?—No, that I admit.

36,756. What were you doing all day?—I was going about from place to place.

36,757. You were looking out for what you could get?—I never asked anybody for anything.

36,758. But you expected to get something?—I could not expect it.

36,759. But you were seeing whether you could get something or not?—I could not expect anything; nothing was said to me about it.

36,760. You wanted to find out whether there was any money going for voting?—No; I did not know where to look for it.

36,761. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Why did you not vote before, if you were not on the look-out to see what you could get?—I was not looking out for anything.

36,762. Then why did you not vote before?—I did not know that I was tied to time.

36,763. There is no doubt that you are one of that large class of people who were looking out for what they could get. It would have been far better if you had told the truth openly and plainly at once instead of prevaricating and attempting to conceal what had been done.—I have taken my oath, and I have spoken the truth.

36,764. (*Mr. Biron.*) You have taken your oath, and told us a tale which we do not believe?—I cannot help that. I have told you the truth.

CHARLES RODWELL sworn and examined. *C. Rodwell.*

36,765. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,766. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

36,767. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

36,768. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

36,769. Or the promise of anything?—No.

36,770. What are you?—A hoop maker.

36,771. Are you on your own account?—No.

36,772. Did you promise your vote?—Yes.

36,773. Had you been canvassed?—No.

36,774. How came you to vote so late as half-past 2 o'clock?—Because I only left off work at 12 o'clock, and got my dinner and then went and voted.

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Walter Lubbock sworn and examined.

W. Lubbock.

36,775. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

36,776. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,777. At what time in the day?—A little after 2 o'clock; somewhere about that time.

36,778. Where were you on the morning of the election day?—I was at work.

36,779. What was your work?—I am a master shoemaker.

36,780. Have you men under you?—Two men under me and one outside.

36,781. Could you not get from your work before 2 o'clock?—No, I had some work to do that I wanted to finish by dinner time.

36,782. Had you been asked for your vote?—Yes.

36,783. Who asked you?—Mr. Green.

36,784. The timber merchant?—Yes.

36,785. Had you promised?—Yes.

36,786. Did you get anything, or the promise of any thing, for your vote?—Not a farthing.

36,787. Do you know of any beer having been given away to voters on that day?—I never heard of any and never saw any.

36,788. Nor any money?—No, nor any money.

36,789. Or the promise of money?—No, not to me or to anybody else that I was connected with.

Edward Paul sworn and examined.

E. Paul.

36,790. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shopkeeper.

36,791. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,792. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

36,793. What made you so late?—My business required me at home, and I could not attend to election affairs.

36,794. I believe that you were not very sober at the time you voted?—Yes, I was when I voted.

36,795. How soon afterwards were you otherwise than sober?—I cannot say. I was sober enough when I voted, but afterwards I believe I got more than I ought to have had.

36,796. At whose expense?—My own.

36,797. Who did you treat on that occasion?—Only my friend and I. We were together all day, and I paid for a pint and he paid for a pint, and so we kept on.

36,798. What public-houses were you in?—Different public-houses. I did not start from my house till 2 o'clock.

36,799. Did you get anything for your vote?—Certainly not.

36,800. Were you promised anything?—No.

36,801. Have you had anything since?—No.

36,802. Did you treat any voters?—No.

36,803. You were giving beer away, I suppose?—No, I had enough to do treating myself.

36,804. And you rather overdid it?—Yes.

36,805. Did you not give your friends anything?—No, not a glass of beer.

Robert Gooch sworn and examined.

R. Gooch.

36,806. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carpenter.

36,807. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,808. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

36,809. At what time in the day?—At a quarter before 4, I think.

36,810. Were you at Larkman's?—No.

36,811. How came you not to vote sooner than a quarter before 4?—I was out at my work, and I could not get my job done in time to vote earlier.

36,812. Where were you at work?—In the New-market Road. I had to finish that before I came away.

36,813. You got away just in time to vote?—Yes.

36,814. Had you promised your vote before?—Yes.

36,815. How came you to run it so fine as a quarter before 4?—I was obliged to finish my work first.

36,816. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

36,817. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

36,818. Did you get anything after you had voted?—No, I never had anything.

James Thouless sworn and examined.

J. Thouless.

36,819. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,820. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey and Sir William Russell.

36,821. Was this the worst election that you had ever known?—I do not know. I am very little among electioneering.

36,822. Did you ever say that it was the worst election you had ever known, because you got no money and no drink?—No, I never said anything of the sort to the best of my knowledge.

36,823. Did you get any money?—No.

36,824. Did you get anything to drink?—No, nothing only what I paid for.

36,825. Or the promise of anything?—No, nor the promise of anything.

36,826. At what time in the day did you vote?—It might be between 3 and 4; I cannot say exactly.

36,827. Why did you vote so late?—I was at work till 2 o'clock.

36,828. Why did you not go to the poll before?—I was not going to leave my business to go to the poll; I knew I should be in time enough.

36,829. Had you voted at previous elections?—Yes.

36,830. It was made worth your while to go up earlier then?—Sometimes.

36,831. At Waters' election what did they give you?—Nothing.

36,832. At what elections did they give you something?—Well, I do not know; I never got paid at any elections, only for my day's work.

36,833. When did you get that?—Several elections ago.

36,834. Did you get paid your day's work at more than one election?—Yes, I think at two.

36,835. What was it that you got?—*5s.*, I think, at one time.

36,836. And how much the other time?—I think it was 10*s.*, but I will not be certain.

36,837. You were modest in your demand?—I never asked for a bribe.

36,838. No, I do not suppose you did; nobody ever asks for that.—I do not know what other people may have done.

36,839. People never ask for bribes, a bribe is always forced upon the voter; there is a sort of decent reluctance to take it.

36,840. (*Mr. Biron.*) It is never called a bribe; you may depend upon that.—If anything had been offered to me I might have taken it as others did.

36,841. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It is called a "doceur." Are you sure that you got nothing of that sort?—I am quite sure I did not.

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J. Fiske.

11 Oct. 1869.

JAMES FISKE sworn and examined.

36,842. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A licensed victualler; a publican.

36,843. Did you take an active part in this last election?—No.

36,844. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,845. Did you get up any voters to vote for him?—No.

36,846. Did you canvass for him?—No.

36,847. Were there many voters in your house on that day?—Not any that I am aware of.

36,848. Do you know of anyone treating voters on that day?—No.

36,849. Were any treated in your house that you know of?—No.

36,850. Have you been paid anything since for beer supplied by you?—No.

36,851. Before or at the time of the election?—No.

36,852. I suppose nothing was offered to you for your vote?—Not anything.

36,853. Have you voted at former elections?—No.

36,854. Was any promise made to you at this election for your support?—Not any.

W. Tupman.

WILLIAM TUPMAN sworn and examined.

36,855. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

36,856. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,857. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

36,858. What time of the day?—A quarter to 4.

36,859. What were you doing till a quarter to 4?—Attending to my business behind the counter.

36,860. What is your house?—The "Exhibition" tavern.

36,861. Were there any men collected there?—The house was full, in and out all day, from 7 o'clock in the morning till 1 the next morning.

36,862. Did any number of men remain there drinking?—No.

36,863. Were there any men hanging back?—Not that I am aware of.

36,864. Was anybody there standing treat to the men who were collected?—No.

36,865. Was any money paid to you in order that you might supply men with beer during that day?—None. There was only what the customers called for and paid for themselves.

36,866. Was any money paid you after the election day for beer that had been supplied?—Not one farthing.

36,867. Was it entirely because of your brisk business that you did not vote earlier?—Yes; I could not leave the counter.

36,868. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

36,869. Or the promise of anything?—No.

36,870. Nothing either direct or indirect?—No.

36,871. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many men do you think there were hanging about your house?—I don't understand what you mean by "hanging about."

36,872. There were a number of men loitering about on the day of the election?—There were a quantity of men in and out during that day, not "hanging about."

36,873. Were they people whom you saw loitering about the street?—No.

36,874. Were they people who came in from their work?—They were people that were making a holiday of it.

36,875. That is, loitering about?—They did not loiter about, because they came in and drank a glass and went out.

36,876. Did you have any talk with them?—No. I had plenty to do with my trade at the counter instead of looking after people except serving them, and attending to their orders.

36,877. Have you a tap-room?—I have got a porter room.

36,878. Did they go and sit down there?—Not but a very few minutes.

36,879. Was there any polling booth near your place?—About 150 yards off.

36,880. Was there any public-house between your place and the polling booth?—Several.

R. Jeary.

ROBERT JEARY sworn and examined.

36,881. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your business?—A stationer and fancy warehouseman.

36,882. You were an active supporter of Sir Henry Stracey at the last election, were you not?—Yes.

36,883. Did you canvass for him?—No, I did not.

36,884. Did you not before the day of the election go round anywhere?—No.

36,885. Did you ask any persons for their votes without going through a regular canvass before the day of the election?—No. I had two or three men in my own employ who had votes, and I would not even ask them.

36,886. You might abstain from asking them, but you might ask others to vote for him?—Yes, of course.

36,887. On the day of the election did you take up voters?—Not one.

36,888. There were a good many men standing about and wanting something for their votes?—That I know nothing of. I had not a single man standing about, asking me. The principal thing that I done was to send up to the general committee room to get the state of the poll, and post it outside my shop that the people might see the state of the poll as it was announced.

36,889. You know David Cubitt?—I do know him now, but I did not know him previous to the day of the election.

36,890. Was he very active in getting up voters?—I don't know.

36,891. You saw him during the day of the election?—I saw him once during the day of the election.

36,892. Did he tell you that he was active in getting up voters?—He did. I guessed by his appearance that he was intoxicated when he spoke to me. I had never seen the man before that.

36,893. Did he tell you that a good number of voters wanted beer?—I think he did.

36,894. And that he could get them up if he had a little beer?—Yes, I think that was what he remarked to me.

36,895. Did you not then say that you would give him something?—No, certainly not.

36,896. Did you ask him in the first place how they were getting on?—No; he stopped me in the street and asked me for money for beer for the men.

36,897. Was there not any parley or anything beyond his stopping you in the street?—No. I was passing through the street, and he stopped me. He knew my name but I did not know his. He called me by name, and I spoke to him.

36,898. What did he say?—He said he had lots of men who would go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey, but he had no money to get beer. If I would get him some money he could get men to go up and vote. I told him I had no money of the party to give him, and I did not want to give it out of my own pocket. I asked him his name, and he said it was Cubitt.

36,899. Are you sure that you did not promise him two sovereigns?—That is perfectly false. I have read that in the papers, and I beg on my oath to deny it. I never promised the man two shillings, let alone two sovereigns. He was very excited then, and had been

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R. Jeary.

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drinking. I think the time was about half-past 2 or a quarter to 3.

36,900. Are you sure nothing passed to induce the man to think he would get money?—He did not ask me for any money.

36,901. But you would understand what he said as an application?—No; he asked me if I would give money to these men. I told him I had none belonging to the party, and I did not feel disposed to give any out of my own pocket I asked him his name, and he said it was Cubitt.

36,902. Was that all that passed?—Yes. I have never spoke to the man from that day to this, except one day when he called upon me to ask me to give him some money, but I refused to give it him.

36,903. How long after the election was it that he called upon you to ask that?—I cannot be positive, but within a week after the election.

36,904. Are you sure you did not say that he might "use" you for two sovereigns?—Certainly not.

36,905. Or any words to that effect?—Or for any other amount. He was a perfect stranger to me. I never saw the man to the best of my knowledge previous to that time.

36,906. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) When he told you his name, did he give you his residence and trade?—No; I don't know his residence now. He merely told me his name was Cubitt.

36,907. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You say he called upon you a few days after?—Yes.

36,908. How long after, can you tell me?—I should think within a week after the election. I cannot tell you exactly.

36,909. There was a fuss at that time about some irregularity having taken place at the election time?—At the time he called?

36,910. Yes.—There had been a petition lodged at that time.

36,911. What was the answer you gave him?—I told him I had never promised to give him any money, and I should not do so.

36,912. Has he ever been to you since?—No, I don't remember speaking to the man since that day.

36,913. What time did you vote?—About half-past 8. I was at the place at 8 o'clock, and I clashed with the other voters that were waiting for their turn; and I was there 20 minutes, I should think, before voting.

36,914. Was anything promised you for your vote?—Oh no, not at all.

36,915. Did you pay or promise anything to anybody, for voting on that day?—I never paid anybody a single shilling.

36,916. Did you promise anything?—Well, yes, I promised to one man, and that was to the brother of Cubitt.

36,917. What did you promise him?—10*s.*, in this way; not for his vote, but after his brother allowed me to pass on; by the time I got up to the corner of this street—it was in St. Paul's—I was met by the brother, Mr. Tom Cubitt; he is a broker.

36,918. And a publican?—And a publican. He stopped me and told me he had 20 or 23 men, I would not be sure to two or three, in his house who had voted for Sir Henry Stracey, and they were grumbling that they had nothing to drink. I said, "If Stracey wins I have no objection to give half a "sovereign. I have no objection to stand half a "sovereign for drink." Then Mr. Cubitt said, "I "shall stand half a sovereign in your name."

36,919. Did he afterwards call on you for it?—No. It was during the time the inquiry was going on. I said it might injure Sir Henry Stracey's cause. "I shall not pay it now for fear it may do Sir Henry "Stracey some harm."

36,920. Did you pay it afterwards?—No. He has never asked me for it since. That I should think was about a fortnight after.

36,921. You have never gone to him to pay it?—No, I have never paid him a shilling. He told me these men had voted for Stracey and wanted some beer, and I said, "If we are successful I will give it out of my own pocket."

36,922. When was that?—As near as I can remember it was just after I had left the brother.

36,923. Did not he say there were people in his house who would vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Not to me; certainly not. It was merely a conversation of a minute or a minute and a half. I did not stop with him, certainly not two minutes.

36,924. Did you know Cubitt before?—Which Cubitt?

36,925. Cubitt the publican.—I have known him for some years to speak to. He is at all auctions. Nearly every tradesman in Norwich knows Cubitt the broker; but I did not know his brother. He told me he was brother of Cubitt the broker; so he introduced himself to me.

36,926. Are you sure he said the men had voted?—He did. He said there were 20 or 23 who had voted for Stracey and were grumbling because they wanted some beer. I said "I cannot give anything for it."

36,927. The difference between the words "had voted" and "would vote" is very small. Did not he say they would vote?—No; as a party man I should have noticed that word.

36,928. Are you quite sure about that?—Yes, I am quite sure.

36,929. Did you take any active interest in Sir Henry Stracey's election?—Well, I felt a warm interest in it.

36,930. Why should you give money to men who had voted?—As a party man I felt very warm at the time. It was within an hour of the close of the poll, about 3 o'clock; and like many other men who had voted for Sir Henry I felt very warm, and of course we were very anxious to see that he was the winning man.

36,931. But why, when they had done the cause good, should you not give the men their money, whether you were successful or unsuccessful?—Simply because if we had lost the cause I should not have felt inclined to part with money.

36,932. They had done the cause as much good as they were able, whether you were successful or unsuccessful?—We don't feel that.

36,933. Are you sure the words were "had voted"?—Yes.

36,934. I am afraid we must form a different conclusion.—I cannot.

36,935. Did you promise anybody else anything?—No.

36,936. Are you sure of that?—Positive.

36,937. Nor pay anything?—Neither direct nor indirect.

36,938. You have not paid that 10*s.* yet?—I have not paid it for fear it should prove an injury to the cause.

36,939. That is a breach of promise.—I am quite willing to fulfil my promise if it won't injure Sir Henry.

G. Clarke.

GEORGE CLARKE sworn and examined.

36,940. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A fishmonger.

36,941. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

36,942. What time did you vote?—Half-past 2.

36,943. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

36,944. When did you vote a second time?—I did not vote a second time at all.

36,945. Did not you vote a second time at about a quarter to 4?—No, I was at home at the time.

36,946. Were not you asked whether you had voted twice?—I was axed that question.

36,947. What answer did you make?—I told them no.

36,948. Did you say anything else?—No.

36,949. Did not you say that if something was given to you you would say all about it?—No. I had a broken leg at the time. I was very lame.

36,950. Do you know whether anybody else voted for you?—No.

36,951. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you give your card to anyone else?—No.

36,952. Are you certain of that?—Quite sure.

36,953. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Cannot you tell me who voted for you?—No one to my knowledge.

36,954. How many cards had you?—Two. I have got them at home now as far as I know, except the children have made off with them.

36,955. Who took you up to the poll?—No one. I went alone.

36,956. Were you taken up to the poll?—No, I went on two crutches. That is the reason I did not vote before, because I was waiting for people to get away.

36,957. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you told anybody that you would vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

36,958. (*Mr. Biron.*) I suppose people knew that it was difficult for you to get about?—Yes.

36,959. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) And someone voted for you?—No, not to the best of my knowledge.

36,960. Have you heard since that someone did?—No, I never heard anything about it.

36,961. Have you had anything paid since?—No.

36,962. Did you not get a day's wages?—No.

36,963. Nor any beer?—No, not a drop of beer all day. As soon as I had voted I went home, and stopped at home.

James Everett sworn and examined. *J. Everett.*

36,964. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A weaver.

36,965. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

36,966. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

35,967. What time of the day?—Between 3 and 4.

36,968. Did you get anything for it?—No.

36,969. Or the promise of anything?—Not at all.

36,970. Were you at Larkman's?—No.

36,971. Why did you not vote before 3 o'clock?—I was busy at work, and that suited me best.

William Freeman sworn and examined. *W. Freeman.*

36,972. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

36,973. Where were you on the morning of the election?—I was in Bridge Street waiting for an answer.

36,974. You continued walking about till between 3 and 4 in the afternoon?—Yes.

36,975. Looking out for what you could get?—No, I did not look out for anything. I would not have taken anything.

36,976. What were you walking about for?—I had no intention to vote at all until I was persuaded by a friend.

36,977. What induced you at a quarter to 4 to vote?—I voted long before 4.

36,978. Very nearly 4 o'clock?—No, it was not.

36,979. What time did you vote?—I voted between 2 and 3.

36,980. Not having any intention of voting till between 2 and 3, what could have induced you to vote at all?—Because I thought I would give Sir Henry Stracey a chance.

36,981. What made you think you would give Sir Henry Stracey a chance?—I don't know what induced me.

36,982. Did anybody offer you anything?—Not anything; I never saw anything during the day.

36,983. Did your wife get anything?—No.

36,984. Were you promised anything?—No.

36,985. Did anybody go and ask you to vote?—Not on the day of the election; no, I was merely asked by several parties.

36,986. Did you refuse to give your vote before?—Yes, I never promised anyone.

36,987. What public-houses were you in?—I went into Larkman's a time or two, as I was walking past, and got a glass.

36,988. Were you one of the men that were put down in the list at Larkman's?—No.

36,989. Were you told that if there was anything going you should have it?—No, I never requested anything of the kind.

36,990. Did anybody speak to you about it to induce you to vote?—Yes, I had a friend in the street asked me if I would vote; I said I had not made up my mind.

36,991. Who was the friend?—Mr. Green was the friend.

36,992. Green, the plasterer, or Green, the timber merchant?—The timber merchant; he is a neighbour of mine. He said, "You had better vote for Sir Henry Stracey."

36,993. Did he tell you that if anything was going you should have part of it?—No.

36,994. Did he say he would give you anything?—No, nothing at all; in fact I should not have taken anything; I should have felt insulted if anybody had offered me anything.

36,995. You got no beer for voting?—Not but what I paid for.

36,996. Did you ask anybody for anything?—No.

36,997. Neither before nor since?—No.

George Richmond sworn and examined. *G. Richmond.*

36,998. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A carter and porter.

36,999. What were you doing on the day of the election?—Following my daily labour.

37,000. Where do you work?—Howes and Son's, Goat Lane.

37,001. What time did you go to your work in the morning?—Seven o'clock.

37,002. Did you get away at breakfast time?—No, I did not leave till 1 o'clock, the dinner time.

37,003. Did you vote?—I did not vote at all.

37,004. Were you asked to vote?—No.

37,005. Was anything offered you?—No.

37,006. Did anybody treat you?—No, not at all.

James Freeman sworn and examined. *J. Freeman.*

37,007. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A rivetter.

37,008. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

37,009. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

37,010. What time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

37,011. After your dinner?—After dinner.

37,012. What did you do after you had voted?—I was about the city.

37,013. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

37,014. Or the promise of anything?—No.

37,015. Or anything after you had voted?—No.

37,016. Neither beer nor money?—Nothing.

37,017. Had you promised to vote for him?—Yes.

37,018. When?—Several days before the election.

37,019. You were canvassed and promised?—Yes.

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J. Huggins.

11 Oct. 1869.

JOHN HUGGINS sworn and examined.

37,020. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election, did you not?—Yes.

37,021. Do you keep a public-house?—Yes.

37,022. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

37,023. Or the promise of anything for voting?—No.

37,024. There were a good number of men in your house on the election day, were there not?—No.

37,025. I suppose you did not hear the least talk about anything concerning the election in your house that day?—Oh yes, there was some talk, but not very much.

37,026. Did you hear of a lot of men who wanted their day's pay?—No.

37,027. Nothing of the sort?—No.

37,028. Were they all willing to vote?—I had not more than one voter in my house, not to my knowledge.

37,029. Were not there a lot of men in your house the whole of the day?—No.

37,030. Only one voter?—Not that I know of.

37,031. Were there not a number of men coming in to your house almost the whole day?—No, not a great number at all; there was two or three at a time, not more.

36,032. Did anybody stand treat there that day?—No.

37,033. Did nobody pay for any beer for any other people?—No.

37,034. Each man paid for his own beer?—No.

37,035. Did anybody come there after voters that day?—Yes.

37,036. Who?—Mr. Bignold came and asked my vote.

37,037. Which Mr. Bignold, Mr. John or Mr. Arthur?—I don't know one from the other.

37,038. Not the old gentleman?—No, not the old gentleman.

37,039. Was it a lame gentleman?—No.

37,040. What time did he come to you for your vote?—From about a quarter past to half-past 10.

37,041. Did you go up with him to the poll?—Yes.

37,042. Did he give you any order for beer for voters?—Not a glass.

37,043. Or the promise of anything?—No.

37,044. Did you know him before?—No.

37,045. Who came with him?—Alden, the last maker.

37,046. Where does he live?—In Ber Street.

37,047. Did you go up to the poll in a carriage?—No.

37,048. Did you walk up?—It was not above 100 yards from my door to the polling place.

37,049. You walked up with him, did you?—Yes.

37,050. Is he a friend of yours?—Yes; I know him very well.

37,051. Were there not a number of men afterwards taken away from your house to vote?—Not one to my knowledge.

37,052. Have you asked anybody to pay for beer which was supplied that day at your house?—No.

37,053. Has any money been paid to you for beer supplied?—Not any.

W. Cary.

WILLIAM CARY sworn and examined.

37,054. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A tailor.

37,055. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

37,056. What time of the day?—About 4 o'clock.

37,057. What made you vote so late?—I had business to do.

37,058. You never went out of your place till 4 o'clock?—No.

37,059. Who asked you to vote?—Mr. Morgan come to mine.

37,060. Did he give you any beer?—Not a glass of ale.

37,061. What public-houses were you in on that day?—I cannot tell you which I was in.

37,062. Were you at Larkman's public-house?—No, I never went in there at all.

37,063. What houses were you at?—I was at the "Jubilee."

37,064. Any other house?—I might be; I cannot tell.

37,065. What time was that?—It might be 2 o'clock; I cannot tell.

37,066. You told me just now that you were busy all day?—I was busy.

37,067. But you were not so busy that you could not go to a public-house?—I don't know that; I wanted a glass of ale.

37,068. Were there many people at the "Jubilee"?—Not many.

37,069. Voters?—I never see none that voted.

37,070. Did you talk to anybody there about voting?—No.

37,071. Was any beer given to you that day?—No, only a glass what I paid for.

37,072. Nothing of any sort was given to you that day?—No.

37,073. Have you had anything since?—Nothing.

37,074. Were not you standing about to get something?—No.

37,075. You did not even want a day's pay?—No.

37,076. You would have been glad to get it?—I can do without a day's pay.

37,077. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You thought you would get it?—I never got nothing, and I never was promised nothing.

37,078. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) It is quite clear that you were about the whole day waiting for what you could get.—Certainly not.

37,079. You have said that you were busy all day, and then you said that you were at a public-house.—If I want a glass of ale there is no harm in that.

J. Howard.

JAMES HOWARD sworn and examined.

37,080. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A tripe dresser.

37,081. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

37,082. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

37,083. What time of the day?—Betwixt 11 and 12.

37,084. Did you get anything for voting?—Not a farthing.

37,085. Or the promise of anything?—Not a farthing.

37,086. Were you employed in any way at the election?—No, not in any way.

R. Ladbrooke.

ROBERT LADBROOKE sworn and examined.

37,087. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted at the last election?—Yes.

37,088. What time in the day?—Between 11 and 12.

37,089. Before you went to vote were you in Porter's beerhouse?—Yes.

37,090. Was a person of the name of Welton there?—Yes.

37,091. Did not a person in the house offer you half-a-crown to vote?—No.

37,092. Who besides Welton and yourself were at Porter's at that time?—There was a man of the name

of Cosens, and Welton. Those are the only two I know.

37,093. Where does he live? — In Devonshire Street, not a great way from Welton's. Those are the only two I know.

37,094. Were you taken up to the poll?—Yes.

37,095. Who took you up?—I rid up along in Mr. Abel's trap.

37,096. Did Mr. Abel come to Porter's house for you?—No, his man was in the trap.

37,097. Did he come for you?—I jumped up there, that is all. He did not come for me particular.

37,098. What is the name of Abel's man?—Payne.

37,099. Who came and fetched you?—Not anyone did not fetch me.

37,100. How came you to get in there?—It came up to the door, and we see it.

37,101. Did they then call out for voters, or what?—No, they never said anything.

37,102. They did not say anything, but you thought they had come for the voters?—I did not know about it.

37,103. Did not anybody tell you that they had come for voters?—Not a word of it.

37,104. But you saw the trap drive up with Abel in it?—No.

37,105. Only his man?—Only Payne.

37,106. What time in the day was this?—Between 11 and 12.

37,107. Are you sure that Abel was not on the trap at all?—He was not on the trap, not then.

37,108. Did they drive you up to the poll?—I rode round with Payne, up William Street, and voted.

37,109. Were you brought back again?—No.

37,110. Were you left there?—I went home then.

37,111. Were you driven home?—No.

37,112. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you not see Abel at all?—No, I did not see Abel at all that day.

37,113. Not on the coach box?—No.

37,114. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was this a one-horse or a two-horse trap?—A one-horse trap.

37,115. How did you know that it was Abel's trap?—I knew Payne right well.

37,116. Did you see Abel's two-horse trap there that day?—No, I did not.

37,117. Did not anybody speak to you about money at Porter's?—No, only I heard people talking. I heard them talking that there would be half-a-crown. That is all I heard.

37,118. You heard it said that there would be half-a-crown?—Yes, I heard people talking about it.

37,119. Who were saying there would be half-a-crown?—That I cannot say; the name I do not know at all.

37,120. You would not take half-a-crown; you wanted 5*s.*?—No.

37,121. Did not Porter say that you and Welton should have 5*s.*?—No, Porter never mentioned that at all.

37,122. Did not Porter talk to you about the half-crown?—He said there would be half-a-crown for the day's work.

37,123. How many men were there in when he said that?—That I cannot say. There is only two that I knew altogether, and only three or four in the room when I was there. I cannot say at all.

37,124. Who were in the room at the time that was said? Was Welton there?—No, I cannot say that.

37,125. Was Cosens there at that time?—We were walking about I cannot tell who was in there; there was three besides myself.

37,126. Can you tell me the names of those persons whom you saw at the house?—Only them two, Welton and Cosens. That's all I can say. I don't know any more.

37,127. There was some drink going before you went up to the poll?—Not a drop, only what we paid for.

37,128. Did you go back to Porter's afterwards for the half-crown?—No.

37,129. You have not got it?—Not a farthing.

37,130. Have not you asked him for it?—No.

37,131. There was a noise about it soon afterwards?—No, I never heard a word about that at all.

37,132. You heard that there was a noise about money being promised?—No, I had nothing to do with it. As I had not it at first, I did not trouble myself about it. I never see a farthing. I never asked for it.

37,133. Have you heard whether Cosens went up to Porter's for it?—No.

37,134. Have you had any conversation with Cosens since about it?—Not at all; not one word.

37,135. Or Welton?—No, I have not; only in passing, merely saying, "How do you get on?" Nothing further. That is all that has passed between him and me.

WILLIAM WRIGHT sworn and examined.

W. Wright.

37,136. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A publican.

37,137. Where is your public-house?—I do not keep one.

37,138. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

37,139. Had you promised your vote?—No.

37,140. Did you take any active part in this election?—No, not in the least.

37,141. Did not you canvass anyone?—Not anyone.

37,142. Did you not take anyone up to the poll?—No.

37,143. Did nobody ask you for any money?—No.

37,144. Was not a man brought to you who said he wanted a pound?—I have no recollection of it.

37,145. Do you know a man of the name of William Barker?—Yes.

37,146. Did William Barker bring Chettleburgh to you?—I saw William Barker in the latter part of the day.

37,147. Did you see him in company with Chettleburgh?—I think that is his name.

37,148. What passed?—Barker came and told me there was a man that had not voted, or something to that purpose. I says, "Why don't he go and vote?" and from what Barker said I inferred that this man wanted something; but I never took any active part in the election whatever.

37,149. Did you offer any money?—I was not asked for any. I told him to go and vote like a man.

37,150. You knew this man wanted a bribe?—No; I inferred from the peculiar manner of the men that that is what they were hanging back for.

37,151. Did not you say that you did not give any money till afterwards?—I might have said that, but I do not recollect it.

37,152. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I shall believe that you did. It would be far better for you to speak the truth.

37,153. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did these men return to you that day after voting?—Who?

37,154. Barker and Chettleburgh?—I never saw them afterwards.

37,155. Did not you see them afterwards?—No, I have no recollection of seeing them.

37,156. Are you certain they did not come and get treated to some beer?—I know that I did not.

37,157. Do you know that they were not in your house?—I never saw them in my house nor on my premises. Outside my gate I saw Barker and this man. They were both the worse for drink. I never saw them drinking at all.

37,158. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You may try to evade it as much as you please, but it is clearer to us almost

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than if you had told us frankly and openly that you induced those men to believe they would have money, and that afterwards you saw them and gave them something to drink.—I never gave them anything to drink, and never promised them anything.

37,159. We are quite satisfied that you did, and you have attempted to conceal it, which is infinitely more disgraceful.—I had nothing to conceal. I gave them nothing to drink.

37,160. It is impossible to believe that a man forgets entirely a conversation of that kind with a voter upon the day of the election, particularly when it is brought to his knowledge immediately afterwards that there has been a noise about corrupt practices.—I have said the truth.

37,161. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you get anything for your own vote?—No.

37,162. Was anything promised to you?—No, neither was I solicited for my vote. I voted at 9 o'clock in the morning.

T. Burrage.

THOMAS BURRAGE sworn and examined.

37,163. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker.

37,164. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

37,165. For whom?—Stracey.

37,166. What time of the day?—Half-past 3.

37,167. Why did you not vote earlier than that?—I did not think about voting. Mr. Alden called on me about half-past 3, and I voted to oblige him.

37,168. Did he promise or give you anything for voting?—No.

37,169. Is he a friend of yours?—No, only a customer of my master's.

37,170. You were anxious to oblige him?—Yes.

37,171. And so you went and voted?—Yes.

J. Youngman.

JOHN YOUNGMAN sworn and examined.

37,172. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were very active, were you not, in bringing up voters for Sir Henry Stracey at the election?—No, I was not.

37,173. Did you bring up voters?—I did.

37,174. Did you bring up a considerable number at the latter end of the day?—No.

37,175. How many did you bring up?—Well, before 10 o'clock I might bring up 20 or 30.

37,176. Then how came you to say that you were not active in bringing up voters?—I did not say that. I said I was not very active. Between 20 and 30 in the morning went and voted because I asked them ten weeks before that.

37,177. If you brought up 20 or 30, how was it that you told me that you were not active?—You asked me the latter part of the day.

Go and sit down *there* until you are in a fit state to answer the questions put to you.

J. Foreman.

JAMES FOREMAN sworn and examined.

37,178. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

37,179. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

37,180. Where were you in the early part of that day?—Out in the country.

37,181. Was that the cause of your voting so late?—Yes.

37,182. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

37,183. Nobody came and asked you for your vote before the election day?—No.

37,184. Did anybody come and ask you to go up and vote?—No.

37,185. You went up entirely of your own accord?—Yes. At half-past 3 my wife said, "You had better go up and vote." I went up directly, and got home again before 4.

37,186. What is your business?—I am a butcher and dealer.

37,187. Were you promised anything for your vote?—No.

37,188. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

37,189. Have you been a voter at former elections?—Never before.

A. Dean.

ALFRED DEAN sworn and examined.

37,190. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a temperance hotel keeper.

37,191. Did you take any active part in the last election?—No.

37,192. Did you canvass for anyone?—No.

37,193. Was your house used as a political house for people waiting about there?—No.

37,194. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

37,195. Or the promise of anything?—No.

37,196. Have you had anything to do with the municipal elections in this city?—Yes.

37,197. Have you been very active about those elections?—No. I have voted at them.

37,198. Have you ever spent any money upon them?—No.

37,199. Have you ever done anything in the way of treating at municipal elections?—No.

37,200. Have you ever received anything?—Yes, *5l.*

37,201. What for?—For my vote.

37,202. Who gave you that *5l.*?—I am sure I cannot tell you the gentleman's name that gave it me.

37,203. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was it a "man in the moon" who did that?—No; it was a Norwich man.

37,204. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) When was that money given to you?—I cannot tell you when it was. It was the election of guardians, I think.

37,205. What time of the year would that be?—I think it must be somewhere about the beginning of the year, the spring time. I believe it was in the spring time.

37,206. Are you sure it was not in November?—Yes. It was March or April.

37,207. Last April?—No. This is two or three years ago.

37,208. Which party gave you that?—That was the Tory party.

37,209. And I suppose ever since that you have been a true friend of the Tory party?—No, I have not particularly.

37,210. Have not you voted for them on all occasions since that?—No.

37,211. When did you go against them?—A twelvemonth ago.

37,212. What did you get from the other side?—*5l.*

37,213. What did you get at this last election?—Nothing. I never was offered a farthing.

37,214. Is this your first time of voting at parliamentary elections?—No. I have voted two or three times before.

37,215. What have you got on previous occasions?—Nothing.

37,216. Did you not try to get money for your vote?—No; I never asked for anything.

37,217. You confine your corruption to the municipal elections, do you?—Yes; nothing more.

37,218. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) A vote with you is like any other commodity; you are the customer?—No,

I am not always so; but at these local affairs I have taken money twice.

37,219. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) How long does the influence of the 5*l.* last? How long do remain with the party for 5*l.*? Is it a retainer for one year or one day?—They merely come and ask me what I want for my vote, and nothing more.

37,220. You do not feel bound by it to support the party further?—No.

37,221. You would be open again to a corrupt bargain?—Yes, I should be very glad to have 5*l.*

37,222. I suppose you would have been very glad to have taken 5*l.* for the last election?—Yes, I should have been very glad. I believe I should have taken it if it had been offered to me. I was very much in want of it.

37,223. You would vote for either party for 5*l.*?—No, I do not think that.

37,224. (*Mr. Biron.*) You have proved by your actions that you would. You voted first one side and then the other?—At local elections, but not for a member of parliament.

JAMES HENRY SIMPSON recalled and further examined.

J. H. Simpson.

37,225. (*Mr. Biron.*) Were you canvassed by any-anybody on the Sunday before the election?—Yes.

37,226. By whom?—Old Mr. Taylor, a carpenter, against St. James' Bridge.

37,227. Did he promise you anything if you voted for Stracey?—Yes, either 5*s.* or 10*s.* afterwards.

37,228. Did you vote on the day of the election?—Yes.

37,229. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

37,230. Where had you been spending the day?—I had been walking about.

37,231. Did you go into a beerhouse kept by a man of the name of Sparkes?—I went on Tombland.

37,232. Has he got a house there?—Yes.

37,233. Did you go in there before you voted?—Yes.

37,234. You got about as much beer as you wanted money there, did you not?—Yes, I got some.

37,235. Perhaps not so much as you wanted, because that is perhaps rather a wide order. Did you get any money there?—Yes.

37,236. Before you voted?—No, afterwards.

37,237. What was it?—5*s.*

37,238. Who paid you that?—A man of the name of Sparkes gave it to me through Mr. Hall the butcher.

37,239. How did it come to you?—Mr. Hall the butcher gave it to young Taylor the gardener, and young Taylor the gardener gave it to me.

37,240. Were you summoned at the time of the election petition to appear as a witness?—Yes.

37,241. Did you make anything out of that?—I was not called for.

37,242. Some people thought you were going to be called?—Yes.

37,243. Did any persons say anything to you about what evidence you were going to give?—Yes, Mr. Minns, the carpenter at St. James'.

37,244. What did he say to you?—He said one Sunday night, "I have received 2*s.* from Taylor the carpenter to give to you."

37,245. Did he say what for?—He said, "You must keep your silence whatsomever."

37,246. That means whatever happens?—Yes, and I told him I would do so.

37,247. You were asked to do so?—Yes, and last week he turned round against me.

37,248. When was it that you had this conversation with Mr. Minns?—At the last election.

37,249. Before I examined you the other day, had you any further conversation with Minns?—Yes, he told me to keep it secret here in the forenoon.

37,250. Was that outside the court before you were called?—Yes.

37,251. Did he give you anything?—No, he promised to give me something after the job was over.

37,252. After our job was over?—Yes.

37,253. What did he promise you?—He did not tell me what.

37,254. Did he say who told him to do that?—Yes, Mr. Minns, of St. James'.

37,255. It was young Taylor who spoke to you here before you were examined before us?—Yes, last week.

37,256. After he had spoken to you you came here and were examined?—Yes.

37,257. You held your own pretty tight, did you not?—Well, he told me to keep it secret, and I did so, and he kept the secret about me till the last minute; he has informed against me, and I have a right to inform against him.

37,258. Have you told me the truth this time?—Yes.

37,259. You are quite sure about it this time?—Yes.

37,260. When young Taylor was speaking to you outside, were there any more men there?—No, he was waiting there to have his hearing.

37,261. Were there any more there who heard what you were talking about?—No, we sat out there alone.

37,262. Was he examined the same day as you were?—Yes, in the afternoon after I was examined.

ISAAC HAYWARD sworn and examined.

I. Hayward.

37,263. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What public-house do you own?—None.

37,264. What are you by business?—A brazier.

37,265. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

37,266. Are you a journeyman or a master?—Master for myself.

37,267. How many men do you employ?—Occasionally I employ one, sometimes two, and sometimes none.

37,268. Where were you on the morning of the election?—I was at home in my own house up to about half-past 8.

37,269. After half-past 8 where were you?—I think I was waiting to vote.

37,270. What time in the day did you poll?—Ten minutes before 9.

37,271. What public-house were you at?—None at all.

37,272. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

37,273. Did you go into no public-house at all that day?—No.

37,274. Do you know a public-house called the "Jolly Dyers"?—Yes.

37,275. Were you not in that house on that day?—Not till after 9 o'clock in the morning.

37,276. Are you sure you were not there before you had voted?—Yes, quite sure.

37,277. Who fetched you up to the poll?—No one.

37,278. You went up and voted without any one asking you to go up?—Yes.

37,279. Had you promised your vote before?—No, I promised my vote to no one.

37,280. Did they ask you for your vote?—Some of Mr. Tillett's party came and solicited me.

37,281. What did you tell them?—I told them conscientiously I should vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

37,282. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No, nothing.

37,283. Were you promised anything?—Nothing.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

C. Wegg.

11 Oct. 1869.

CHRISTOPHER WEGG sworn and examined.

37,284. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A smith.

37,285. Are you a master?—Yes.

37,286. How many men do you employ?—Only my son who is at work with me.

37,287. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

37,288. Had you promised your vote?—No.

37,289. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

37,290. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

37,291. Was anything offered you?—No.

37,292. Or promised to you?—No, nobody ever asked me.

37,293. Have you received anything since?—No.

37,294. Have you offered anything to anyone else to vote?—No.

37,295. Did anyone treat you with beer?—No.

37,296. Did you treat anyone else?—No.

37,297. Was any money passed through your hands for the purposes of this election for getting up voters?—No, certainly not.

W. W. Smith.

WILLIAM WILSON SMITH sworn and examined.

37,298. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were a voter at the last election, were you not?—Yes.

37,299. Were you asked for your vote before the day of election, by the Tillett party?—I was called upon by several men; in fact, to tell you the truth, I did in the early part belong to the organisation.

37,300. You were asked for your vote by the Tillett party and promised to give it?—I never promised it.

37,301. Did you say you would not vote for them?—I did at the lecture hall in St. Andrew's when the meeting took place there.

37,302. What did you say there?—That I withdrew from the party.

37,303. When did you say that?—At a meeting when the union took place between Sir William Russell and Tillett.

37,304. What made you withdraw from the organisation then?—Because I did not approve of the union. I thought that the gentlemen of the organisation were going to contest the city by their own principles, that is to say, by the principles of an advanced Liberal.

37,305. You were an advanced Liberal?—Yes, I was.

37,306. An out-and-out Radical?—Yes, just so.

37,307. How came it that you, an out-and-out Radical, voted for Sir Henry Stracey just before 4 o'clock?—I am not aware of the time. I know it was after dinner, but I think it was not so late as that. I was at work before 4 o'clock again.

37,308. How was it, very near the close of the poll on the day of the election you, an out-and-out Radical voted for an out-and-out Tory?—I simply say this, I disapproved of it, and if they had let me alone in the early part of the day I should not have voted at all.

37,309. Did they come and try to get you to vote for Tillett?—They did at 8 o'clock in the morning.

37,310. Because they tried to get you to vote for Tillett, is that the reason you went and voted for Stracey?—They would not let me alone, and I went the opposite side altogether.

37,311. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

37,312. Do you mean to say nobody offered you anything for your vote?—Nothing. I never was asked.

37,313. Do you recollect their coming to you, and your wife saying you were out, but it answered your purpose to go the other way?—I never heard such a word, and I know nothing of the kind.

37,314. Do you know that your wife gave that answer?—I may say that I believe my wife never spoke such a word.

37,315. Did not your wife tell you she gave that answer to the people?—No.

37,316. What could induce you, an out-and-out Radical to vote for an out-and-out Tory?—I have not committed any sin by so doing that I know of.

37,317. Why did you do it?—Because they would not let me alone.

37,318. Did they molest you?—They molested me coming with a horse and cart, then again with a cab, and then asking me to walk. Would I go? would I go? I told them I was busy at work, and they had better let me alone.

37,319. Because they came and asked you to vote for Tillett you therefore determined to go and vote for Stracey, is that so?—Yes, I did.

37,320. I have heard of strange things in Norwich, but that is the strangest I have yet heard, and it is something, you know, so strange that I do not believe it.—I am sorry to hear that.

37,321. If you had told us of the 5*s.* which you got, that would have explained the whole transaction?—I beg pardon, if any person has informed you that I received money from either party they tell you a great falsehood.

37,322. Perhaps you got the promise?—No, I never got a promise, not so much as a glass of beer. I never attended any committee room, no public-house, and saw no procession. I simply went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey and walked back again to my own house.

J. Spight.

JAMES SPIGHT sworn and examined.

37,323. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A coal carter.

37,324. Were you at work on the day of the election?—Yes.

37,325. For whom do you work?—Mr. Dawbarn.

37,326. What time did you leave work?—About a quarter after 1.

37,327. When did you vote?—About half-past 2, I believe.

37,328. What became of you after that?—Well, I cannot exactly say what became of me. I had a glass or two of beer after that.

37,329. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—No, no one ever asked me for my vote.

37,330. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all.

37,331. Did you not get treated?—I never got treated; after I had voted I got a glass or two of beer, but before I voted I never got anything.

37,332. Where did you go for the beer?—I went into Mr. Warnes', the "Ship."

37,333. Who gave it to you?—I do not know who paid for it. I know who gave the order for it.

37,334. Who?—Mr. Minns, of the "Jolly Hatters."

37,335. Had you been in the public-house before that day?—I live close by it.

37,336. Had you been there that morning?—No.

37,337. Had you been there before you voted?—I called in once in the forenoon.

37,338. I suppose you heard that there would be some beer going there after voting?—No, as soon as I got my dinner I went up to vote, and after I voted I called in, and there was some beer going on, but I never heard anything about the beer.

37,339. That beer was given to you by the friends of the Stracey party?—I do not know who gave it. I got the beer and never asked who paid for it.

37,340. Were there any other voters there?—I am sure I do not know.

37,341. Do you not know the names of any of the people there?—Though I live in the parish I cannot remember the names. I go home very seldom before 9 o'clock, and I hardly know my next-door neighbour.

JOHN YOUNGMAN recalled and further examined.

37,342. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) If you are disposed without any reservation to tell us the truth now, we will hear you. We wish to relieve you from any annoyance to which you may be subjected, but it is absolutely necessary to warn witnesses who come into the box with the evident disposition to deceive us of the danger they are encountering, and we should not be doing our duty if we did not reduce them to that frame of mind in which they may be disposed to tell the truth.—You will get nothing else from me. I have come 50 miles to oblige you on account of the summons being left at my house.

37,343. It is better not to enter into any controversy. Will you tell me whether you are in a frame of mind to tell us that which your oath obliges you to tell?—I was in the box——

37,344. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you really mean to do it now without fencing the question?—Yes, and I will show the documents I have against the other parties. I will answer any question you put, because I do not come here to evade anything at all. There is an impression in the city that I have had to do with elections gone by, and if the Commissioners will ask me any questions I will give an answer to them—parties go and talk behind one's back.

37,345. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Be calm. I want you to give your evidence deliberately.—I suppose you would like me to tell what I heard about the election when I was away?

37,346. Certainly.—I will tell you all the particulars I did hear.

37,347. What I asked you was, and I will ask you again, were you active in bringing up voters for Sir Henry Stracey on the day of the election?—I was the fore part of the day, and that was before 7 o'clock in the morning.

37,348. Did you not also bring up voters in the after part of the day?—No.

37,349. None?—Never one.

37,350. What time in the day did you cease to bring up voters?—I did not bring up a voter after 10o'clock.

37,351. Did you bring up the voters whom you brought up before 10 o'clock in any conveyance?—No.

37,352. How did you bring them up?—You ask me, and I will tell you how I did it; on the night previons to the election I went and hired a conveyance on my own account.

37,353. Did you bring up the voters?—No, I will tell you how I did it; I ordered the cabman to go to a certain house and stand there, and I told him anyone that asked to go up and vote that he might take them up.

37,354. To vote for whom?—It did not matter who it was—Sir Henry Stracey of course—he took them up for both parties, because he told me so afterwards.

37,355. You yourself superintended, did you not, the taking up of some voters?—No.

37,356. Was that all that you did in taking up voters?—No.

37,357. What else did you do?—There was a party on the other side, and the time I was going up to vote I passed through, I do not know whether the officer is now in court he may be, and he refused to take the old gentleman's name because he would not give his number. I had not voted then; the old gentleman came round to me, and he says, "Mr. Youngman, I cannot vote." I knew he had voted for years, and always voted on the Conservative side; and I said, "I have not voted yet, and you and I will go and vote together." Mr. Wortley was the old gentleman's name, and you will find our names both together. I said to them, "What do you want to annoy the poor old gentleman in that way for?"

37,358. We do not wish to inquire into any matter which we have not a full opportunity of investigating. I only want information with regard to corrupt practices. You say you yourself did not take up any voters except through the medium of that conveyance which you say you chartered, with the orders you have mentioned?—No.

37,359. Did you accompany anybody besides this poor old gentleman to the poll?—No, never a one.

37,360. Were you not at the poll in the afternoon?—No.

37,361. Were you not in the polling booth the afternoon of that day?—No.

37,362. Were you outside the polling booth?—No.

37,363. Were you not making way for the Stracey voters to come up?—Not after 10 o'clock in the morning.

37,364. What became of you after 10 o'clock?—I will tell you where I was in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

37,365. Answer the question which I put to you. What became of you after 10 o'clock?—I went down to Lakenham, Old Lakenham they call it.

37,366. What did you go there for?—There was one individual there that had promised me; his name was Charles Simmonds. I asked him six weeks before, if a Conservative candidate was brought forward, whether he would vote, and he promised me he would.

37,367. When was that?—About 1 o'clock in the day.

37,368. What did you do between 10 o'clock and 1?—Looking round and watching Tillett's people, and seeing who they brought up.

37,369. Where were you?—In Ber Street.

37,370. Why were you looking after the persons whom Tillett's party brought up?—Because I have been in the habit, year after year, of knowing the people who had been bought at former elections.

37,371. You supposed there would be bribery on the part of Tillett's party?—Yes, and it would not be the first time. I was standing to see them come up to the poll, the same as I had done before.

37,372. Had you acted in that capacity upon any previous election?—Yes.

37,373. On the Conservative side, as against the Liberals?—Yes, for the Conservative side.

37,374. You were only looking at them being brought up, is that what I am to understand, as you stood in Ber Street?—They were suspected parties that I thought the other side would be buying, as I knew they had bought before, and if you ask me I will tell you why and wherefore.

37,375. You were looking at the parties whom you might suspect were being bribed by the other party?—Yes, on account of having had to do with previous elections.

37,376. Was that at any particular polling place?—Yes, by Ber Street gates, opposite the Church.

37,377. That includes the whole of St. Sepulchre?—Yes; there were three booths there, but that was the particular one at which I was watching, and the one I voted at.

37,378. Did you hear or observe anything done with regard to bribing voters?—You ask me what I heard, and what I heard I will tell you: there was an organisation society, and Mr. Cowlis, a neighbour of mine, talking about the election, informed me that he had a card, and produced me the card afterwards, and I asked him last evening, after I came home from where I have come on purpose to come here, for his card, and he handed me these papers (*producing several papers, of which the following are copies*):

"Card of Membership,
"1867–8.
"No. 2,079.
"Name.—John Cowlis.
"Trade.—Baker.
"Residence.—9, Howard Street, Grove Place.
"F. H. CAUSTON, Secretary."

"Card of Membership,
"1867–8.
"No. 2,081.
"Name.—Robert Wright.
"Trade.—Gardener.
"Residonce.—2, Mill Street, Union Place.
"F. H. CAUSTON, Secretary."

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

J. Youngman.

11 Oct. 1869.

" Electoral Organisation Offices,
" St. Andrew's Street and Museum Court,
" Dear sir, City Election. 13th August 1868.

" Tuesday, the 25th of this month, is the last day for sending in claims. Please ascertain whether your name, and the names of any you may know in your parish who paid the last October rate, appear correctly on the overseers' lists. If you discover any mistake or omission, report to us by Friday the 21st at latest.

" We would at the same time remind you of the importance of adding to the enrolled members of the Electoral Organisation. The manifest advantage of so doing is that we know our friends and where to find them, and as the enrolment involves no expense, pray urge it on all within your reach.

" The success of the popular cause is daily becoming more and more certain.

" For the Committee,
" F. H. Causton, Secretary."

" Norwich Election.
" Committee Rooms, Redwell Street,
" Dear sir, November 11th, 1868.

" The day of election being fixed for Tuesday next, the 17th instant, we have the pleasure to enclose you a card, showing your number on the register and the several polling places for your ward, and we beg to urge upon you the necessity for recording your vote for

Russell and Tillett,

the Liberal candidates, as early as possible.

" A vote given in the first hour is worth much more than if given later. A large majority at 9 o'clock accomplishes the victory, therefore poll before 9 o'clock, and the best thanks of the cause will be due to you.

" We are, dear sir,
" Yours faithfully,
" W. Foster,
" J. J. Colman."

" To the Electors of the city of Norwich.

" Gentlemen,

" Having received the assurance of the united and cordial support of the whole Liberal party in your city, I hope to have the honour of again representing you in Parliament.

" With reference to my political views, I think I have but to refer to my votes for the last 11 years during which I have been in Parliament to show that I have always consistently supported and promoted the great principles of civil and religious liberty.

" I have already given my support to Mr. Gladstone's resolutions on the Irish Church, and I shall be prepared in the new Parliament cordially to join in his endeavours to settle this question.

" I shall support such measures as may be necessary for altering and amending the last Reform Bill, more especially as regards the compound freeholder clause.

" The growing increase of the national expenditure requires grave consideration, and I shall be most anxious to assist in reducing it to the utmost extent that is consistent with the maintenance of efficiency in the various departments.

" A scheme of national education is one of the measures most urgently requiring attention. To meet the requirements of the present times, it must be framed in a very liberal spirit.

" To Mr. Gladstone and the great Liberal party I shall continue to give my hearty support, believing that to them alone we must look for the advancement of the great principles of our constitution.

" I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
" Your obedient servant,
" William Russell.

" Charlton Park, near Cheltenham,
" October 30th, 1868."

" To the Electors of the city of Norwich.

" Fellow citizens,

" It is now fully expected that the dissolution of Parliament will take place in the week after next, and the election early in the week following.

" The assurances of support which I have received from overwhelming numbers of the electors leave me without doubt of success.

" The feeling is almost universal that so large a city as Norwich should, as to one of its members, be represented by a Norwich man. Local questions are continually coming up in Parliament and before the departments of State. These questions require the experience and knowledge of facts which only a local man can have; and as it is now certain that the important considerations involved in the questions of poor rate and social taxation generally will come up for discussion and settlement next session, it is more than ever necessary that a city so heavily and unjustly burdened should have one man in the house who, from actual knowledge, can say a word in exposition of its wishes and its grievances.

" I believe that the poor rate system is altogether on a wrong basis. Property of every description should be rated, and all persons of ability to pay should be assessed fairly and equally all the country over.

" The abolition of the compound system has caused incalculable inconvenience and misery. If I am sent to represent you in Parliament, it shall be my primary and unceasing effort to promote the repeal of the odious ratepaying clauses of the late Reform Act, and to find a more equitable basis for local taxation than the present exclusive charge on rental.

" Gentlemen, I need not repeat my political principles. I have laboured for all the ameliorations and reforms of the last five and twenty years, in the success of which the people are now rejoicing. I am for religious liberty in its largest applications; for the pacification of Ireland by measures of justice; for retrenchment in every department of the State; in a word, I am for Gladstone.

" It will be impossible to canvass the electors individually, I must therefore leave my cause, which is really the people's cause, in the hands of the people. My friends must work for me, and they will not fail to achieve a glorious and decisive victory.

" I have the honour to be, gentlemen,
your obedient servant,
" J. Henry Tillett.

" Carrow, October 30th, 1868."

" Norwich Election, 1868.
" Bribery, &c.

" The following are extracts from the Acts of Parliament relating to corrupt practices at elections:

" 17 & 18 Vict. cap. 102. sec. 2. Any person who shall have bribed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and in Scotland of an offence punishable by fine or imprisonment, and shall also be liable to forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds to any person who shall sue for the same, together with full costs of suit.

" Sec. 3. Any person who shall have been bribed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and in Scotland of an offence punishable by fine and imprisonment, and shall also be liable to forfeit the sum of ten pounds to any person who shall sue for the same, together with full costs of suit.

" Sec. 4. Every person guilty of the offence of treating shall forfeit the sum of fifty pounds to any person who shall sue for the same, with full costs of suit.

" Sec. 5. Every person guilty of the offence of undue influence shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and in Scotland of an offence punishable by fine or imprisonment, and shall also be liable to forfeit the sum of 50*l.* to any person who shall sue for the same, together with full costs of suit.

" Sec. 23. The giving or causing to be given to any voter on the day of nomination or day of polling, on account of such voter having polled or being about to poll, any meat, drink, or entertainment by way of refreshment, or any money or ticket to enable such voter to obtain refreshment, shall be deemed an illegal act, and the person so offending shall forfeit the sum of forty shillings for each offence to any person who shall sue for the same, together with full costs of suit.

" 15 & 16 Vict. cap. 57, sec. 13. Every person who upon examination wilfully gives false evidence, shall be liable to the pains and penalties of perjury.

"2 Geo. 4. c. 22, 3 Geo. 4. c. 114, 20 & 21 Vict. c. 3. By these statutes perjury is punishable with penal servitude for not exceeding seven years nor less than three years, or with fine and imprisonment with hard labour for not exceeding seven years.

" 26 Vict. cap. 29. sec. 7. No person who is called as a witness (every person is liable to be so called) shall be excused from answering any question relating to any corrupt practice at or connected with any election forming the subject of inquiry on the ground that the answer thereto may criminate or tend to criminate himself; provided always that where any witness shall answer every question relating to the matter aforesaid which he shall be required to answer, and the answer to which may criminate or tend to criminate him, he shall be entitled to receive a certificate stating that such witness was upon his examination required to answer questions or a question relating to the matters aforesaid, the answers or answer to which criminated or tended to criminate him, and had answered all such questions or such question; and if any information, indictment, or action be at any time thereafter pending in any court against such witness for any offence under the Corrupt Practices Prevention Acts, or for which he might have been prosecuted or proceeded against under such Acts, committed by him previously to the time of his giving his evidence, and at or in relation to the election concerning or in relation to which the witness may have been so examined, the court shall on production and proof of such certificate stay the proceedings in such last-mentioned information, indictment, or action, and may at its discretion award to such witness such costs as he may have been put to in such information, indictment, or action."

37,379. What is the use of all this. That card merely shows that he was a member of the organisation ?—He was not a member.

37,380. This shows that he was ?—Yes, because it was delivered to him afterwards.

37,381. It is merely a card of membership ?—Yes, that was delivered to him after the meeting; he never was a member at all.

37,382. I suppose somehow or other, being at the meeting, he was put down as a member ?—Merely because he attended a meeting.

37,383. I want to know whether you observed on the day of the election any bribery, or anything of that sort, being committed on the Liberal side ?—No, never a shilling.

37,384. Do you mean to say these cards were sent to doubtful voters in the district ?—Yes, they were all the way through the district. I have handed in the letter that was sent to the men. I went and got them last night on purpose for your information.

37,385. I want to know what you mean by it. You say they sent these cards to doubtful voters in the district ?—Yes, and that is the way they tried to get the organisation up.

37,386. That was got up long before the election ?—Yes, of course, from time to time, and that is how they endeavoured to get their votes.

37,387. That is no bribery or corruption.—No, of course not, but it is intimidation.

37,388. We cannot waste our time over this.—Mr. Cowlis was a customer of Mr. Colman and that was done towards intimidation.

37,389. Did you see anything done on the day of election in this ward which you were watching which led you to suppose that bribery was going on ?—No.

37,390. You were watching for the purpose, were you ?—Yes.

37,391. You say you were watching there from 10 to 1 ?—Yes.

37,392. What became of you at 1 ?—I went away towards my own home.

37,393. How did you employ yourself after 1 o'clock ?—I will tell you; I went to Mr. John Sadler's, at the " Roebuck."

37,394. How long did you stay there ?—About an hour.

37,395. That would bring us up to 2; between 2 and 3 what were you doing ?—I went home.

37,396. How long did you stay at home ?—I never went out no more.

37,397. Do you mean to say you were not out of your house after 2 o'clock that day ?—I was not out of my house after half-past 2, not till the next morning at 9 o'clock. You ask for the truth and I tell you the truth. The fact is I and Mr. Tom Richards, he lived in Victoria Street, went home together.

37,398. You were not at the poll making way for the Stracey voters to come up ?—Certainly not.

37,399. Let there be no mistake; you swear you were in your house and did not go out after 2 o'clock ?—Three o'clock.

37,400. You said 2 o'clock ?—No, I said half-past 2 o'clock.

37,401. There is no mistake about that ?—None at all.

37,402. At any time did you see Mr. Morgan on that day ?—No, certainly not. I did not return home until the Saturday, and my wife says to me, " There have been parties——

37,403. We do not want this.—Mr. Dean came and canvassed Mr. Fulcher, and Mr. Fulcher told me on the Sunday morning after I came home, I had been in Suffolk upon the East Suffolk election, and on the Wednesday previous to my coming home I was in London——

37,404. We do not want all this.—But you ought to know what was promised if you bring me here.

37,405. Who do you say promised anything to anybody ?—Mr. Dean.

37,406. Where does he live ?—Grove Road, and he is a retired shoe manufacturer.

37,407. What do you say he promised ?—Mr. Fulcher told me on the Sunday morning, " I am pro-" mised, if I vote for Russell and Tillett, to have some " pigs in my stye, and that is not the only one in the " ward. I have been watching them, as you might " suppose, being an old electioneerer." There was Charles Simmonds promised some pigs by a man of the name of Fitt.

37,408. Did you hear him do it ?—No, the parties told me.

37,409. How do you know it ?—I will tell you. Fulcher on the Sunday morning says, " How am I to vote ?" and I says, " You know quite well you " ought to vote for Sir Henry; Mr. Green is agent " for your landlord, and if you do not do so you are " wrong." He says, " I have been offered so and so;" and I says, " By whom ?" He says, " He lives across here;" and I says, " That is Dean;" and he says, " Yes, that is him." He offered him five pigs if he voted for Russell and Tillett.

37,410. Being a very active partisan on the part of the Conservatives, you knew, did you not, there were inquiries of any malpractices that were committed by the Liberals before the election judge ?—Yes, of course I did, and I gave the report.

37,411. Did you give this information to Mr. Skipper ?—No, I sent a party to give the information; I did not wish to tell it myself.

37,412. You sent the information ?—Yes. I did not wish to be here to-day; I ought to be 50 miles another way.

37,413. Did you give anything to anybody to vote during that day ?—Never a penny.

37,414. Or promise anything to anybody ?—No.

37,415. Did you spend any money upon any beer ?—Yes.

37,416. Where did you spend money upon beer ?—I had 5*s.* in my pocket when I went away, and 1*s.* 8*d.* when I went back.

37,417. Where did you spend it ?—At different places; some at Mr. Sadler's, who keeps the " Roebuck."

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37,418. Was that in giving it to different people?—No, only in the common way.

37,419. To whom was it you gave the beer?—William Jacobs, the butcher; we spent 1*s.*, I think.

37,420. Do you mean to say you spent it with your friends, glass and glass about?—Yes.

37,421. Was it given in any way to voters?—No.

37,422. Merely spent amongst your ordinary companions?—Yes, whom I knew quite well. I have been in the city more than 20 years.

37,423. It was not spent on account of the election at all?—No, not a shilling, not a penny. I had only 5*s.* in my pocket. I turned out a 5*l.* note, and asked my wife to give me 5*s.*

37,424. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you get all these documens handed in from the same person?—Yes. You will see one card has Mr. Wright's name upon it.

37,425. Did you get these that are bound together from Mr. John Cowlis?—Yes, the whole of them.

37,426. Are they circulars which were sent to him by the Liberal party?—He informed me so, and I did not receive them till last evening; there is a man's name there by the name of Wright you will find amongst them, he is a very respectable man.

37,427. If we call Cowlis before us he will tell us how he received them?—I received them last evening from him after I received the summons.

37,428. What about Robert Wright?—He will explain that to you. I received it from Cowlis.

37,429. Did Cowlis give you all these?—Yes; as soon as I found I had a summons and was telegraphed for, I said all the information I could get I would get for you. Any information I can give I shall be happy to furnish you with.

37,430. I understood from you in your examination that your notion was these were given for the purpose of intimidation?—Yes, they were, and Mr. Cowlis will tell you how Mr. Colman's servant actually came to his house and threatened him.

37,431. How did these papers intimidate him?—He had been in the habit of dealing with Colman's people, and they came and threatened him about his vote; he will tell you about it himself.

37,432. Are you aware that one of these circulars is to this effect, "Norwich Election, 1868. Bribery, "&c. The following are extracts from the Acts of "Parliament relating to corrupt practices at elec-"tions," and then follow the sections from the Act specifying what are the offences against the Act, and it goes on to say any person who commits any of those acts will be liable to fine and imprisonment, and so on. It is cautioning people in the most explicit terms against bribery?—That was delivered to Mr. Cowlis.

37,433. How could that intimidate any person?—Look at the circumstance; there might be such a thing as deceit, and that is how that was done.

37,434. If there is anything in it we will ascertain it.—That is how that was done, they were delivered with deceit.

S. Lake.

SAMUEL LAKE sworn and examined.

37,435. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) I believe you were an active partisan of Sir Henry Stracey's at the last election?—No.

37,436. What part did you take?—I was not an active partisan.

37,437. What did you do?—I did but very little.

37,438. You canvassed voters, I believe?—No.

37,439. You paid voters?—No.

37,440. Did you not pay a single voter?—With one exception.

37,441. You had some conversation with Wiseman on the day of election?—Yes, in the committee room.

37,442. You received some money from him?—Yes.

37,443. How much was that?—Two half sovereigns.

37,444. Are you quite certain it was not more than that?—Yes, quite so.

37,445. What were you instructed to do with those two half sovereigns?—I had better explain how I came by them; it was represented at a certain time of the day, I think at about 3 o'clock——

37,446. Who represented it?—I cannot tell you who exactly, but it was represented that money was being given away for votes.

37,447. In whose presence was this represented?—It was represented privately to me, I think by Robert Fryer, but I cannot say whether it was so or not; I might say in former elections I have always taken a very active part, but upon this one I took no active part whatever, and was not on the committee even, bvt happening to stroll into the committee I found no one present except Mr. Wiseman, the manager of the ward, and after being in the room half an hour, it was represented that money was being given away.

37,448. By whom was it represented?—By this Mr. Fryer I think, and I said, "Is there?" and I said I had not seen a penny nor heard of a penny, and he said, "It is so, for I see a cab come down with Dr. "Allen in it." "I do not know," I says. He says, "If "there is anything I think we are entitled to it; we "always oblige you; here are four votes, and I "think we are entitled to a little remuneration." I says, "I will go into Mr. Wiseman, and see if there is "anything. I do not see why you should not have it "as well as anybody else." I told Mr. Wiseman the facts of the case and he said, "What do you think we "had better give them?" I said, "I should think they "would be satisfied with a crown apiece," and he said if that was so he would do it. I said you had better call in Fryer to see whether he will be satisfied with it. I called him into the door and said "I have sug-"gested a crown apiece;" and I said, "Do you think "that will satisfy you," and Mr. Wiseman put his hand in his pocket and gave me two half-sovereigns, and I gave them to Fryer; that is all the money I saw pass on the day.

37,449. Did you make any offer to any persons yourself?—No, I never asked a single soul for a vote on that day.

37,450. At what hour of the day was this passed through your hands?—I should think it was about 3 o'clock.

37,451. You took no further part yourself in obtaining votes?—No, and a very good reason for why, my house was one of the polling places for the ward, and knowing there had been such an excitement with this organisation on the Liberal side, and likewise the enthusiasm on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey, I thought possibly there might be a riot, and so I said to my wife, "I shall not enter the committee room or "take any part in the election, and I shall be at home "on purpose to protect my premises;" being a Conservative polling place I was fearful of the result and stopped at home, and stopped at home and never went out of my house till a quarter-past 10 or 11 o'clock in the morning.

37,452. Is that sum of 20*s.* the only sum you know of being corruptly spent at that election?—The only sum I know of, but not the only sum I have heard of by a great many; I have seen the evidence as regards bribery on the Conservative side, but I have heard of a lot on the other side.

37,453. Did you hear on the day of the election of any other money being spent on the Conservative side?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

37,454. Not till after the day?—No.

37,455. You are quite certain of that?—Yes.

37,456. Did you not hear that Hunt and Smith were spending money?—No, not till the inquiry took place.

37,457. Did you not hear that money was being spent at the "Trumpet?"—Not till after the the election.

37,458. Can you tell me about money being spent by the Liberal side?—I should say with regard to the election day I should have bet any amount of money that not a single penny was spent.

37,459. Do you know of any sum having been subscribed?—No.

37,460. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of any individual having been paid?—Yes, with regard to the organisation. I have heard members of the organisation boast about being paid.

37,461. Give us the names?—Two of the members nearly got to fighting at a meeting of which I was chairman, because one had got 5*s.* and the other 2*s.* 6*d.*

37,462. Give us the names?—William Stride was one.

37,463. Where does he live?—I cannot say exactly, but he is known all over the city.

37,464. What is the other?—John Seeley of St. Augustine's.

37,465. What have you heard those men state?—They were chaffing one another in the room.

37,466. In your presence?—Yes, and I was rather amused with it, and let them go on. Stride began it first. You must understand there was a difference between the Radical and Whig section. Seeley was on the Whig side and Stride on the Radical side, and they were chaffing each other about being the best men of the two. Stride said he could always earn a crown where the other could only earn half a crown.

37,467. Did either of them admit that they received anything?—They admitted it because they did not contradict it.

37,468. Will you tell us what they said?—They were quarrelling with each other; one said the other was no better man than him. Yes, he says, he was. He says he is getting a crown a day where the other was only getting half a crown.

37,469. Was that with reference to the election?—Yes, with reference to the organisation, going about and getting up meetings.

37,470. Had that any reference to their getting voters?—Yes, that organisation was the sanctum sanctorum of the Radical side.

37,471. Was it before the election?—Yes, a month before, I should think.

37,472. (*Mr. Biron.*) They were chaffing?—Yes, chaffing at the "White Horse," in St. Mary's Church Alley.

37,473. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Can you give us anything besides chaff?—I should like to give you the grain, the whole of it.

37,474. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Can you tell us any other cases of corrupt practices on the Liberal side?—I heard Mr. Claxton say that he knew Mr. Gardiner, of St. Paul's, spent 40*l.* on the last election and never got a penny of it back; that was for Mr. Tillett and Russell.

37,475. To what election did this expenditure of 40*l.* refer, to the parliamentary or municipal election?—I will tell you the conversation, and you can draw your own inferences.

37,476. You heard the conversation?—Oh yes, and referred other persons to it, because I thought it was a rich treat.

37,477. Give us the details of that conversation?—It was a day or two after Dr. Allen was examined. Mr. Claxton is a very warm Radical, and never met me without giving me a talk about being a Tory and about a Tory being a bad sort of a character. I was in getting a glass of ale, and he says, "Now what do you Tories think of to-day?" and I says, "There is nothing to be ashamed of;" and he says, "I think Dr. Allen has shown you up," and he says, "I will tell "you what it is, you Tories ought to be swept, all of "you, off from the face of the earth." I thought it was a warm compliment, and I says, "I do not know, I "think if your hands were clean yourself, you might "ask other people to show their hands. I believe you "signed the memorial for the Commissioners to come "down, and you know perfectly well you are a mem-"ber of the town council, and that you are in there "by nothing but by bribery, you were bought in, and "I think it is very bad grace to make a remark of "that kind, a man having such dirty hands as you "have," I retorted with so much smartness, and he says, 'Well, the fact of it is, it is six to one and half a dozen to the other." He said, "There has been bribery on both sides," I says, "How is that?" and he says, "A friend of mine spent 40*l.* on that day and has never got it back again."

37,478. Was that at the municipal election?—He distinctly referred to the last election.

37,479. Your conversation was about the town council?—No, I referred to him as being a member of the town council, talking like he did; he said that at the last election a friend of his had spent 40*l.*, and had never got it back again. I says, "I cannot believe "it, that is another needle you have got for me being "a poor Tory;" he says, "No, it is not," and he says, "I can tell you the name," and I said, "You "dare not," and he says, "It is no other than old Billy "Gardiner, of St. Paul's." There were two or three others with me.

37,480. Was a man of the name of Coleman present?—Yes.

37,481. Anybody else?—Mr. Holly and the landlord's daughter, Mrs. Nockold's, but Mr. Holly was rather deaf, and I have asked him whether he remembers it; he says he remembers Claxton being in there, but cannot remember what he said.

37,482. Are they all alive?—Yes. I said, "Are you sure they spent 40*l.* and never got it back again?" and he said, "Yes," he had either seen the cheque or the counterfoil of the cheque.

37,483. Was there anything else referred to about the way in which the 40*l.* was spent?—Not at that time.

37,484. What time did you hear about that?—This was about 9 in the evening, or something like that.

37,485. Have you heard at any time how this 40*l.* was laid out?—I heard about a fortnight afterwards, when in conversation with the landlord of the "Shakespeare," that he had a man in at his place getting a glass of ale who had said Gardiner had been paid back that 40*l.*, and he believed Mr. Colman had paid it back again.

37,486. That is all you know?—I cannot say I know that, that is what I have heard about it.

HENRY HEINRICH sworn and examined. *H. Heinrich.*

37,487. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a professional gentleman, a master of languages, a schoolmaster.

37,488. Do you keep a school?—Yes, I do.

37,489. Where?—At Norwich.

37,490. What is the direction?—Unthanks Road.

37,491. Were you employed at all upon the election of last November?—No.

37,492. Did you canvass at all?—I did canvass at that time.

37,493. Where did you canvass?—In various parts of the city of Norwich.

37,494. In whose company?—I am not sure who the gentlemen were, because they were strangers to me.

37,495. Have you not since ascertained what their names are?—I did not try to ascertain, because I saw them in the committee room, and naturally I went with them because I saw they were substantial Conservative parties.

37,496. Did you canvass anywhere in the third ward?—Yes, I did. There is one gentleman that I remember, but the names in English are very foreign to me, and you must give me some opportunity of recollection.

37,497. I am willing to give you what time you like.—I think it was a man of the name of Metcalf.

37,498. Did you canvass at all with a gentleman of the name of Fuller?—No, I did not.

37,499. Are you sure about that?—I am positive as far as my memory goes, quite positive of that.

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There are two Mr. Fullers concerned in this case, and I wish you to tell me which Mr. Fuller you mean.

37,500. Did you canvass with either of them?—No.

37,501. Did you canvass with Mr. Dudley Stracey?—No, I did not.

37,502. Do you know Mr. Fitch, the chemist?—Yes.

37,503. Did you canvass with him?—No.

37,504. You were often in and out of the third ward committee room?—Yes, I was.

37,505. Were you about the committee on the Monday?—That is the day previous to the election. My profession naturally brings me to go out upon business matters, but I was not out for election matters on the Monday.

37,506. Do you know the committee room at the "Tuns"?—I was at the "Tuns."

37,507. Were you in and out of that committee room?—Not on the Monday.

37,508. Did you see Mr. Buttifant, the house agent, there?—I saw Mr. Buttifant on the Tuesday, the 17th of November, and he was very active in taking the reports down.

37,509. Did you see him give any money in bribery?—No.

37,510. Or treating?—No. He was very active in taking the names down, the polls.

37,511. On the poll day what did you do?—I was trying to see it on both sides. I was appointed overseer, without any payment, to see that both parties had the right of going to the polling place orderly, because so many people came there crushing to vote; one would try to get in before the next one, and I prevented them doing so.

37,512. Who appointed you?—I believe Mr. Joseph Stanley, the solicitor, of Norwich, if I am right.

37,513. Where were you to station yourself for this purpose?—I believe as overseer I have a right to go over all parts of the city of Norwich, but they did not tell me exactly any part.

37,514. You were to be an overseer?—Yes.

37,515. What were you to get for it?—I am a substantial Conservative, and I told him I would do anything what I could that was legal without any payment.

37,516. Were you a volunteer?—Yes, a volunteer according to my knowledge.

37,517. I should like to know what you did as a volunteer?—I will give you everything to save you all examination; I will give you everything what I know.

37,518. You volunteered to Joseph Stanley?—Yes.

37,519. Had you not been to the Liberals to ask for employment there before going to Mr. Stanley?—No.

37,520. Did you never ask them to employ you?—No, I never asked anybody. Being a member of the Third Ward Association, and a member of the Eldon Club, it is not natural that I should go to those parties.

37,521. Never mind whether it be natural or unnatural, did you?—No.

37,522. As overseer what did you do?—I went up to various places and tried to prevent the parties crushing forward. I tried to let them get up according to the general rule, that they may go forward and vote according to the order, and that they might go orderly into the place and give their votes.

37,523. Did you think you were of much use?—I believe I was.

37,524. Do I understand that people were in danger of outrage?—No danger, but there was such a crowd.

37,525. Do you mean to say you prevented anybody going out of his turn?—Yes, the police were there at the time. I cannot give the name or number of the police, but I told the policeman for the purpose of trying to put them in the right order.

37,526. The police put them right, and you looked on while the police were doing it?—Yes, that is it.

37,527. That is an important duty.—Yes, I believed so; I have no power whatever to order, because I have no full power from the magistrate.

37,528. It was, of course, a very important duty. Did you go to Mr. Stanley's office afterwards to get paid for it?—No, never.

37,529. Did you go to Mr. Stanley's office afterwards?—I go frequently there upon business matters. I have a large connexion in my school, and therefore, when I want legal advice I go to my solicitors.

37,530. What I want to know is, whether you went there for money?—No, never.

37,531. Did he pay you any money after the election?—No, never; not a penny.

37,532. Do you know his clerk, Gifford?—Yes, I do know his clerk, Gifford; he was at the "Bull and Butcher," but I do not know anything else of him.

37,533. Did you see Gifford at Mr. Stanley's office and ask for money, or ask when his master would be home?—I asked him when his master would be home.

37,534. Because you wanted money?—No, if I wanted money I would ask Mr. Stanley and not his clerk.

37,535. You have asked Mr. Stanley for money?—No, I have never had an opportunity of seeing Mr. Stanley.

37,536. Not a good client like you?—I am not a good client.

37,537. A man with an important connexion you know he would come down and see?—I never went in for any money, and that was because I had some business to do; I will tell it if I am compelled; a gentleman tried to rob me of some money, and I asked him if he would be kind enough to do that business for me.

37,538. It is no use running on; did you after the election get any sum of money from Mr. Stanley?—Not a penny, on my oath.

37,539. Did you ask Mr. Stanley after the election for any sum of money?—I never did; I am on my my oath, and I say I never did.

37,540. Do you remember being at Mr. Stanley's office about the first week in December and meeting Mr. Fuller there?—No.

37,541. Do you remember Mr. Fuller coming in as you were coming down the stairs from Mr. Stanley's office?—Which Mr. Fuller do you mean?

37,542. Either of them?—I know only one Mr. Fuller. I saw him about the end of November, and he told me that he went to the agent of the Liberal party, and gave information about me that I had been bribing, and he was near Mr. Stanley's door, but I have not seen him at Mr. Stanley's.

37,543. Did you say to him you had been at Mr. Stanley's and could not get your "monish"?—No.

37,544. That you could not get your money?—No, never.

37,545. Did you say anything about money?—No; I never said anything about money, because I considered he was not fit to be mixed in with society.

37,546. What was there about money that you would have said to him if he had been a decent member of society?—I had nothing to say to him about money, because if I had any money matters to say I naturally keep that to myself, and go up to my own lawyer.

37,547. Do you mean to say that you have neither gone to Mr. Stanley for money or received money from Mr. Stanley since the election?—I am on my oath; and I never went to Mr. Stanley for money or anything of the sort since last December till now.

37,548. Did you take anybody up to the poll that day?—I think I took up 20 voters.

37,549. How did you take them up?—I took them up by conveyance with Mr. John Abel.

37,550. Had you not a cab of your own?—Yes, I had a cab about 1 o'clock.

37,551. Who paid for it?—I did not pay it yet, because I shall pay for it after the Commission, because I was subpœnaed before Baron Martin, and I thought it illegal to pay, because I considered myself to be

an active member, and that is the reason I did not pay it.

37,552. You hired a fly, whether you paid for it or not?—Yes, I did.

37,553. Who was the man you hired it from?—I do not know his name. I took him from the stand.

37,554. You know his number, perhaps; has he not reminded you of his existence since?—I do not know his number; he knew me as a person, I suppose, whom he could trust, and has never asked me for the money since the election.

37,555. He never has?—No, he never has.

37,556. How many men did you bring up in this cab?—I do not think I brought up one in the cab, because I went to the place where I was informed there were two voters, and I came there and they voted, and of course I left the cab near the "Grapes." I saw Mr. Abel again, and I believe it was about a quarter of an hour afterwards, and the cab went to that spot.

37,557. Why did you not pay the cab?—Because I was so excited, I am such an excited person.

37,558. Have you ever employed him since?—Previous, not since.

37,559. How often?—Nearly every week I go up to the station with him.

37,560. Once?—I believe it is once.

37,561. He has trusted you from that time until now?—He did not trust me; his master is Mr. Howse; I know his master, and the firm is Howse and Son, and they have trusted me since this time, and never asked me once yet for the money.

37,562. Did you bring up a man of the name of Goreham?—No.

37,563. Never?—Of course if I have never brought him up I could not say so. I know the name of Goreham, but I do not know whether it is the same Goreham, because there are two Gorehams in the city of Norwich.

37,564. Did you ever tell anybody that you had bribed three men for a sovereign?—I said on the day of the election, about half-past 2, to a gentleman called Mr. Moore, because I saw two Liberal parties there, that I did bribe; the way I saw the person take it up made me say it. I said, "Now let them go and subpœna me," because they were saying the Conservative parties had bribed, and they are going to have a petition, because it was rumoured so the next day. I said, "Let them subpœna me, and I will come forward and tell what I do know;" that is Mr. Moore, the barber, in Grapes Hill, and he will tell you the same thing.

37,565. My question was whether you said on the day of the election that you bribed three men?—I did say so.

37,566. Was it true?—No, it was not.

37,567. What made you lie?—I did not lie, exactly. I will tell you what it was.

37,568. It was not true?—I could not call it a lie.

37,569. If you dislike the term "lie," what made you say something that was not true?—I went there because I saw a gentleman who branded me—(I should not use "branding," because I think it is different): he said I was active in bribing, and I said, "Well, I did pay one pound, go and report me for it." My nature is being hasty; I might have said all that, but I went directly and said it was wrong, because it was a lie, in the presence of the very person, Mr. Moore, who can say that I did say so.

37,570. Why did you say so at all?—Because he heard it.

37,571. A thing is not heard till after it is said?—To answer the question I shall say, for this very reason they thought that I did bribe; and I considered if I came before Baron Martin I shall prove I had not bribed.

37,572. You did not know anything about Mr. Baron Martin on the day of the election?—I did not say it on the day of the election.

37,573. When did you say it?—I believe a few days after. There was a rumour that there would be a petition.

37,574. If that is the date of it, let us have your reason now for making this statement that you bribed three men with a sovereign?—I believe I have said previously that I done it only because that this very person said that I did go about and bribe such a lot of people. I said to them, "Go and report that I bribed 1*l.*" I had no reason whatever to bribe, because I knew by 2 o'clock that there was no use bribing, because there were a number of voters in my part in favour of Sir Henry Stracey.

37,575. Two o'clock was when Sir Henry Stracey was in a great minority?—At 2 o'clock, you will pardon me. I know there were reports, but there was a mistake of 200 at that time.

37,576. It is of no use talking; we happen to know to one vote what the state of the poll was at 2 o'clock. Have you given me the only reason you can for making this statement that you bribed three men?—Yes, I give you the reason.

37,577. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you say who the three men were?—I did not say the three persons, because I never bribed a single penny to any person.

37,578. Did you say who the persons were you bribed?—I have not bribed a person.

37,579. (*Mr. Biron.*) You said you had bribed three men with a sovereign; did you say who the men were you bribed?—No, I did not.

37,580. You have been here a good deal during this inquiry?—Only once, because I have been out of the town.

37,581. Since we have been sitting here do you say you have been only once?—The time before I was about three times here, not more.

37,582. Were you not here day after day, sitting in the gallery?—No, I have been on my oath only three times, and that the constable can say only three times, because my business does not allow me always; it is only according to my holiday time, and I have been only three times here.

37,583. When you were here you were taking notes?—Yes, I have done so.

37,584. Notes of the names of the persons who were mentioned in the course of this inquiry?—Pardon me, I took the notes down, not of the names who were mentioned. I can produce to you, if you would understand it, my shorthand write, and some of the reporters might translate it. I took notes of the whole proceedings, not for the purpose of benefiting me, but I am rather a little politician, and I took it down for my own purpose.

37,585. Did you take down the names of persons who were mentioned in the inquiry?—I took down the whole proceedings.

37,586. Have you got the notes?—I have not got them in my possession.

37,587. What did you do with them?—I have got them at home.

37,588. What did you do with them from time to time as you took them?—I have not got them in my possession.

37,589. Are they at home?—Yes.

37,590. That is in your possession.—According to my English I have not them in my possession.

37,591. Can you produce them?—Yes, I can, perhaps.

37,592. Did you not send them away from time to time as you took them?—No, I never did; on my oath I never did.

37,593. Did you not hand them over to somebody after you left the court?—No, I never did.

37,594. Did you have them copied?—No, I never did.

37,595. Did you send out to anybody the names that you had taken down here in the course of each day you attended?—On my oath, as far as my recollection goes, since the day of the election and the day of the inquiry, I never did give any piece of paper out.

37,596. I am talking of the days you were taking

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notes here ?—That is the day of the enquiry. I never did give a person any piece of paper.

37,597. To whom did you shew them ?—When I went out I had parties come and ask me, "Did you take notes," and I said, "I took notes of my own," but who the parties are who asked me I cannot tell you.

37,598. Did you not send your notes straight to Mr. Stanley each day ?—I take my oath I never did. I never was near Mr. Stanley's office since the year 1868, since last November.

37,599. You can say to whom you gave the notes ?—I cannot. I never gave a piece of paper out.

37,600. You read out the names ?—On my oath I never did.

37,601. Do you mean to say you did not communicate, either directly or indirectly, with anybody as soon as you got out of the court ?—I take my oath I never did.

37,602. You had some people come up to you and ask what had taken place ?—That is the first time I ever heard of it.

37,603. It is your own phrase, not mine.—I say I did not give a piece of paper to any parties. Parties came and asked me, but my answer was not to them. I never gave any answer. I kept the paper to my own self, and I can produce that paper to you if it is of any service. I took notes before Mr. Baron Martin, and have done it here also, and I shall be most happy to give it to you.

37,604. You will produce those notes.—Yes; and I can bring them at 3 o'clock if my examination is done in time.

37,605. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You hired a cab, and it was to be paid for ?—Yes, it was.

37,606. You say you did not pay for it because of the inquiry before Mr. Baron Martin ?—Yes.

37,607. Why did you not pay for it because of the inquiry before Mr. Baron Martin ?—Because I considered this: if Mr. Joseph Stanley was the agent for Sir Henry Stracey, according to my knowledge—I do not know exactly whether he was direct agent or indirect agent, but I know this—if Mr. Joseph Stanley was agent he had previously occupied the cab. I took the cab up from that man because Joseph Stanley had it for one hour. That was the very reason I took it.

37,608. Why should you not pay for it if you contracted to pay for it ?—I did not contract with the man.

37,609. Was it so that you could get into the witness box and say you had not paid for anything ?—Yes.

37,610. You wished to represent to Mr. Baron Martin that you had not paid for anything, although you contracted to pay for it ?—No, that is not my meaning exactly. I must not be very hasty with my words, because I am not exactly so free with the English tongue.

37,611. Were you doing this in order that you might represent to Mr. Baron Martin, although you had contracted to pay for it, you had not actually paid it, and so you might mislead him ?—No, that is not my meaning. My meaning is to give you in a common way to say that I did not intend to do so, because at that time this cabman was employed by Mr. Joseph Stanley, and after Mr. Joseph Stanley, the solicitor, had finished his journey I took the cab, and the cabman a week or a fortnight afterwards asked me for a demand of 12*s.* 6*d.*, which I have told him I shall not pay until I have given my evidence, because I was informed there would be an inquiry.

37,612. You wanted to mislead the election judge with regard to the hiring of the cab ?—I do not wish to mislead anybody. I should have said before Baron Martin what I say before you. I do not wish to mislead anybody. I never have done so, and do not wish to do it.

37,613. What could it signify Mr. Stanley having anything to do with the cab, unless he employed you to hire the cab, or authorised you ?—He never authorised me to hire the cab. I saw Joseph Stanley getting out from the cab, and knowing the very person I went in and took the cab and went as far as St. Benedict's, and that is all I have done.

37,614. What reason had you for not paying honestly that cabman ?—Because the man never asked me to the present time, only once, for the cab.

37,615. He asked you once; surely that is enough to pay for a cab, is it not ?—That is about, I believe, five or six months ago, and I say to him I shall pay after I have settled with Baron Martin.

37,616. Why should you not pay before you had settled with Mr. Baron Martin ?—I considered this, that if I came before Baron Martin, and if I am on my oath to say whether I paid anything, I naturally would have to say I paid for a cab, and I considered I did not have any right, being an overseer, to pay for anything. That is my reason.

37,617. Your idea was that you would deceive Mr. Baron Martin by saying you had not paid for it, although you contracted for it ?—I cannot say "deceive." I should not like to deceive any person.

37,618. Have you got no claim of any sort against Mr. Stanley ?—None whatever.

37,619. Have you received any money, directly or indirectly, from Mr. Stanley within the last 12 months ?—Not a single penny.

37,620. Nor ever demanded a single penny ?—Not a single penny.

37,621. And never went to his office for the purpose of asking for money ?—I ask him for money on business matters, but not for election money.

37,622. What were the business maters ?—I believe I said it before to one of you gentlemen what business money it was.

37,623. What business money was it ?—I went down to Mr. Joseph Stanley, I believe it was about December, and I asked for Mr. Joseph Stanley. I went in to inquire for him, and he was not in, and I waited there about three hours and could not see him, and left the place and never went again. I wrote a note and left the note; and in the note I said, "Mr. "Joseph Stanley. Sir,—I have called upon you to "inquire what time you shall be in;" and time after time I went, and never had an opportunity of seeing him, so I thought there was no use in going to see him.

37,624. You went there time after time for the purpose of getting some money ?—Yes. When I say so, one or two hours, or three hours, that is what I mean by time after time.

37,625. You went to get some money from Mr. Joseph Stanley ?—Yes, I did.

37,626. What money was that that you wanted to get from him ?—I believe it was about 2*l.* and some odd shillings.

37,627. For what ?—For expenses which I had incurred for the last election for Walpole and Sir Edward Lacon, but not for anything else.

37,628. That is the election for the county ?—Yes.

37,629. You did go to Mr. Stanley for 2*l.* something ?—Yes, that was all I went for. I hired a conveyance and naturally the man charged me 1*l.* I had a gentleman going to be a poll clerk, and to secure him I hired the cab, and I sent down my bill, and Mr. Joseph Stanley paid the bill to the very gentleman.

37,630. Have you ever got that 2*l.* ?—No, because Mr. Joseph Stanley paid the very party.

37,631. When did he pay it ?—I believe it was the middle of December.

37,632. Why did you go for it time after time ?—Because that very gentleman asked me for the money.

37,633. You said you went from time to time; if Mr. Joseph Stanley paid it within a fortnight how came you to go afterwards to get paid ?—I did not say afterwards, I meant previous.

37,634. Do you mean you never applied for it after a fortnight ?—No, not after this gentleman, Mr. Gibson, got his money paid.

37,635. That was a fortnight after the election, was it ?—No, it could not be a fortnight after the election.

37,636. When was it, do you say, that Mr. Joseph

Stanley paid that money?—I could not give you the date, I only know that Mr. Joseph Stanley paid it to Mr. Gibson for the conveyance. I cannot give you the date, because I do not remember it exactly, but I think I could furnish it to you if you thought it of any consequence to you.

37,637. Have you applied to Mr. Joseph Stanley for no money besides that, and received no money from Mr. Joseph Stanley?—I have not received a penny.

37,638. Have you received no money whatever from Mr. Joseph Stanley?—I did not receive a single penny.

37,639. And applied for no money beyond what you have mentioned, do you mean to represent that?—Yes, I do so.

37,640. Have you employed Mr. Joseph Stanley as your solicitor?—I went to him in one or two cases, but I thought he being so always absent that I could not see him, it was of no use, so my solicitors now are Messrs. Jay and Pilgrim.

37,641. You have changed your solicitors?—Yes, because I could not find Mr. Joseph Stanley always at home.

37,642. When did you change your solicitors?—I changed my solicitors in February.

37,643. Did you happen to owe Mr. Stanley anything at that time?—Not a penny.

37,644. Had you paid him?—I never had anything to pay him because I did not employ him.

37,645. You mean to say you employed a solicitor and never paid him, like the cabman?—I never said I employed a solicitor. I said I went to Mr. Joseph Stanley to see him, but his business being so important he was always out—that I did say.

37,646. He was not at home to you?—I know he was not at home.

37,647. You said you had paid three men a sovereign?—I said it, but I never paid it, because I never saw any three men to pay them.

37,648. It is not, I am afraid, probable that you did, after the cabman, but still, did Mr. Joseph Stanley authorise you to pay any money to anybody on the day of the election?—He never authorised me.

37,649. Did you pay anything to anybody on the day of the election?—I never paid, or treated, or gave anything on the day of election.

37,650. There is a conflict of probabilities in my mind. One question is whether one can believe anything you say, and another is whether it is possible that you should have paid.—Pardon me, I am here in the witness box, and have I said anything that is distrustful?

37,651. How came you to tell these people what you say is a falsehood, that you had given three men a pound?—Because I am not shaken in my evidence. I stand here upon my oath, I say I done it, because that very man got up and said I did so about a bribe. I did it with the intention of getting the men to say I had, but I never done it.

37,652. You wished the men to think you had?—Yes, but I never done it.

37,653. You did it to induce the men to believe it?—Yes, I did.

37,654. You told a deliberate falsehood for the purpose of inducing a person to believe that falsehood?—Yes, according to your ways, but according to my ways I thought it was not a falsehood, but if it is a falsehood in your ways then I must give it in.

37,655. It was not true?—No, it was not true; but I was so excited if I had said I had given 50*l.*, I should not know it. I did not know a single thing at that moment as to what I did say; and if any gentleman who had a knowledge of me would not accuse me for this, because a man being a foreigner, and a man being excited, should not be had up for the purpose of saying I told a falsehood upon it; I take my oath I never intended to deceive any person, neither did I come here for the purpose to say that I told a lie.

37,656. (*Mr. Biron.*) Why did you say what was untrue?—I might have said it at the time, but I did not know it.

37,657. You say you were so excited, if that were so, you do not know what you might have paid?—Oh yes, I know what I paid, because I took no money with me for that purpose.

37,658. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It is only because you had no money in your pocket that therefore you say it is not true that you paid these three men one pound?—I believe, if I may have the right to say it again, that I have not paid a single penny. I say it again, if I did say I paid one pound I was so excited I did not know it.

37,659. (*Mr. Biron.*) But you have told us you did say it?—Yes.

37,660. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who is the person to whom you said it?—Mr. Moore, at the corner of Grapes Hill, a barber, I believe, and he lives opposite the "Bull and Butcher;" it is the corner of William Street.

37,661. Was the committee room which you were in and out of during the day held at the "Bull and Butcher"?—Yes.

37,662. Did you not several times upon the day of the election go into Moore's shop?—Only once that I remember.

37,663. Will you undertake upon your oath to say you did not go in there several times?—Never, on my oath. I never went into Mr. Moore's shop on the day of the election but once, and I stood outside, because it being opposite the "Bull and Butcher," I stood outside to see; there were so many people standing there, it being a barber's shop, and it happened frequently for gentlemen to go in there. I might have stood outside, but never inside.

37,664. You may have gone there several times outside?—I will leave it several times.

37,665. Did you not, on the day of the election, say to Mr. Moore that you had got voters at so much per head?—On my oath I never said to Mr. Moore so much. I have said before that Mr. Moore had seen me previous to that. I believe it was about five months ago, and he then reported that I said so, but he afterwards said it was only my nonsense.

37,666. Mr. Moore did say to you that you had come to his shop on the day of the election, and had said that you had got voters for money, and you said, "Oh, it was only three voters that I got for a sovereign;" was that it?—No. You take it a different way to what I mean.

37,667. I want to know what your story is.—My story is a true story, and I stand here to say this, that upon the day of the election I went to Mr. Moore, the barber, and he says (if I may say according to his saying), "How are we standing?" and I said, "We "are standing upon our ground." He then asked me the question, "How is the poll going on?" and I said, "All right;" and I noticed a young gentleman sitting there, and knowing him, living about 80 yards from my residence—he was on the other side, and I said, I believe in the haste of the moment, I had bribed three voters with a pound, but I knew I never did bribe any party yet.

37,668. You did go to Moore's on the day of the election, and say that you had bribed?—I said that previous; I have said that all the time along I did.

37,669. Who was this person that you say was present at the time?—I cannot take my oath now who it was; I know he lives near.

37,670. You say it was a young man who you knew was on the other side?—He lives on the Dereham Road, 80 yards off; I see him frequently there.

37,671. Did you not go into or to the front of Moore's house several times in the course of the day of the election, and say that you had bought a few more votes?—No, I never said anything of the sort at all.

37,672. Did you not say upon two or three occasions to Mr. Moore that you had paid men money for their votes?—I never said to Mr. Moore only what I have stated once; I am on my oath here, and I say

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again that I said to him in my excited state that I had paid 1*l.*, but I never paid not 20 farthings.

37,673. And you repeated this some time ago, about five months ago, did you ?—It might be more than five months ago, I believe.

37,674. Did not Mr. Moore then say to you that you had come to his house on the day of the election and had said that you had been buying voters, and did you not say, "The truth is, I only bought three voters that day with a sovereign" ?—I believe I said that five times that I did so, but I never bribed a party.

37,675. You got three men for a sovereign ?—I say again, I repeat my statement ; I say to Mr. Moore on the day of the election—I don't want to say what he asked me, but what I said to him—"I have got three voters for a sovereign," and after that, just about three minutes, turning myself round and seeing a person I came back to him and said, "That is only nonsense."

37,676. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who was the person to whom you said it was only nonsense ?—The very person, Mr. Moore.

37,677. (*Mr. Biron.*) But Mr. Mansfield asked you this. You say, "as soon as you saw a person," what person was that ?—Mr. Moore, the barber, because I believe there was only one other person in the shop, and I did not know anybody else, unless there were voters outside, not any person else.

37,678. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Very well, we shall have to decide whether your statement upon oath is true, or whether your statement on that day is true.—Yes.

37,679. We now want those notes. — I want to know before I go, as I sent my message in that I want to go away out of Norwich, if it should be of any service for me to be here again ; I must know that before I go.

37,680. Do you know Smith, the minister ?—No, I don't know a minister by the name of Smith.

37,681. Do you know a Unitarian minister in this city ?—Not a single man by the name of Smith.

37,682. Or Smythe ?—I don't know a single gentleman of that name ; I know a lot of ministers, but I don't know of such a minister.

37,683. Do you know a Unitarian minister ?—The only Unitarian minister here, perhaps I may say, is the Reverend Mr. Crompton. I believe that is the only Unitarian minister that I do know; I believe he is a Unitarian or free church, something similar to that.

37,684. Then I won't put it to you that it was Mr. Smythe, or Mr. Smith ; but did you ever at any other time say you had paid money for the purpose of paying voters ?—I do not know Mr. Smith.

37,685. Do you mean to say that you did not upon any other occasions but those two I have alluded to say that you had paid money to voters for the election ?—Never to those gentlemen or to any other gentleman.

37,686. Never to any other gentleman ?—Yes.

37,687. I call your attention to Mr. Smith or Mr. Smythe, the Unitarian minister, because we may have some evidence about that ?—Yes, I do not know Mr. Smith, or Mr. Smythe.

37,688. Do you know a public-house called the "Robin Hood" ?—Yes, I know the public-house, but I never was in there.

37,689. Were you there the night before the election ?—The night before the election I went out to see whether there were about eleven gentlemen ; I don't know the names of them——

37,690. Did you go to the "Robin Hood" the night before the election ?—I believe I did.

37,691. Was Mr. Edward Stracey there ?—No.

37,692. Do you know who were there ?—Not at the "Robin Hood" I do not ; I know that I went with four gentlemen about 10 o'clock, because we found that there were several people——

37,693. I want to know about the "Robin Hood" ?—That is the "Robin Hood" that I am alluding to. At 10 o'clock we found that there were several voters in Northumberland Street hanging about to get bribed, and we went ; when I say "we," I am sorry to say I cannot give the other gentlemen's names, but my messenger, and his name is Greenacre, we went there to prevent the bribing.

37,694. I want to know whether you saw Mr. Edward Stracey at the "Robin Hood" that evening ?—Yes.

37,695. Very well then, that will do. — Then I suppose I may go out of town, or anywhere else ?

37,696. Certainly, if you will send us those notes. —I will send them instantly.

F. Field.

FREDERICK FIELD sworn and examined.

37,697. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

37,698. Where were you in the morning part of the day ?—At work until half-past 2 o'clock, or thereabouts.

37,699. What was your work ?—Wood carving.

37,700. Why did you not vote before ?—I had a very urgent job I was obliged to get done by the time. I did not leave my shop till half-past 2.

37,701. Did you get anything for voting ?—Not a farthing.

37,702. Or the promise of anything ? — I went straight from my house to the poll, and came back again directly.

G. Middleton.

GEORGE MIDDLETON sworn and examined.

37,703. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Stracey.

37,704. What time in the day ?—Between 3 and 4.

37,705. What were you doing all the morning ?—At work.

37,706. Who do you work for ?—Myself.

37,707. Where ?—On my own property.

37,708. What is your trade ?—A gardener.

37,709. Were you asked for your vote ?—Yes.

37,710. By whom ?—I don't know who they were that came.

37,711. Did you promise ? — I never promised nobody.

37,712. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing.

37,713. Were you not trying to get something ?—That I did, but I could not get it.

37,714. How much did you want—a day's work ?—All I could get.

37,715. And you could not find any money going ?—I never got a farthing, and never saw a farthing.

37,716. Did you not get any beer ?—No, only what I bought myself.

37,717. Did you not get anything after the poll was over ?—Nothing.

37,718. Was anything promised to you ?—Nothing.

37,719. Were you disappointed in not getting something ?—Nothing ever disappointed me, because I had not a chance to take it.

37,720. But you were looking out for it ?—That I did, sir.

W. Preston.

WILLIAM PRESTON sworn and examined.

37,721. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A blacksmith.

37,722. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

37,723. For whom ?—Mr. Stracey.

37,724. At what time in the day ?—Between 3 and 4.

37,725. You were at Larkman's, were you not ?—Yes.

37,726. Were you promised something if you would go and vote ?—Yes.

37,727. What ?—He did not say what ; he said he would give me something if he could.

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37,728. Did he take your name down on his list?—Yes.

37,729. Did you go and vote?—Yes.

37,730. Did you go for the "something" the next day?—Yes.

37,731. And you were then told there was nothing for you?—He told me there was nothing for me, he could not get nothing.

SAMUEL HURRY ASKER sworn and examined. *S. H. Asker.*

37,732. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I believe you were one of the ward managers at the last election?—I was.

37,733. Which ward?—The sixth ward.

37,734. You acted for Russell?—Yes.

37,735. Now, during the day in your committee room did you hear any talk of money being provided, or see any money provided for the purpose of influencing voters?—Certainly not.

37,736. As far as your observation goes, was there anything of that sort in your ward?—None whatever; I saw nothing of the sort, nor did I hear of anything.

37,737. Have you heard any suggestion, or do you know of any money being provided for those purposes on that side?—I do not, nor did I ever hear any suggestion of it.

37,738. With regard to the conduct of the election, had you canvassed yourself?—No, never.

37,739. You had the results of the canvass, I suppose, before you?—Oh yes.

37,740. At any time during the day was information brought to you of any improper practices being carried on?—None at all.

37,741. Was there any suggestion of that kind in the course of the day at your place?—I think I heard something in the afternoon that they thought there was something wrong going on.

37,742. Who brought that informatiou?—I think that was the general conversation in the room.

37,743. Mere general conversation?—That is all.

37,744. No specific information?—None at all.

37,745. Was any particular locality pointed out?—No.

37,746. Did you vote?—Yes.

37,747. For Russell and Tillett?—For Russell and Tillett.

37,748. Were you a paid manager?—I have been paid.

37,749. Now, do you know of any irregularity in the way of payment, or treating, or anything of that sort, to voters, having occurred at the last election on either side?—I do not.

37,750. Beyond those rumours to which you have alluded, had you any cause at the time of the election to believe that there were any illegal practices going forward?—I had not.

37,751. On either side?—On either side.

37,752. Were you engaged at all upon prior elections?—I have been.

37,753. We have heard that a considerable amount of corruption existed at some of those elections; were you cognisant of anything of an improper character which occurred at Waters' election?—No, I was not engaged in that election.

37,754. Not in any way?—No, not at that election.

37,755. Were you engaged in the prior election of 1860, Lewis and Forlonge's?—No, I think not.

37,756. That was when Sir William Russell was first elected?—Oh yes, I was then, I think.

37,757. Do you know of anything irregular occurring at that election?—I do not.

37,758. Of money being spent?—I do not.

37,759. You received or disbursed no money for any purpose of that kind?—Clearly not.

37,760. Who was Lewis' agent?—I do not know.

37,761. Was any legal gentleman employed here?—I really don't know.

37,762. Were you a ward manager at that election?—No, I think not at that election.

37,763. In what way were you employed then?—I was ward manager in part of that election, I think, if I was employed at all, but I do not recollect the fact.

37,764. You know the Mr. Lewis of that election was Mr. W. D. Lewis, of the chancery bar?—I think I was only engaged on that election on the day before and the election day; I was out at the time.

37,765. On which side were you engaged?—For Sir William Russell.

37,766. Do you know of any money having been spent by Warner and Russell improperly during that election?—No, I do not.

37,767. You had not the disbursing of any sum of money for them?—No, not at all; I was not engaged on the canvass, I merely kept the book.

37,768. On the day of the poll?—On the day of the poll.

37,769. Did you hear during the time of the election of anything irregular going on?—I might have heard, but nothing particular.

37,770. I mean in your ward room?—No, I did not, certainly.

37,771. Did you hear reports of anything improper going on at that election?—No, certainly not.

37,772. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you ever had anything to do with the money arraagements yourself at any election?—Never in any way.

37,773. Neither parliamentary nor municipal?—Neither.

ALFRED DANIELLS sworn and examined. *A. Daniells.*

37,774. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

37,775. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

37,776. You were at Larkman's tavern, were you not?—Yes.

37,777. And he took your name down with the rest?—Yes.

37,778. He promised you 5*s.*?—He did not.

37,779. He told you if there was anything going you should have it?—He did.

37,780. And upon that promise you voted?—Yes.

37,781. Have you asked for it since?—Yes.

37,782. What then?—I never got it.

37,783. You were greatly disappointed, I suppose?—Yes, I was.

37,784. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

WILLIAM PLANE sworn and examined. *W. Plane.*

37,785. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

37,786. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

37,787. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

37,788. At what time in the day?—About half-past 2.

37,789. Did you get anything for it?—No.

37,790. Or the promise of anything?—No.

37,791. No beer and no money?—No.

37,792. What did you do after you had voted?—Came home.

37,793. Went home to your work?—To my work.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

R. Roll.

11 Oct. 1869.

ROBERT ROLL sworn and examined.

37,794. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time in the day did you vote at the last election?—About 3 o'clock.

37,795. What is your business?—Upholsterer and paperhanger.

37,796. A master?—Yes.

37,797. Do you keep a shop?—No.

37,798. How are you a master upholsterer and paperhanger if you don't keep a shop?—I am a master, I work for myself.

37,799. Does anybody employ you in the trade?—I work for who I can get work from; mine is all piece work.

37,800. But a man may be engaged on the piece as a journeyman, may he not?—No, I am not a journeyman.

37,801. What number of hands do you employ?—Well, I don't know what number of hands.

37,802. Well, then, you are but a journeyman after all. How came you to vote so late on the election?—Well, I cannot exactly say how I came to vote so late, my business is quite different to a great number of people's.

37,803. But there is nothing so very urgent about upholstery and paperhanging?—Oh yes, there is; this very day I have lost 10*s.* earnings; some days I work, and at others I have to stand.

37,804. What had you on this day so urgent to prevent your voting?—I had some business to attend to.

37,805. How came you to be so late in voting?—Well, I don't know, I think there was something urgent; I took no particular interest in the election.

37,806. Where were you until the latter part of the day?—I was at work at the top of Victoria Street.

37,807. Were you there until you went to the poll?—I left there to go and get my dinner, and I went back again, and then I went to the poll and gave my vote.

37,808. Did anybody come to you to ask you to give your vote?—No, they did not.

37,809. Did you see anybody about giving your vote?—No, I went and voted of my own accord.

37,810. Did anybody on the day of the election speak to you about voting?—Not a single soul, neither before nor after.

37,811. Then you voted of your own spontaneous will?—It was my own principle.

37,812. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

37,813. Were you promised anything?—Not a farthing.

S. A. Betts.

SAMUEL AMOND BETTS sworn and examined.

37,814. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A waterman.

37,815. What were doing on the day of the election?—Walking about.

37,816. All day?—Yes.

37,817. What time did you vote?—Between 3 and 4.

37,818. What did you get for it?—Nothing at all.

37,819. What made you vote so late?—I never got anything for it.

37,820. Did you come from Yarmouth?—Yes.

37,821. Who paid your railway fare?—I paid it myself.

37,822. All to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, I voted for Mr. Stracey.

37,823. Have you had nothing since?—Nothing at all.

37,824. Not even your railway fare?—No.

37,825. Is this the first time you have voted?—No.

37,826. Which side have you voted before?—I have always voted the Tory side.

37,827. Have you ever had anything for it?—No.

37,828. Not even beer?—No.

37,829. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

37,830. Did they not even promise you your railway fare?—No.

W. Baker.

WILLIAM BAKER sworn and examined.

37,831. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carman.

37,832. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

37,833. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

37,834. What time in the day?—About half-past 2.

37,835. What were you doing all the morning?—I was out with my waggon, doing my master's business, so I could not get there before.

37,836. After you had voted, what did you do?—I went into a house and had a glass or two of ale afterwards.

37,837. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

37,838. Or the promise of anything?—No, and did not ask for anything.

J. Buttle.

JOHN BUTTLE sworn and examined.

37,839. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

37,840. Do you recollect at what public-house you began the day?—At Mr. Howes', the "Half Moon."

37,841. What time did you begin it there?—About 9 o'clock in the morning.

37,842. How long did you remain there?—I went in there and got one pint of ale; about 10 minutes.

37,843. Where did you go after that?—Up to Mr. Young's, the "Richmond Hill."

37,844. How long did you remain at the "Richmond Hill"?—A quarter of an hour perhaps.

37,845. Where did you go to from the "Richmond Hill"?—To Mr. Warlingham's.

37,846. Is that at Trowse?—No.

37,847. Where is it?—It was one of the polling places, but it is not in the parish of Trowse.

37,848. How long did you remain there?—I am sure I cannot say.

37,849. You first went up and voted at a quarter to 11; was that when you had left Warlingham's?—That is when I went and voted.

37,850. That is when you voted first; that is in the first compartment of the sixth ward. Now, had anything been given you to go and vote that time?—No.

37,851. Who had been standing beer?—I had, out of my own private pocket.

37,852. You had been standing beer for a week before, had you not?—Yes, I very often do.

37,853. For a week?—Yes.

37,854. Have you been drunk for a week often?—Very often I am.

37,855. Now, having voted at a quarter to 11, to what public-houses did you go then?—I cannot say.

37,856. Were you so drunk then that you cannot say?—Yes, I was.

37,857. Did you get sober enough by 2 o'clock to go up and vote again?—No.

37,858. You know you did vote three times?—I did, and I will own it.

37,859. Who gave you the money or the beer to go up and vote a second time?—I had been at work at Mr. Colman's the night before, loading a wherry with flour; I loaded her three parts the night before, and on the morning of the election I went and finished her,

and that gave me 5*s.*, and when I got home I was without a penny, so I got drunk with my own hard earnings.

37,860. Did anybody give you anything else?—No.

37,861. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

37,862. Then who was it got you to go up and vote a second time?—It was my own headstrong will, through drink.

37,863. Was that what made you go up and vote a third time, at a quarter to 4?—Yes. I was proud to hear Sir Henry Stracey was ahead, and did not think there was any harm after the first vote.

37,864. Was it of your own headstrong will, as you call it, that you went up and voted three times?—Yes, it was.

37,865. Did nobody give you any money to do it?—No.

37,866. Or any beer?—No.

37,867. You went home to your wife without a single farthing in your pocket?—Yes, and the next day went without victuals, to my sorrow.

GEORGE THORPE sworn and examined. *G. Thorpe.*

37,868. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A bootmaker.

37,869. Master?—Yes.

37,870. How many men do you employ?—About two.

37,871. Who did you vote for?—Sir Henry Stracey.

37,872. Did you promise your vote?—No.

37,873. Have you ever voted before?—No.

37,874. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

37,875. What time in the day did you vote?—About half-past 2.

37,876. Did you go up with anyone?—Yes.

37,877. Who?—Mr. Holmes.

37,878. Did he offer you anything?—No.

37,879. Have you had anything since?—No.

37,880. Were you treated on the day of the poll?—No.

ROBERT FRYER, senior, sworn and examined. *R. Fryer, senr.*

37,881. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—No.

37,882. Were you too late?—No; I had not a vote.

37,883. Do you know Lake?—Yes.

37,884. On the day of the last election did you get any money from him?—Yes.

37,885. How much was that?—Two half sovereigns.

37,886. What was it for?—To buy voters.

37,887. And what voters did you buy with it?—Two.

37,888. Who were they?—James Burrell and a man of the name of Crompton.

37,889. Where does the first live?—In St. George's.

37,890–1. Where does the other live?—I believe in the same parish, somewhere thereabouts, in the eighth ward.

37,892. Did you get anything for doing this?—I got my day's pay; I was a messenger at that time.

37,893. On Stracey's side?—Most decidedly.

37,894. And these voters were for Stracey, were they?—Certainly.

37,895. Did you get any other money?—No, not a farthing.

37,896. Do you know of any other money being given for the same purpose?—No.

RICHARD CROWE sworn and examined. *R. Crowe.*

37,897 (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

37,898. What time in the day?—10 minutes before 4.

37,899. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

37,900. Were you not promised something?—Not a farthing.

37,901. Were you at the "Thorn" tavern?—No.

37,902. Were you at any public-house?—No.

37,903. What were you doing all the day?—At work.

37,904. Where were you working?—At the Duke's Palace Wharf.

37,905. When did you leave your work?—At 10 minutes before 4, when I voted.

37,906. Were you at work up to that time?—Up to that time.

37,907. Had you promised your vote?—No, not to no man.

37,908. Had you been asked for it?—No.

37,909. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

37,910. Had you anything given you since?—No.

37,911. Did not they even treat you with beer?—Not half a pint of beer.

37,912. You did not know where it was to be got?—Not I; I was at work all day.

ELIZABETH NOCKOLDS sworn and examined. *E. Nockolds.*

37,913. (*Mr. Biron.*) What is your husband?—He is a tailor.

37,914. Do you keep the "Shakespeare" tavern?—No, my father does.

37,915. Do you look after the bar?—Yes; I attend to the business in his absence.

37,916. Do you know that man (*pointing to Lake*)?—Yes, he is a neighbour of mine.

37,917. Did you ever hear anyone say anything about 40*l.* having been spent?—Yes; I heard Mr. Claxton say that he saw a cheque for 40*l.* odd for a man named Gardiner.

37,918. What did he say about it?—I know nothing more about it.

37,919. Did he say what it was for?—No.

37,920. Did he say it was for money to spend to secure the return of the Liberals, and he never got it back again?—Well, I never heard that.

37,921. Did you hear anything like it?—I heard him say he saw a cheque written for 40*l.*

37,922. Was that all you heard about it?—Yes.

37,923. How did this conversation arise?—Mr. Claxton and Mr. Lake were in conversation together; I was attending to the business; I did not know their conversation, I merely heard that sentiment.

37,924. You heard nothing more?—Nothing more.

37,925. Is that all you can tell us about it?—Yes, that is all I can tell you.

37,926. You recollect that much about it?—I heard them talking about it afterwards.

37,927. What did they say?—That there must have been money spent on that side, otherwise a cheque would not have been written for that sum.

37,928. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was it said whose cheque it was?—No, I never heard that.

37,929. (*Mr. Biron.*) That there must have been money spent on the Liberal side, because a cheque had been written for 40*l.*?—Mr. Claxton said he saw a cheque signed for 40*l.* for Mr. Gardiner, that is all I heard.

37,930. And then they said that because Mr. Gardiner had got a cheque for 40*l.*, money must have been spent on the Liberal side?—What more was said I do not know, that is all I heard.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

J. Amiss.

11 Oct. 1869.

JOHN AMISS sworn and examined.

37,931. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

37,932. Did anybody ask you for your vote before the day of the election?—No.

37,933. Did anyone come to you on the day of the election to take you up to vote?—No.

37,934. Where were you during the morning?—Well, I was after my business.

37,935. What is your business?—I am a wherryman by trade.

37,936. Where were you at work?—At Norwich.

37,937. Different parts?—Yes.

37,938. Then why could you not go up and vote if you were in different parts?—Because I was otherwise engaged; I was after my business.

37,939. Were you engaged up to the time that you went and voted?—Yes.

37,940. Did anyone ever promise you anything for your vote?—No.

37,941. Did you ever get anything for your vote?—No.

37,942. Were you in any public-house before you did vote?—No.

37,943. You never got any beer that morning?—No.

37,944. Or the promise of any beer in the evening?—No.

37,945. Or at any other time?—No.

37,946. You voted without either beer or money?—Yes, that I did; I had not the value of half a pint of beer.

R. Brighton.

ROBERT BRIGHTON sworn and examined.

37,947. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

37,948. At what time in the day?—About 10 minutes before 3.

37,949. Why did you not vote earlier?—I went to my employment at 8 o'clock in the morning, and never left off until after 1.

37,950. Who do you work for?—Mr. Freeman, of Pottergate Street, and I lost my work through voting for Mr. Stracey.

37,951. Was anything offered you for your vote?—No.

37,952. Have you had anything since?—No.

37,953. Were you treated with any beer that day?—No; I went and got half a pint after I had voted, but I paid for it myself; I never asked no one, and never thought anything more about it.

C. Starland.

CHARLES STARLAND sworn and examined.

37,954. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A cab driver.

37,955. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

37,956. For whom?—Stracey.

37,957. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

37,958. Why did not you vote earlier than that?—Because I had not my card with me. I was out driving and had not my card with me.

37,959. You had to go back for it?—Yes, I went home for it about 3 o'clock.

37,960. And that delayed you?—That delayed me.

37,961. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

37,962. Or the promise of anything?—No.

37,963. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Only by the Liberal party.

37,964. What did you tell them?—I told them no.

R. Dye.

ROBERT DYE sworn and examined.

37,965. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—I should think about a quarter-past 3.

37,966. What is your business?—A shoemaker.

37,967. Who canvassed you?—Not any man.

37,968. No person came to you for your vote?—No, not any man.

37,969. Nobody came and fetched you up to the poll?—No.

37,970. You went up there entirely of your own act?—Yes.

37,971. Did you see anybody in going to the poll?—No, not personally; I saw a great many people.

37,972. What were you doing in the early part of the day?—At work.

37,973. In your own house?—Yes.

37,974. Did you not go to any public-houses that morning?—I never stirred out that morning.

37,975. Were you in any public-house before you voted?—Yes.

37,976. What public-house?—Well, I went into "St. Paul's" tavern.

37,977. Was any beer being given away there?—I never saw any.

37,978. Did you get any money for voting?—Yes.

37,979. Who gave it to you?—I do not know the gentleman's name.

37,980. Where did he give it to you?—At the "Woolpack."

37,981. What was it?—A sovereign.

37,982. Do you know Mr. Hardiment?—No.

37,983. Was it on the landing?—Yes.

37,984. How many men were there when you went up?—I should say a dozen, 12 or 13, if not more.

37,985. What time in the day did you get it?—Just before 3.

37,986. Do you know the names of any of the men who were there?—No; there was not a word spoken the time I was there.

37,987. You know a man of the name of Bradbury, do you not?—I have heard the name.

37,988. You know the man I mean, do you not?—No, I don't know the man.

37,989. Do you recollect seeing as you went in, at the bottom of the stairs, a stout, thick, coarse-looking man?—There was a stout man there.

37,990. Do you know a person who bears the name of "Tin ribs"?—No.

37,991. Or "Pot-headed"?—No.

37,992. Did you see him at all there?—I saw a stout man there, but I did not know who he was.

37,993. Was he on the landing?—He was on the landing, a stout man was.

37,994. Should you know him again?—No; I don't know that I ever saw the man before, nor yet since.

37,995. Was Vines there?—No; I never saw such a man.

37,996. They were strangers to you, were they?—They were all strangers to me.

37,997. How came you to go in there?—Because I was told there was something going on there, and so I walked in and walked upstairs, and no one ever said anything to me, nor I to them, and I walked out without speaking.

37,998. You went and voted for Stracey?—Yes.

37,999. You understood what it was for?—No, there was not a word named.

38,000. But it was quite understood what it was for?—Not by me.

38,001. Do you mean to say that you did not understand what you got the sovereign for?—I merely showed my card, and he wrote the number down, and laid a sovereign down, and I took it, and there was not a word spoken.

R. Dye.

38,002. That was your voting card?—Yes. I saw other men do the same, and I did so, but there was not a word spoken.

38,003. I believe that not a word was spoken, but you fully understood that you were to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Of course there is not a doubt about that.

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BARNARD BANHAM sworn and examined. *B. Banham.*

38,004. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

38,005. At what time in the day?—A little after 3.

38,006. What made you so late?—My business called me.

38,007. What is your business?—A carpenter.

38,008. Were you employed all day?—Yes.

38,009. On your own account, or in anybody's employment?—For a master.

38,010. Did you not get away from that employment until towards 3 o'clock?—Yes, I got away at dinner, but my time would not allow me to stop then.

38,011. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

38,012. Was anything promised you?—No.

38,013. Were you treated that day by anyone for your vote?—No.

38,014. Not that afternoon?—No; I had nothing to drink at all that day, except perhaps a cup of coffee.

SAMUEL GROOM sworn and examined. *S. Groom.*

38,015. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A maltster.

38,016. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

38,017. For whom?—Stracey.

38,018. What time in the day?—Just after 3.

38,019. Why did not you vote sooner than that?—I could not get round before.

38,020. What had you been at?—Been at work all day until about half-past 2.

38,021. Where were you at work?—The further side of the city, St. Paul's, Cowgate Street.

38,022. As soon as you had done your work did you go and vote?—Yes, as soon as I could.

38,023. Did you get anything for it?—No.

38,024. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

38,025. Nothing, directly or indirectly?—No.

ROBERT ALLEN sworn and examined. *R. Allen.*

38,026. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

38,027. What is your business?—A shoemaker.

38,028. Master or man?—Partly master. I work for London sometimes.

38,029. Where were you during the early part of the day of the election?—At work.

38,030. In your own workshop?—Yes.

38,031. Why did not you go up and vote?—Because I had got a pair of boots to make for a lady, a customer of mine, and they were going to London.

38,032. Did anybody come and ask you to go up and vote?—No.

38,033. Did anybody offer you anything?—Not a halfpenny.

38,034. Did you get or were you promised anything for voting?—I was not promised anything.

GEORGE MURRELL sworn and examined. *G. Murrell.*

38,035. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

38,036. At what time in the day?—A little after 10 in the morning.

38,037. Who asked you for your vote?—No one; I went there myself.

38,038. Did you promise your vote?—No.

38,039. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

38,040. Was anything promised you?—No, not anything.

38,041. Was anything paid you afterwards?—Not anything.

38,042. Were you treated that day by anybody?—No.

38,043. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

HENRY ISAAC HIGH sworn and examined. *H. I. High.*

38,044. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A sexton at a Church.

38,045. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

38,046. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

38,047. What time in the day?—Well, between 10 and 11, I should think.

38,048. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

38,049. Or the promise of anything?—No.

38,050. Did you take any part in getting up voters that day?—Yes, all I could.

38,051. Were you in company with anybody?—No, only walking about.

38,052. Did you get up any?—Yes, one man.

38,053. Who was he?—Philip Beck.

38,054. What did you give him for coming up?—Nothing at all; he would not have been rude enough to ask me for anything.

38,055. And you were not delicate enough to offer him without his asking?—No; he never asked me for anything.

38,056. Nor did you give him anything?—No.

38,057. Did you see a man of the name of James Brinkley that day?—Yes.

38,058. Was he about with you?—I was in his house.

38,059. Were there any men there waiting for what they could get?—I never heard that.

38,060. Were there any men there waiting who had not voted?—They might have voted; I do not know.

38,061. What time in the day was it?—Close to dinner time.

38,062. Was a man of the name of Etheridge there?—Yes.

38,063. Did you ask him to vote?—I think not.

38,064. Did Brinkley in your presence?—No, I think not.

38,065. Was he asked at all?—No, I think not; I saw him coming down the street.

38,066. Was he asked to vote in your presence?—No.

38,067. Did you give him anything?—No.

38,068. Did anybody else give him anything?—No, I never saw anybody give anything the whole of the day.

38,069. Do you know of anybody having given that man anything?—No.

38,070. Or anybody else anything?—No, not a farthing.

38,071. Do you know David Sheldrake?—Yes.

38,072. Did you give him anything?—No, and I never heard of anyone giving him anything; I saw him coming down Trafalgar Street at the same time.

38,073. Was there any conversation between you?—No, not with me.

38,074. Or in your hearing?—No, not a word.

38,075. Do you know whether these men had voted or not, then?—I think not, but I will not be certain.

38,076. What makes you think that?—Because I

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saw them coming down the street, and some parties said, "Sheldrake, don't vote;" but who the parties were I do not know.

38,077. Did not the parties say they were waiting for what they could get?—No, I never heard such a word mentioned by anyone.

38,078. You know nothing about it?—No, not a word.

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W. Sherwood.

WILLIAM SHERWOOD sworn and examined.

38,079. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

38,080. For whom do you work?—Mr. Ford.

38,081. Were you working on the day of the election?—Yes.

38,082. What time did you leave your home?—About 3 to 4.

38,083. Then you voted?—Yes.

38,084. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

38,085. Was anything offered you?—Nothing.

38,086. Were you treated on that day?—No, only what I paid for.

38,087. Did anybody treat you afterwards?—No.

38,088. Is this your first time of voting?—Yes.

38,089. Did you promise your vote to anyone?—Not to anyone.

38,090. Were you not asked for it?—No.

38,091. You never mentioned that you were going to vote for Stracey?—Well, I did mention it.

38,092. When?—Two nights before.

38,093. To whom?—Mr. Frederick Brown's son.

38,094. Where did that take place?—At Carrow Hill.

38,095. Did he promise you anything on that occasion?—No.

38,096. Did he treat you with a glass of beer?—No, not anything, because I was in bed at the time so he could not.

R. Shorten.

ROBERT SHORTEN sworn and examined.

38,097. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A baker.

38,098. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

38,099. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

38,100. What time in the day?—About 10 minutes to 3.

38,101. Did you get anything for it?—No.

38,102. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

38,103. Did you get anything after you had voted?—No.

38,104. Are you clear about that?—Yes.

38,105. You answer me in a very hesitating way; you had much better tell the truth.—I never got anything.

38,106. Perhaps you did not, but what was promised you?—Not anything.

38,107. Was anything said to you about voting?—Not anything.

38,108. Nothing by anybody?—No.

38,109. Did your wife get anything?—No.

38,110. Was anything paid to you or to her afterwards?—No.

38,111. Do you know of anybody who got anything?—No.

38,112. Where were you that afternoon?—At work.

38,113. Whereabouts?—At the "Staff of Life," in St. Edmund's.

38,114. For whom?—Mr. Harvey.

38,115. What is he?—A baker.

38,116. Were you at work until you went to vote?—Yes.

38,117. Where does your master live?—In St. Edmund's, Fishergate Street.

38,118. Did he not say anything about voting?—No.

38,119. Were you canvassed for your vote?—No.

38,120. You went up of your own accord?—Yes.

38,121. Who brought you to the poll?—I walked myself.

38,122. Nobody came for you?—No.

38,123. Do you know a man of the name of Horth?—Yes.

38,124. Did he say anything to you about voting?—No.

38,125. You know that he got some money?—No.

38,126. Has he never said so to you?—No.

38,127. Have you ever said that you got some money?—No.

38,128. Or that Horth got some money?—No.

38,129. Well, you have the oddest manner of anyone I have come across for a long while. Have you heard that he got money?—No, I never heard that he got any.

38,130. What did you hear about it?—Not anything.

38,131. I am sure by your manner there is something wrong, and I think we shall have to give you lodgings for the night. There is something that is being kept back, you know; what is it? You told someone this very morning?—I told that gentleman that sits there (*pointing*) a joke. I says, "Have you left one for Mr. Horth?" he is my brother-in-law; it was only for a laugh; I said he had a pound, but it was only a joke; I said so to that man; whether he believed it or not I must leave——

38,132. That is a good sort of a joke, to impute to your brother-in-law that he has been bribed.—If the man takes it as truth I cannot help that. I told that man that sits there (*pointing*).

38,133. What was your reason for saying it?—Well, I was joking.

38,134. That is your notion of a joke?

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Many a true word is spoken in jest, you know.

38,135. (*Mr. Biron.*) Is it true or not?—It is true that I told that man.

38,136. Is it true that he got the pound?—No. I believe he did not get anything.

38,137. I do not understand your taking such liberties with your brother-in-law?—Well, we had a laugh and a joke about it.

38,138. How about your own pound. To whom did you tell that?—No one.

38,139. Did not you get it?—No.

38,140. Did you get anything?—Nothing, not one farthing.

38,141. Nor yet a drop of beer?—Nor yet a drop of beer. I never got anything.

38,142. What public-houses were you at that day?—I was at one all day. It is a public-house where I work, but not a public-house where they draw beer and drink it indoors.

38,143. You told me it was a baker's just now?—A baker's and publican's. It is the sign of the "Staff of Life."

38,144. Were you treated there with beer before you voted?—No.

38,145. Which way did Harvey your master vote?—I believe he voted for Tillett and Russell.

38,146. Well, you have a very odd manner with you. I hope you are telling the truth. We shall find it out if you are not.—I am telling the positive truth.

I. George.

ISAAC GEORGE sworn and examined.

38,147. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who asked you for your vote?—No one.

38,148. Did anybody come to you?—No.

38,149. To take you up to the poll?—No.

38,150. How came you to go up to the poll?—How came I to go up there?

38,151. Did you go up by yourself?—Yes, all by myself.

38,152. Had you been in any public-house before you went up ?—Yes.

38,153. What ?—His name is Thomas Warnes.

38,154. You had a pretty good drop of beer there, had you not ?—Only what I paid for.

38,155. Tom Warnes' is the "Elm," is it not ?—I think it is the sign of the "Ship."

38,156. How long were you in the "Ship"?—I might be in there perhaps an hour, or an hour and a half.

38,157. What time in the morning did you go there ?—I suppose it was somewhere about 11.

38,158. What were you there for during that hour and a half ?—Getting half a pint of beer, that is all.

38,159. Only half a pint ?—Oh, I got more than half a pint, a pint or two.

38,160. Beer was going there, was it not ?—I got none, only what I paid for.

38,161. There was a great deal of beer going there ?—I never saw much, no time I was there.

38,162. You remained in there until about half-past 12, did you ?—I daresay that was about the time, about an hour and a half.

38,163. What became of you after half-past 12 ?—I went home.

38,164. How long did you remain at home ?—The time I was getting my dinner.

38,165. When did you go out after you had had your dinner ?—About 2 o'clock.

38,166. You were a long time making your dinner ?—I was.

38,167. Where did you go to after dinner ?—I went and voted.

38,168. You voted at very nearly 4 o'clock ?—Just about 2 o'clock when I voted.

38,169. You were later than that ?—No ; it might be perhaps a few minutes after, but not much after.

38,170. Did your wife get anything ?—No.

38,171. Did you go back to Warnes' ?—No, never no more that day, nor yet since.

38,172. What public-house did you go to ?—In the afternoon ?

38,173. Yes.—I did not go into one in the afternoon, not until the evening.

38,174. What public-house did you go to then ?—Close to my house.

38,175. What is that ?—It is the sign of "The Tiger."

38,176. Did they say anything to you at Warnes' about voting ?—No.

38,177. Not a word ?—Not a word ; I was not asked.

38,178. Did you hear any talk about voting ?—No, none at all, and I was not asked for my vote.

38,179. Did you see David Cubitt there ?—No ; I do not think I know him.

38,180. Was there a man there who was giving away beer pretty freely ?—I never saw one give any beer.

38,181. Had you been asked for your vote before the election day ?—No.

38,182. On neither side ?—Neither side.

38,183. Warnes' was a very suspicious locality for you to be in, and I cannot help thinking that Warnes had a good deal to do with your voting.—I had no beer, only what I paid for.

William Dawson sworn and examined. *W. Dawson.*

38,184. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A brickmaker.

38,185. Who do you work for ?—Mr. Dawson.

38,186. Were you at work on the day of the election ?—Yes.

38,187. When did you leave your work ?—I have left my work this fortnight or three weeks.

38,188. When did you leave your work on that day ?—The day of the election ?

38,189. Yes.—About 2 o'clock.

38,190. Then did you go and vote ?—Yes.

38,191. For whom ?—Mr. Stracey.

38,192. Did you get anything for it ?—Nothing at all, nor yet a drop of beer ; I never saw a drop of anything, for I did not go inside a house for that whole day.

38,193. Had you promised your vote ?—No ; I had not promised my vote at all to any person. The party came to my house, and I told him I had not made up my mind, but I went a couple of hours afterwards and voted ; I cannot exactly say how long.

38,194. Were you trying to get something for your vote ?—No, I did not. I never asked any questions about it. I went and gave it in, and walked home directly.

38,195. Did you get any beer ?—No ; I had not a drop, not even at my own cost, or anyone else's ; that I can swear to.

38,196. How comes it that you had not made up your mind two or three hours before, and then afterwards you did make up your mind ?—Because I thought I would not vote at all, and then I thought I would give it in, and I gave it in for Mr. Stracey.

38,197. What made you to give it in ?—Only my own mind. I thought I would give it in because it was of no use to me.

38,198. Did no one persuade you ?—No one, except my son ; he said, "Father, if I were you I should go and give it in," and I said, "Well, I don't trouble much about it," but I went and gave it in.

38,199. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Your son said he should like you to vote for Stracey ?—Yes, my son spoke to me.

38,200. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did your son tell you that you might get something ?—No ; he never said a word about it ; he only said, "The paper is no good to you, go and give it in ;" and I did so, and went home with him again.

38,201. Did your son get paid for his vote ?—No ; my son haven't got a vote.

38,202. Did he get paid for taking you to the poll ?—No ; he never got a farthing, nor yet see a farthing. He went home along with me.

Henry Bartram sworn and examined. *H. Bartram.*

38,203. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A market gardener.

38,204. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

38,205. For whom ?—Mr. Stracey.

38,206. What time in the day ?—Between 1 and 2.

38,207. Did you get anything for it ?—No.

38,208. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

38,209. Were you canvassed for your vote ?—Well, there was someone come to my house, but I was not at home.

38,210. Have you ever voted before ?—No.

Joseph Taylor sworn and examined. *J. Taylor.*

38,211. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your trade ?—A shoemaker.

38,212. What public were you in the early part of the election day ?—None at all the whole day.

38,213. Not before you voted ?—No.

38,214. Did you never go into a public that day ?—Not the whole day.

38,215. Did anybody come and fetch you up ?—Nobody.

38,216. Nobody asked you for your vote ?—Nobody.

38,217. You were left all alone to do as you liked ?—I was left all alone to do just as I thought proper.

38,218. Did nobody promise you anything ?—Nobody.

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38,219. Or give you anything ?—Nobody.

38,220. Neither money nor beer ?—Neither money nor beer.

38,221. Who was your landlord ?—Mr. Lound, who voted nearly the same time I did.

38,222. Trade had not been good with you for some time before, had it?—Well, it had been pretty middling.

38,223. Still you had got behindhand had you not ?—No.

38,224. Your rent book was a little back, was it not ?—I will not say it was not a trifle back.

38,225. And your landlord came to fetch you up ?—No.

38,226. You went up with him, you say ?—I met him in Peacock Street.

38,227. And he asked you to go up and vote for Stracey ?—No, I did not vote for Stracey.

38,228. Where does your landlord reside ?—In St. George's, Middle Street.

38,229. Where do you live ?—I live in the Fleece Yard.

38,230. Were you in a public-house the day before the election ?—No ; I do not use public-houses.

38,231. Did not you go into a public-house the day before the election ?—No.

38,232. Did you see your landlord the day before the election ?—Not that I am aware of.

38,233. Do you not remember seeing and having a conversation with him about your rent ?—I never had any conversation with him with regard to the election affairs.

38,234. Does he own a number of houses ?—Well, several, I believe, but I don't know the number.

38,235. Did you hear anything about the other men ?—No ; nothing.

38,236. Did you not hear that an arrangement had been made about their having a day's pay ?—No.

38,237. Was nothing said to you about something for your day's wages ?—No.

38,238. Or day's pay ?—No.

38,239. Did your landlord never speak to you, or did you never speak to him, about allowing you a day's pay ?—Not a word.

38,240. Or 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Not a word. There was no money or no drink of any kind.

38,241. Now, was it not arranged that you should be allowed 7*s.* 6*d.* against your rent if you voted for Stracey ?—No, not a farthing.

38,242. You have heard the other men say so, have you not ?—No.

38,243. Have you not said so yourself ?—Not a word to anyone. If anyone has stated that it is false.

38,244. Have you not said that an arrangement was made with your landlord that you were to be allowed 7*s.* 6*d.* ?—Not a word, nor yet a ha'penny.

38,245. It is far better that you should tell the truth ?—I am telling you the perfect truth, and nothing but the truth.

M. Widdows.

MARK WIDDOWS sworn and examined.

38,246. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote? —Mr. Stracey.

38,247. What time in the day ?—A quarter past 1.

38,248. Did you promise your vote to anyone ?—No.

38,249. Did you receive anything for your vote ?—No.

38,250. Was anything promised to you for voting ?—No.

38,251. Did you get anything afterwards ?—No.

38,252. What are you by trade ?—A master boat builder.

38,253. Were you at work that day ?—Yes, the whole day.

38,254. Did anybody treat you for voting ?—No ; I never had anything to drink that day.

38,255. Were you at any public-house that day ?—No.

H. Royal.

HENRY ROYAL sworn and examined.

38,256. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

38,257. For whom ?—Mr. Stracey.

38,258. At what time in the day ?—About half-past 3.

38,259. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing at all.

38,260. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

38,261. Who canvassed you ?—Nobody at all ; I went myself.

38,262. Of your own accord ?—Yes.

38,263. Where from ?—From my garden.

38,264. After you had voted what did you do ?—Went to my garden again.

38,265. You were in no public-house that day ?—No.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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H. Birch.

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HENRY BIRCH sworn and examined.

38,266. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I did.

38,267. At what time in the day did you go up to the poll ?—Between 3 and 4.

38,268. What is your business ?—A druggist.

38,269. Have you a shop of your own ?—Yes.

38,270. Where is it ?—In St. James'.

38,271. Did anybody ask you for your vote ?—No, not anyone.

38,272. Did anybody come to you on the election day to take you up to the poll ?—No, not anyone.

38,273. Did you see anyone before you went up to the poll ?—No, not anyone.

38,274. How came you to vote so late in the day ? —Because I was busy in the morning, and had more leisure in the afternoon.

38,275. A chemist and druggest would have plenty of time to leave his shop and go and poll in the morning ?—Yes, of course, but I am more busy in the morning than I am in the afternoon.

38,276. You may be more busy in the morning than in the afternoon, but still you may have plenty of time to go and vote in the morning ; what made you vote so late ?—I thought it was immaterial when I voted. I intended to vote for Sir Henry Stracey. I would not take a bribe on any account. I should not condescend to do it.

38,277. Did nobody give you anything ?—No.

38,278. Not anything for your vote ? — No, not anything.

38,279. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

38,280. Were you in no way canvassed ?—No, not by anyone.

38,281. Do you belong to any club or association ? —No, I do not belong to anything of the kind.

William Hinsby sworn and examined. *W. Hinsby.*

38,282. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your business ? —A tailor.

38,283. Do you work on your own account ?—Yes, partly on my own account and partly for a shop.

38,284. For whom did you vote at this election ?— For Sir Henry Stracey.

38,285. At what time in the day ?—At 10 minutes before 4.

38,286. Why did you vote so late ?—I do not know. I thought there was no particular time between 8 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon.

38,287. Had you promised your vote to anyone ?— No.

38,288. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?— No.

38,289. Had you told anybody how you meant to vote ?—No, I was not asked by anybody.

38,290. Had you mentioned to anybody which way you meant to vote ?—No ; I made up my mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey when he came.

38,291. Did you never speak to anybody about the election ?—No, I never spoke to anyone.

38,292. Was this the first time you had voted ?— Yes.

38,293. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No, not anything.

38,294. Were you treated at all that day ?—No, not at all.

38,295. With whom did you go up to the poll ?— With no one. I walked out of the market place when I found that Sir Henry Stracey was gaining his election.

38,296. Have you had anything since ?—No.

38,297. Had any promise been made to you ?—No, no one asked me, so I could not have any promise made to me.

George Brighty sworn and examined. *G. Brighty.*

38,298. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A butcher.

38,299. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

38,300. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

38,301. At what time in the day ?—At half-past 3.

38,302. Why did you not vote before that ?—Because I was busy killing.

38,303. Where ?—At Trowse.

38,304. All day ?—Yes.

38,305. Were you in any public-houses that day ?— No.

38,306. After you had polled what did you do ?—I went home again along with my master.

38,307. Did you go up to vote with your master ? —He asked me if I had a vote, and I said, " Yes," and he said, " You may as well go along with me," and so I got in the cart and went off along with him and voted.

38,308. Did your master vote the same way as you did ?—No, he had no vote at all.

38,309. Did you get anything for voting ?—No, nothing.

38,310. Did you get the promise of anything ?—I got nothing, and I got no promise of anything.

James Buck sworn and examined. *J. Buck.*

38,311. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where were you on the morning of the election day ?—At work.

38,312. Where ?—At Mr. Jarman's brickyard.

38,313. Where is the brickyard ?— On the old Lakenham Road.

38,314. Who came and fetched you up to the poll ? —I came up along with my master.

38,315. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?— Yes.

38,316. And did he vote for Sir Henry Stracey also ?—Yes.

38,317. Did he give you anything for voting ?— No.

38,318. Did anybody give you anything for voting ? —No.

38,319. Did anybody give you any beer ?—No.

38,320. Did you go into any public-house ?—No ; I had a pint of beer after I had voted, that is all.

38,321. Your master gave it to you ?—No, I paid 3*d.* for it out of my own pocket.

38,322. Did not your master give you a pint of beer ? —No, that he did not.

38,323. Are you sure that you got nothing for your vote ?—Not a farthing.

38,324. Nor your wife ?—No, nor yet my wife.

Robert Mathews sworn and examined. *R. Mathews.*

38,325. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your business ? —Overlooker at St. James' factory.

38,326. What were you doing during the day of the election ?—I was at work.

38,327. Were you at work the whole day ?—Yes.

38,328. At what time did you vote ?—About half-past 1, at the dinner hour.

38,329. Did you go back to work after you had voted ?—Yes.

38,330. Had you promised your vote to anyone ?— No, not to anyone.

38,331. Were you not asked for it ?—No. I saw a man named Goreham, who asked me if I was going to vote ?—I said, " Yes ;" and he said, " Come on, then."

38,332. Did he give you anything ?—No.

38,333. Did he stand any beer ?—No.

38,334. Was nothing given to you ?—No.

38,335. Was this your first time of voting ?—Yes.

William Palmer Hughes recalled and further examined. *W. P. Hughes.*

38,336. (*Mr. Biron.*) We understand that you wish to say something to us ; what is it ?—I have come here to make a statement of a woman that heard what Mr. Green said on the election day. She was subpœnaed before Baron Martin, but she was never called, and she told me this not more than an hour and a half back, and she will swear to it. She says that Mr. Green went into her house and said that he took 20*l.* on the election day, and did the best he could with it. She was subpœnaed before Baron Martin, but was never called.

38,337. What is her name ?—French. She does not know that I am come here to say this, but I thought I would come.

38,338. How came you to volunteer it ?—I have been at Mr. Fletcher's, in the market, for 40 years. I thought it over in my mind, and I thought I would come and tell you.

38,339. Did you see Mr. Wiseman ?—No, I have not seen him for months.

38,340. You got no message from him ?—No, I

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have not seen anybody since I saw the good lady, an hour and a half back.

38,341. We are much obliged to you for your communication, and we will inquire into it.—I have mentioned to no one that I was coming here.

38,342. We will send for Mrs. French.—If you wish to find me I am at Mr. Fletcher's, in the market, and if you will send for me I will come in a moment. I have been there for 40 years.

J. Waller.

JAMES WALLER sworn and examined.

38,343. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carpenter.

38,344. On your own account?—No.

38,345. A journeyman?—Yes.

38,346. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

38,347. For whom?—For Russell and Tillett.

38,348. At what time did you vote?—At 5 minutes past 8.

38,349. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

38,350. Or the promise of anything?—No.

38,351. Do you know anything of the bribery that went on on that day?—No.

38,352. After you had voted did you go to work?—I went home and had breakfast, and then went into the market.

38,353. You were about afterwards, but did not see anything?—Yes; I did not take notice of anything at all. I did not think of anything.

R. Chettleburgh.

ROBERT CHETTLEBURGH sworn and examined.

38,354. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

38,355. I suppose you got up a little before that time in the day?—I went in the forenoon, but there were so many people there, and so I went again in the afternoon.

38,356. Why did you not vote in the first instance?—There were so many there that I had not time to wait.

38,357. Do you know a man named Barker?—Yes, quite well.

38,358. You spoke to him, or he to you, on the day of the election?—Yes.

38,359. Did he not say to you, seeing you walking about, "Why do you not vote"?—No; he asked me what I was up to about there. "Well," says I, "I am "now about to give my vote in."

38,360. Did you ask for 1*l.*?—No.

38,361. What did you say you were up to?—Nothing of the kind, only that I was going to give my vote in.

38,362. You were not up to voting then, you know, when you were wandering about the city?—No, I know that.

38,363. I suppose you wanted some money if you could get it?—No, I did not want any; I had got some, thank God.

38,364. But you wanted to get some money, did you not?—No.

38,365. You would not have refused if it had been offered to you?—Yes, I should.

38,366. You would?—Yes, in a case like that.

38,367. Did you not say that you wanted 1*l.*?—No, I did not say any such thing.

38,368. Did you not say something about money then?—No.

38,369. Did he take you to Wright's?—No.

38,370. Did you go to Wright's?—I was walking past there, and walked past where Mr. Wright stood.

38,371. Did you go to Wright's?—No.

38,372. Did you speak to Wright?—I spoke to him as I walked past his gates.

38,373. With Barker?—Yes.

38,374. And did not Barker say to Wright, "Here "is a man who wants some money for his vote"?—I never heard him say so.

38,375. You were standing close together, were you not?—Yes.

38,376. What did he say?—He says, says he, "Have you got a vote?" "Yes," I says. He says, "You make haste and go and give it in, or you will "be too late." I said, "Oh, there is plenty of time," and he says, "Make haste and go, or you will be too late," and off I went and voted.

38,377. Then it was in consequence of what Wright said that you went and voted?—I went and voted because he said, "Go off, or you will be too late."

38,378. It was in consequence of what Wright said that you went and voted?—Yes, I was going to vote without that.

38,379. What time was that?—Between 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

38,380. Although he said, "Make haste, and go and vote," did he not say this: "We do not give money till afterwards; go and vote"?—No such thing was mentioned.

38,381. Do you mean to say that Wright did not say anything to you about money?—No.

38,382. Did you go back afterwards to Wright's?—No.

38,383. Did not you and Barker go afterwards back to Wright's?—No.

38,384. Will you swear that?—Yes, that I will; for after I voted I went into a public-house and had a pint of beer, and paid for it, and sat and drank it.

38,385. Did you not after voting go back to Wright's?—No, I did not.

38,386. Did you not go in alone to Wright's?—No, I did not.

38,387. And did not Barker wait outside for you to come out?—No.

38,388. I am quite sure that you have not told the truth, first from your manner, and also from the way in which you gave your vote. You never vote until you go and see Wright, and it is incredible that you should go and vote simply from Wright saying, "Go and vote, or you will be too late?"—I never went to see Wright; the man was standing against the gate, and I spoke to him.

38,389. You were bribed by Wright. I should advise you to think this matter over between now and to-morrow morning; then come here again.

W. Etheridge.

WILLIAM ETHERIDGE sworn and examined.

38,390. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade? A master shoemaker.

38,391. How many people do you employ?—I do not regularly employ people.

38,392. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

38,393. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

38,394. Had you promised your vote?—No, not to anyone.

38,395. Had you been asked for your vote?—I believe I had been solicited, but I was not at home at the time.

38,396. Did you ever say how you were going to vote?—No, not to anyone.

38,397. What made you vote so late?—I had some business to do outside, and some likewise at home, whereby I could not vote before.

38,398. Where were you during the day?—Not on any electioneering system at all.

38,399. Where were you?—I was on business in the country, and had to come home and do some work afterwards.

38,400. Were you at any public-house that day?—No, that I was not.

38,401. Do you know a man named Brinkley?—No, I do not.

38,402. Are you not aware that you went up to the poll with Brinkley?—No, I did not.

38,403. Did he not give you some money for voting?—No, I never heard no name of money mentioned anywhere.

38,404. Were you in any public-house that day?—Not till after I had voted.

38,405. What public-house were you in?—Mr. James Brickler's, in the Lakenham Road. That is the man that went with me to the poll.

38,406. Did he give you some beer for going?—No, he did not. All the beer I had I bought and paid for out of my own pocket.

38,407. You drank a good deal too much that day, did you not?—No, I did not, I assure you. I did not stop but a very little while at Mr. Brickler's house after I came back from polling.

38,408. How much money had you in your pocket that day?—As far as I recollect about 18*d.*

38,409. And you were about drinking the whole afternoon?—I could not do that; I did not go out of my own house till after 3 o'clock, and so how could I be drinking all the afternoon?

38,410. Do you mean to tell me that you did not get any beer at all given to you on that day?—Not a drop, except what I bought and paid for.

38,411. Was any money offered to you?—Not a farthing.

38,412. Have you had anything given to you since?—Not a farthing.

38,413. Or the promise of anything?—Not a farthing.

38,414. Had you ever voted before?—No, never before; the last election was the first election at which I ever voted in my life.

Francis Widdows sworn and examined. *F. Widdows.*

38,415. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A general shopkeeper.

38,416. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

38,417. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

38,418. At what time?—About 2 o'clock.

38,419. Was that your dinner hour?—I have not a dinner hour; I am generally about the city and country.

38,420. What were you doing till 2 o'clock?—I was about my business.

38,421. Why did you not vote before 2?—I did not know that it signified my voting before; the poll was open till 4 o'clock.

38,422. Who canvassed you?—No one.

38,423. No one asked you for your vote?—No.

38,424. You voted of your own accord?—Yes.

38,425. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

38,426. Or the promise of anything?—No.

38,427. Had you ever voted before?—Yes.

38,428. For which side?—I voted for the Tories the last time.

38,429. Did you get anything for voting then?—No.

Robert Fuller sworn and examined. *R. Fuller.*

38,430. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A publican, and householder, and freeholder.

38,431. Did you keep the "Edinburgh Castle" at the time of the election?—Yes.

38,432. Do you recollect on the morning of that day Mr. Hardiment coming to your place?—I do not know when it was; a gentleman came and asked me to go and vote for him, and I did so.

38,433. What did he give you for it?—Not anything.

38,434. What did the gentleman say to you?—He did not say anything, only he asked me to go and vote, and my housekeeper said I was an oldish gentleman, and she hoped he would bring me back.

38,435. You said that you hoped you would be paid for it, did you not?—No, I never named anything of that.

38,436. Was there another gentleman there?—Yes.

38,437. What did he say about money?—Nothing.

38,438. Did he not say, "Give him a shilling and he will vote"?—No.

38,439. Did not one of the gentlemen put a shilling and a sixpence on the table?—He cocked a shilling in *this* way, and a man named Francis picked it up.

38,440. What became of it?—I went away from the house then, but I believe he spent it in my house.

38,441. Did you not get any of it?—Well, I got a glass of beer when I came back, but he got five pints of beer for that shilling and half an ounce of tobacco; that was all I saw, and that is all I know about it.

38,442. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

38,443. Who paid for what you had when you came back?—Nobody did not pay anything then. He paid my housekeeper for five pints of beer the time I was gone, and that is all I know about it. The last pint was not quite out, and he asked me to have a glass of it when I came back, and that is all.

38,444. You got some money given to you by a man named Freestone, did you not?—No, I never saw any money at all. I never saw 6*d.* nor yet 2*d.* after I came back, from no parties, except what I was drawing beer for.

38,445. Two gentlemen took you up to the poll?—Yes, and I went and voted for them, and they brought me back and set me down against the door, and my housekeeper said, "Help the old man," and they eased me out of the gig, and I walked in, and I never saw any more of them from that day to this.

38,446. Then you got this money which you say was spent in drink?—The five pints of beer was drank when I was gone, all but a pint, and he gave me a glass out of the last pint.

38,447. Who was the beer for?—Mr. Francis had the beer, he called for it after he had picked the shilling up. I never saw nothing of the shilling myself at all, my housekeeper did; she took it, I believe.

38,448. Had you ever voted before?—Yes, I had voted many a time.

38,449. On which side?—Orange and purple.

38,450. What did you get on those occasions?—I always was inclined to go that way, orange and purple.

38,451. What did you get for it?—Not anything.

38,452. Never?—Not anything.

38,453. Do not tell me that?—I did not get anything. I never saw no money flashing about at all.

38,454. Did you vote at the municipal election the beginning of November?—I voted when they came for me that day.

38,455. Did you vote at the municipal election the beginning of November?—I do not understand what you mean; I went and voted along with the gentlemen upstairs in the room in Magdalen Street.

38,456. What did you get for that?—Not anything.

38,457. You have not been paid anything for voting at municipal elections?—Not anything at all. I never saw the sense of any money at all.

38,458. Now listen to this; you were paid, were you not, when Hardiment and Freestone came to your house?—No.

38,459. Did you come in and find them in your house?—I came in and found them against the door, and they said, "We want you to go with us, if you please."

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38,460. Did you then talk to Hardiment, or did you speak to one of the men ?—No, not at all.

38,461. Did they speak to you ?—Yes, they asked me to go and vote for them, and I did so.

38,462. Did you not say that you would not go and vote unless you had something ?—No, I did not. I never named nothing to them.

38,463. Did not Hardiment then pull out a shilling and put it on the table ?—No, he did not, he "twissled" it up, and I never see the shilling.

38,464. You saw it "twissled" up ?—No, I did not see it "twissled" up ; my back was towards them, but I heard it fall.

38,465. Who picked it up ?—I am not able to say, for I got into the gig and went away.

38,466. You took good care that the shilling should remain there. — They said, "Now go and vote," and I said, "Yes," and I went, but did not see any money flashing about at all. I assure you I never see a farthing nowhere.

38,467. How came he to "twissle" the shilling up unless you had said something about money ?—I never named money to him. I think it was Mr. Francis that asked him about that.

38,468. What did Francis say ?—He asked him whether he would not have something to drink. I went away and did not stop.

38,469. You got the shilling ?—No, I did not.

38,470. It was spent in your house, and you got part of the beer ?—It laid on the table.

38,471. Did not Francis say, "Fuller is willing to vote, but we want some beer" ?—No, I did not hear no such word named.

38,472. How came Hardiment to spin up the shilling if nothing was said about money ?—That I cannot say. I did not ask him for it, but I think Francis did, but I was busy and going along with them. I do not know what did pass. I went along with a couple of gentlemen and voted for them. They never asked me no questions, only thanked me when I came back, and set me down.

It is quite clear what was done. A man in your hearing asked for some money for you to go and vote, and you were consenting to it. Hardiment gave a shilling. You took the money and supplied beer for it. It is clear that you were bribed as much as if you had received a sovereign.

R. Seabrook.

ROBERT SEABROOK sworn and examined.

38,473. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you by trade ?—A packer at Mr. Wilson's.

38,474. Did you vote at the last election ?—I did.

38,475. For whom ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

38,476. What time in the day ?—At about a quarter past 1.

38,477. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

38,478. Did you get any beer ?—No.

38,479. Had you ever voted before ?—No.

38,480. This was your first vote ?—Yes.

38,481. Are you a Tory ? — Yes, that is my principle.

G. Newham.

GEORGE NEWHAM sworn and examined.

38,482. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

38,483. What time in the day did you go up to the poll ?—A little before 4.

38,484. What is your business ?—A master carpenter.

38,485. How many men do you employ ?—Sometimes more or less.

38,486. How many generally ? — Sometimes some and sometimes none. If I have not got any work to do I do not employ any men.

38,487. In the majority of times you employ none ? —I generally have two or three employed.

38,488. Do you work for other people who are in the trade ?—At times I have done it.

38,489. Where were you in the early part of the election day ?—At work.

38,490. Where were you at work ?—At home at my shop.

38,491. Had you been asked for your vote before ? —A man at the works at Mr. Corwen's by the name of Spurgeon solicited me for my vote at about a quarter before 4, and I told him that I did not think I should vote.

38,492. Where does he live ? — I cannot say, I think in Lakenham somewhere.

38,493. What is he by business ?—A bricklayer.

38,494. A journeyman bricklayer, I suppose ? — Yes.

38,495. Do you mean to say that his merely asking you induced you to vote ?—He asked me to vote, and I said I did not think I should vote at all, and afterwards I went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

38,496. Did that man coming to you and asking you to vote induce you to vote ?—No.

38,497. Then what it was that induced you at a quarter to 4 o'clock to go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I thought I would go and vote.

38,498. What had the bricklayer to do with that ? —He merely came and asked me to vote for Mr. Tillett.

38,499. Then because the bricklayer asked you to vote for Mr. Tillett, you went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey ; is that it ?—Yes.

38,500. I do not understand it myself, but it seems to be a good reason in Norwich. — Yes. I did not take a bribe.

38,501. Did anybody else come to you to ask you for your vote ?—Not on the election day.

38,502. Did they come before ?—Not in my presence. I never saw anyone else.

38,503. Can you give me any rational reason why, being indisposed to vote for Stracey, or to vote at all, you at a quarter to 4 o'clock made up your mind to vote ?—I had no particular interest in the election at all.

38,504. Then why did you at a quarter to 4 go and vote ?—The poll was open from 8 o'clock till 4, and I was more interested in my work than I was in the election.

38,505. But you have told us that you had determined not to vote ?—I had made up my mind not to vote at one time, and then I altered my mind and went and voted a little before 4.

38,506. What made you alter your mind a little before 4. Was not any inducement held out to you by anybody ?—My father came up and asked me if I would go and vote.

38,507. For Stracey ?—For Stracey.

38,508. And then you thought you would do what would be pleasant to your father by voting as he wished ?—Yes.

38,509. There was no harm in that. Was it that that induced you to vote ?—Yes.

I was quite sure that there must have been some other reason besides a bricklayer coming and asking you to vote. It is a pity you did not tell us at once what the real reason was.

J. H. Tillett.

JACOB HENRY TILLETT sworn and examined.

38,510. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You have been a solicitor practising in this city ?—Yes.

38,511. Are you still in practice ?— No, I retired some three or four years ago.

38,512. I believe you have taken an active part in the politics of this city ?—Yes.

38,513. For how many years ?—I should say for nearly 30 years.

38,514. And you have been very busy at elections?—Yes; active.

38,515. I think the late members for this city were Sir William Russell and Mr. Warner?—Yes.

38,516. Mr. Warner being a Liberal?—Mr. Warner was a Liberal.

38,517. How did it come about that Mr. Warner retired on the last occasion?—The reason was this: the Liberal party here we consider to be divided into two sections. One we call the Whigs, and the other the advanced Liberal party; and when Mr. Warner first came he was more decided in his politics, but towards the last we thought he was veering round into a Conservative, or rather a Whig view of things. We were not satisfied with him, particularly as there was an extension of the suffrage. As representing the advanced Liberals I told him, "If the Whig party "select you as their man we shall be perfectly willing "to support you, but you are not sufficiently advanced "for our views." He had made certain declarations in Parliament and had abstained from voting on some occasions, so that we were not satisfied with him, and told him so.

38,518. When you made that representation to him were you acting entirely on your own discretion or as the representative of any considerable number of the party?—There was a general feeling at Waters' election that we could not carry those two men again, and it was said they did not sufficiently unite and elicit the feeling of the party, and as we did not unite it was understood that there must be a change. Afterwards among my own section of the party the feeling grew up that we were not satisfied with the two as representing the city. We did not object to either one of them in particular, but we thought we were strong enough to have carried a more advanced man.

38,519. Was that representation made by you to Mr. Warner independently, or as acting with other people?—I went to London and told him so in the February before the last election.

38,520. Did you tell him you were authorised by any number of persons to make that report?—No. I said I thought that was the feeling of our friends. Mr. Warner and I were always on the closest terms of friendship, and I said we should have no objection to support him, but we could not support the two.

38,521. How was the arrangement made which led to his withdrawal?—He did not actually withdraw. He left himself in the hands of the Whig party, and if they had selected him he would have stood. We were willing to support him, but they did not select him.

38,522. The Whig section of the party determined to have only one candidate as representing their particular views?—Yes, that has been the understanding for many years here.

38,523. Because you could not carry two?—Yes. That has been the means of binding us together.

38,524. How soon did it become known that Mr. Warner would not be a candidate?—I should say not until a few weeks before the election, because the Whig party had not chosen which of the two they would have. My impression always was, that they would have chosen Mr. Warner.

38,525. It was settled that there was to be only one Whig candidate?—Yes.

38,526. And the chiefs of that party were to determine which of the two was to be their candidate?—Precisely, and they had a meeting for that purpose.

38,527. Were you present at that meeting?—No. I was not summoned. I do not belong to that section.

38,528. At what date was that determination come to?—About three weeks before the election, or it might be a little more; three weeks or a month; about a month say.

38,529. At what time was it that they determined only to have one candidate?—We had repeated meetings at the "Royal" hotel, and it was conceded to us; we claimed it, and it was conceded that each section should name a candidate, and that the two should pull together.

38,530. About what time was that definitively settled?—I should say that in July we had meetings and we could not quite agree as to the names. There was no disagreement as to the principle, but it was a question of names.

38,531. You say that was some time in July?—The first or second week in July.

38,532. How soon after that did it become known that Sir William Russell would be the Whig candidate?—I should say that would be known about September, the end of September. I do not like to speak positively to dates, but there was a considerable difference of opinion amongst the Whig party, and I believe there was a division upon that question, as to whether it should be Sir William Russell or Mr. Warner.

38,533. That was settled about three weeks after, and it became known very soon after?—Yes. It was known before Sir William Russell actually came down that he was their choice, and Mr. Warner wrote to say he would abide by the decision of the Whig section. He put himself in the hands of Sir William Foster and the Whig section, and said, whatever the decision of the Whig section was, he would abide by it, whether he or Sir William Russell was chosen.

38,534. When it became known that Sir William Russell was to be the Whig candidate, I suppose it became necessary for the more advanced section of the Liberal party to determine upon their candidate?—We determined that before Sir William Russell came down. We determined that in July.

38,535. They determined on a candidate as early as July?—No. We chose our man first. They determined on theirs afterwards.

38,536. How soon was it intimated to you, that you were to be the candidate for that section?—There was a meeting at which about a thousand electors were present in July, and then there was a unanimous vote that I should be asked to stand. That was about the middle of July.

38,537. Did you begin your canvass from the middle of July?—No, I only issued an address, complying with that request.

38,538. How soon did you begin your canvass?—I was very unwilling to canvass, and I did not canvass until Sir William Russell came down, and then we canvassed here and there, but very little; I went to some of the principal workshops and the railway stations, and so on, but I did not make a house to house canvass.

38,539. You know that a body of men called the Organisation undertook the duty of canvassing?—Yes. They did; the working men did.

38,540. They canvassed from house to house?—I believe they did; yes. That would be about September, I should think.

38,541. When it was determined that you were to become a candidate, what arrangements were made about the expenses of the election?—I was unwilling; at least I hesitated a good deal as to uniting with the Whig party. I thought I should be stronger if I stood alone. I was unwilling for various reasons, but at last I consented to coalesce with the Whig party, but I stipulated as a condition that I would name my own agent, that I would name a separate ward manager in every ward, that I would have a separate fund, and that I would have three names that I would select, and that all money should pass through those person's hands. I made that a condition, and I did that (if I may be allowed to state it) on purpose to limit my liability and responsibility.

38,542. About what date was that?—That would be about a fortnight before the election.

38,543. Was an arrangement made to provide means for this election by subscription or otherwise?—My friends had determined to return me (that was their avowed intention) free of expense, or with comparatively small expense, and a subscription list, or a sort of guarantee list, was raised with which I had nothing to do personally, and my friends raised, including a subscription which I gave myself, about 1,500*l.* or 1,600*l.*

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38,544. (*Mr. Biron.*) It was about 1,600*l.*?—Yes. That was signed. They signed their names to it. I put my own name down as one for 500*l.* on that list, if I may be allowed to mention that.

38,545. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) That was, of course, before the coalition took place?—Certainly.

38,546. Whom did you choose for the three names?—The three names of my finance committee were Mr. Colman, Mr. Copeman, and Mr. Joseph Smith.

38,547. And all the money went through their hands?—I paid all the money into the National Provincial Bank. They collected the subscriptions and all was paid into the National Provincial Bank, and every payment was made by cheque, I believe.

38,548. That arrangement was made previous to the coalition?—Certainly. If I had stood alone it would have been the same thing.

38,549. The coalition was made about a fortnight before the nomination?—Two or three weeks.

38,550. What were the terms of that coalition?—That we should pull heartily together; that I should give the whole of my support to Sir William Russell, and Sir William Russell should give the whole of his support to me; and we had a joint meeting at St. Andrew's Hall. A resolution was proposed on one side and seconded on the other to support us as the two Liberal candidates.

38,551. Do you consider that that was a genuine and hearty coalition on the part of the supporters of the two sections?—On the part of Sir William Foster and the bulk of the Liberal party I have no doubt it was so.

38,552. But there were some quarters where it was not so?—I think there were enemies in the camp.

38,553. Then previous to the day of the nomination some arrangements were made about the show of hands?—There was a meeting on the Saturday afternoon, I think about 4 o'clock; a meeting at the committee room.

38,554. A meeting of both of you?—A meeting of us. I had my friends there. Mr. Colman was with me, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Stevens, my agent. I think Sir William Russell was there; yes, certainly he was there. Mr. Coaks was there, and Mr. Kay; Mr. Daynes, and Mr. Youngs, I think were there.

38,555. This was on the Saturday before the nomination?—The Saturday before the nomination.

38,556. What passed at that meeting?—We first of all discussed the question of cabs, and an opinion was read, I think it was taken out of a newspaper, of Sir John Coleridge, that it would be very dangerous to hire cabs; that it would be doubtful whether it would not be called corrupt practices. Then we raised the question whether individuals could not hire cabs and pay for them themselves; it was thought that that was dangerous, and we resolved not to hire directly or indirectly, but keep strictly within the law. Then just before we broke up, I think Mr. Coaks said, "Are we to go in for the nomination?" or some expression of the sort, "Shall we make an effort to carry the nomination?" I said—I do not know that I said it immediately—"I do not think anything of the "nomination. I do not think it is worth a snap of "the finger." I have always held that opinion because the nomination is in a small building, the Guildhall, where even the judge of assize will not go because it is so close, and it is dangerous to get into it. It has been always a fight between the roughs on one side or the other. The people scramble in. There is an iron gate on one side, and an iron gate on the other side, and if a man was in feeble health he would jeopardise his life in trying to get in. This place holds only a few hundred people; at all events, it is a difficult and dangerous place for a multitude of people to squeeze into. Therefore decent middle-class people will not go. I always treated it as a monstrous thing to hold the nomination in such a place as that, and I suggested that we should apply to the sheriff to hold it in St. Andrew's Hall or the market place. Indeed, I wrote suggesting that it should be held in some place where the people would have a chance of attending, as the constituency had been so greatly enlarged. The sheriff or the under-sheriff wrote an answer, saying that it was too late to make the application. Therefore the nomination took place in the Guildhall. That is my reason for saying that it was an absurd thing and not worth any effort, but the feeling was that we should do it.

38,557. What further passed upon Mr. Coaks saying, "Shall we go in for the nomination?"—We had been discussing the law as to cabs. Then Sir William Russell said, "Is there any objection to it? is there anything wrong or objectionable in it?" "Certainly not," said Mr. Coaks, "nothing at all." That is all that passed. So it seemed to me.

38,558. In fact, we may take it that it was assented to by all the persons present?—It was assented to in that general way that we should make an effort to secure the nomination. Nothing was said about anything improper being done.

38,559. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Only consider. The question about its legality had been raised and settled by an opinion?—As to cabs?

38,560. No. Sir William Russell had asked whether there was anything improper.—Sir William Russell had asked the question, and Mr. Coaks at once answered in the most positive way, "Certainly not."

38,561. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was anything then said about what it would cost to secure the show of hands?—Not a word; certainly not.

38,562. Was anything said about the expense of it?—Not a word.

38,563. Had you no idea what the expense of it would be?—No, I had no idea of the expense. There was nothing said about it at all. I will tell you what was passing in my mind and what was done immediately, which will show what I thought about it. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Colman arranged about getting up the Carrow men and Tillyard's men. We went to work at once to get up volunteers. That showed the construction we put upon it.

38,564-5. Were you not aware of its being an immemorial practice to secure the show of hands by the payment of individuals?—I was not aware that that was a fact. I knew from attending a nomination that it always had been a scuffle by the multitude to get possession of the hall, but as to how that was done I did not know, though I might perhaps have suspected. But nothing was said at this meeting to lead us to suppose that anything of the sort was to be done, but the very contrary, because in the very room we arranged for getting up the volunteers.

38,566. One would have thought that the question of legality being raised would have led you to suppose that it involved payment?—I cannot tell what was in Mr. Coaks' mind. Mr. Coaks had been concerned in former elections, and knew what had been done. I cannot tell what passed between him and Sir William Russell, they were sitting together, but I know this distinctly, Sir William Russell asked the question, not knowing what we usually did, whether anything was done which was illegal, and Mr. Coaks said, "Certainly not."

38,567. The question of legality very seldom arises at an election unless it involves the passing of money?—I should say that Sir William Russell deprecated any expenditure for the purpose.

38,568. No; on the contrary, he acquiesced in the advice of his legal adviser.—There was nothing in Mr. Coaks' intention that would be objectionable or illegal. That is all I understood.

38,569. We have heard from Mr. Coaks that it had been the immemorial practice in Norwich to purchase men to secure the show of hands at the nomination.—Yes, but we did not do that this time. We did quite the contrary.

38,570. Have you ever been legal agent at an election here?—Not since Peto and Warner's election, and then I had nothing to with the actual details. I did a good deal of the outside work, attending meetings, and so on, but I never did interfere with the details of an election.

38,571. Had you no means of learning that it was the custom to pay men in order to secure the nomination?—No.

38,572. One would have thought that you must heard of it. You have seen much electioneering in this city?—If you had asked me I should have said it was the practice, merely from observation, that men would not, unless they were paid, expose themselves to all that risk.

38,573. If so, how came you not to take special precautions against its being done now, when you knew that it was considered by recent decisions to be a corrupt practice?—I did take special precautions against it, and Mr. Stevens was to attend exclusively and entirely to the getting up of volunteers, and did not sanction the hiring of a single man, and did not know of it. I only sanctioned the getting up of the volunteer men, and nothing else. Mr. Stevens was my agent, and I am not bound by the acts of anyone else.

38,574. After you had made this coalition and become jointly responsible for all expenditure, you became necessarily responsible for the mode in which your money was spent.—I will not discuss the law, but only the fact. I appointed an agent and several agents in every ward that I might limit my responsibility, and be only responsible for their acts. It was an extra expense, and I incurred it on purpose to be protected from responsibility. If you will allow me, I will state another reason. I thought if the contest lay between Sir William Russell and Sir Henry Stracey, they would not be so particular about the expenditure as I intended to be, therefore that is the reason why I appointed separate agents and ward managers, that I might not be dragged in for corrupt practices if in the emergency corrupt practices had arisen.

38,575. The result has been that you have borne your charge for the nomination.—I beg your pardon. I have not paid one single farthing, and I do not intend to do. As soon as I heard of it I repudiated it, and Mr. Stevens knew nothing of it until it was done, until Mr. Ray wished to keep it back in the money he held. So that literally I have paid nothing and consented to nothing, and knew of nothing. I can explain how it arose. A sum of money was paid by Mr. Stevens to Mr. Ray towards the clerks and the employés. When they came to square up, Mr. Ray claimed to hold back a certain sum, I think 4*l.*, and to debit me with 4*l.*, I think, for men keeping the peace, or something of that sort; Mr. Stevens objected to it, and said, "What does this mean?" "Oh," he said, "those were men engaged to protect the Carrow men, "and get them in at the nomination." Mr. Stevens, as I understand, refused to admit that, and up to this moment we have never admitted it, and certainly I told Mr. Stevens that I would on no account pay it. I have not paid it, I won't pay it; I am not legally bound to pay it; it was contrary to our understanding. Mr. Ray had no right to incur the liability without Mr. Stevens' knowledge of it; and if it was illegal it was contrary to my directions, and entirely contrary to the line I had marked out for Mr. Stevens.

38,576. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It is quite clear the 8*l.* 10*s.* was paid for this purpose and was allowed by Mr. Stevens in the account.—I beg your pardon; it was not allowed. He repudiated it.

38,577. I am speaking from his evidence.—He had money to take from Mr. Ray, and Mr. Ray said, "I must take this money off." But the account has not been settled yet. It has not been allowed, and Mr. Stevens knows my positive instructions that it will not be allowed; so as a matter of fact I have not paid a farthing towards it, and as a matter of fact I won't.

38,578. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) With respect to the organisation of the Liberal party, are you not aware that political considerations have entered very largely into municipal contests in this city?—Quite against my consent, because I proposed in the council an equal division of the aldermen and an equal division of all committees to extinguish party spirit, and I incurred a great deal of odium for so doing.

38,579. Do not you know that in November last the contests in the wards were conducted with considerable warmth, and a great deal of money was spent on both sides?—There was money spent over the water, as we call it, in the seventh and eighth wards, but I am not aware of money having been spent in the wards on this side, and I do not recollect hearing of it.

38,580. The money was chiefly spent on political rather than local questions?—I am afraid that is not so. In the eighth ward there was a purely personal contest between two Liberals, and in the seventh ward I believe it was also to some extent the same. There was a Liberal candidate on one side and two on the other, so that it was not strictly a political contest in either of the wards.

38,581. In the seventh ward it was between two sections of the Liberal party?—No; there was an extraordinary union between a Liberal and a Conservative in the seventh ward, and two Liberals on the other side. I think the sewerage question or something was up then. There was a Liberal against two Liberals, so that really it was not a party fight. It was a strange affair, but it was not strictly a fight between the two parties.

38,582. Do you not think that the money spent at ward elections for municipal purposes has had a great deal of influence upon the elections of members of Parliament?—I do think so, in demoralising the electors.

38,583. And in keeping the respective parties together?—Yes; there has not been much of this in Norwich lately, because there has been an understanding between the two parties not to go for the ascendency, because of the corruption which it involved. For several years we have had no party fights in Norwich, at least not of any importance.

38,584. What was the amount of your legal expenses returned to the officer?—Mr. Stevens knows better than I do, but I think somewhere between 600*l.* and 700*l.*

38,585. Is that all the money which has been expended on your side at the last election?—We expended some money before the coalition in the registration. We thought it right to watch the registration, and that will cost us a good deal, because the register is very large.

38,586. But with regard to the last election. Has anything been spent that you are cognisant of beyond the sum returned for your legal expenses?—I think there was something paid to a number of clerks who were employed, who did not wish to jeopardise their votes in case we came to a scrutiny. They said, "If "we take money we shall lose our votes, and we will "forego the money rather than lose the votes;" and in that case they were not paid.

38,587. They were paid afterwards?—They were paid afterwards, but they would have foregone the money rather than lose their votes.

38,588. Is that the only additional payment made beyond the legal expenses returned to the officer?—I certainly know of nothing else; I paid nothing but to Mr. Stevens.

38,589. You know of nothing beyond that?—Certainly not. That was the rule I went upon.

38,590. During the canvass or the election did you make any promise of money or favour to any elector in this city?—Certainly not.

38,591. Do you know a man of the name of Walter Claxton?—Yes.

38,592. He voted for Sir William Russell and yourself?—I believe he did. I have read his evidence, and gather that from his evidence.

38,593. Do you recollect a conversation with him referring to a nomination for Doughty's Hospital?—Quite well.

38,594. On what occasion did that take place?—That took place on the occasion of a meeting we held at the "Duke's Head," in the eighth ward, in the month of September. He made a mistake as to the date. He said it was a week before the election, whereas it was two months before the election.

38,595. You are positive of that?—Yes. I have a

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paper here which I will hand up. Perhaps it will be convenient if I explain the facts of that case, which will, I think, remove any erroneous impression which may have been made. I am a trustee of a charity called "Doughty's Hospital," where old people, men and women, are admitted. I have been a trustee for some three or four years, and have only put in one man. I promised the next appointment to a man of the name of Watling. I was waited upon, I cannot fix the date, but it was some months before I thought of being a candidate, by a deputation from a tradesmen's club, who represented to me that they were very much interested in Walter Claxton, who is an old tradesman in the ward and getting infirm, and that they thought it would be a most excellent thing if I could put him into the hospital. A deputation of two waited upon me.

38,596. Who were they?—Mr. Hancock was one, and Mr. Fisher was the other. Mr. Hancock, I should say, was as bitter an opponent of mine as I had in the city. However, he waited on me and said, "I was "chairman at a tradesmen's dinner, and some one said, "'What a pity it is that we cannot get Claxton in; "he is a most respectable man.' Some one said, 'I "believe Mr. Tillett will have a turn soon;'" and then the deputation was appointed from this very meeting. The chairman and Mr. Fisher came and brought testimonials, which I have in my hand, one from the clergyman of the parish, I think; they certainly spoke of the clergyman of the parish, and I think they brought a testimonial from him. I was then waited on by Joseph Smith, and he said, "He is "a most respectable man. He has had a promise "from some one, who has disappointed him, so that "he is broken down because he thinks he is neglected." I knew him to be a most respectable conscientious man, as much so as any in the city, and I said, "I will think of him when I have a turn." Then I received this paper, which is a notice that I had a turn (*producing a paper*).

38,597. What month is that?—September. This is the identical paper I received, saying that I had a turn to appoint a man to Doughty's Hospital. The date is September 18th. (*The paper is handed to the Commissioners.*)

38,598. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) This, I see, is for Friday, the 25th?—Yes, that is it. As soon as I received that, I went to Watling and said, "I can put you in now, I think; I have a turn." He said, "I am very sorry, but I am not old enough; you must let it be to another time." My impression is that I drove up to Watling's house almost the same evening, and offered him this. I told the deputation that I must give it to him, and think of Claxton the next time. At this meeting, after I had seen Watling, I saw Claxton, and I called him out and said, "I have "a turn, and I think I can put you in if you come in "the morning." It was the very next day; I had no thought of corruption in my mind. The man is as upright and staunch a man as any in the whole constituency, and he is a very worthy man. I said, "If you come in the morning I will put you in." He came to the trustees' meeting the next day, and it turned out through some unaccountable mistake or other on the part of the chairman or the trustees that I had not a turn. I was extremely sorry, I was quite vexed, because the man looked disappointed, and he went away, and I have said nothing more to him. Watling was my man; he is the man whom I had promised to put in, so that Claxton cannot have even the next appointment. The thought of influencing Claxton's vote never entered into my mind nor into Claxton's. Another thing is that Claxton had a grandson apprenticed to me in the printing office. He was a very excellent apprentice, and that was an additional reason why I should have been disposed, apart from political matters, to put Claxton in; but at all events, I say most solemnly that a more proper man could not be put into the hospital. He is a staunch Liberal, and never hesitated to vote; a consistent and conscientious man.

38,599. That offer was made by you without any view to secure his vote?—I did not think of it in the slightest degree for a moment. If I had been asked, I did not know that the man had a vote, and I was asked by a man who was my opponent, and I gave the promise to Hancock that I would put him in. Mr. Hancock did not vote for me; he did all he could against me. He was the chairman of the meeting. I will hand in the testimonials I received, if you will allow me. I should like the Commissioners to see that I had the testimonials in 1867, to show that it was not for the election.

38,600. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You have nominations to some of the other charities in this city?—Yes, I am on the general list.

38,601. Have you given away these nominations recently?—We have very few. This is a large list of trustees, and the vacancies are very rare. I have only put in one man, and with regard to the children; I have put in, I think, two; and I have considered in every case the best objects that were presented, and selected the people who were the most deserving.

38,602. Have you ever promised a nomination to the Hospital School to a son of Samuel Wood, of Church Lane?—Yes, and put him in.

38,603. What time was that?—That was in 1868, and the proof of that is very remarkable that I sent the name in, and the child was a week too young, and he was sent back. I put him in the next year when he was old enough, but the promise to him was made in 1867. He actually went up with my nomination a year before the election, and he was then too young.

38,604. Are you aware that any pressure was put upon the Carrow workpeople to vote for you?—No. I am aware of quite the contrary. Mr. Colman told them at a meeting in the Carrow school that every man was at liberty to vote as he pleased, and if any of them voted Tory from conscientious views, he should respect them for doing so. He said so publicly, and it was reported in the newspapers at the time.

38,605. Do you know of any money having been provided by your supporters for the purposes of this election. I mean other than that which has been returned as legal expenses?—I do not believe there has been a single instance of one coin being given for a vote on our side, nor any beer been given; but all my friends knew that I was fully determined upon that point, and therefore they would not risk it if they were minded to do it.

38,606. Bnt we often hear of persons in their zeal spending some of their own money, small sums. Have you heard of any supporters of yours doing that?—I have not heard of a single instance, and I believe there is not a single instance to be found.

38,607. Or of their offering any promise of favour and advancement to secure your return?—I have heard of none, and do not believe there is a single instance of the sort.

38,608. I suppose after the coalition your canvassers and your friends always requested the voters to vote for Russell and yourself?—Most earnestly, and I have been blamed since for having been so earnest; but I did on every occasion implore them to vote for Sir William Russell as well as myself.

38,609. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Nobody ought to have blamed you for that. It would have been a gross breach of good faith if you had not done so.—I did both publicly and privately urge that.

38,610. I should say they were very dishonest people who blamed you?—Well, there was a feeling of distrust among our friends, and they said that if the Whigs had worked as heartily for us as we did for them, we should have won the election. That is the reason of my having been blamed for having been so thorough.

38,611. That being so, how do you explain the fact that a good many voters gave plumpers for you?—Because they preferred me, I suppose. They would be what we should term advanced men. They would prefer me to Sir William Russell; and as soon as they saw that I was below they wanted to plump me up.

That was the feeling, and it was entirely their own act.

38,612. (*Mr. Biron.*) Some of the men have said that they kept back in order to secure your return. —Yes, precisely; but that was a course which I entirely deprecated on every occasion.

38,613. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) In the third ward we find by the poll books that there were 20 men who consecutively gave plumpers for you, about half-past 1, in Heigham?—Yes, I believe there was a feeling in that ward, where there are a great many working men, that they would make me safe. I do not know any of them. I am not aware of it.

38,614. You are not aware of any illegitimate influence having been exercised to induce them to plump for you?—No, not the slightest.

38,615. Have you any information yourself whether those men are new or old voters?—I should be inclined to think that they are new voters, but I have no reason for the opinion. I say again, I do not believe there is a single instance throughout the city of any corrupt inducement being presented to any voter for either Sir William Russell or myself.

38,616. Can you tell us anything of your own knowledge of the proceedings of the other side, Sir Henry Stracey's party?—I heard in the middle of the day, when I went over the water, that is in the seventh and eighth wards, that there were a number of men got together in Pockthorpe who would vote for us for 10*s.* apiece. I said, "Keep your eye on these men," because I felt that if they went in for bribery I should be beaten; but I thought we could unseat on petition. I said to Mr. Smith and Mr. Womersley, and others, "Go down; keep your eye upon them, and ascertain the truth of this." Mr. Harper in the eighth ward did the same. I believe he took men to watch the "Woolpack" for that purpose.

38,617. Were you aware that either of those gentlemen who were sent down to watch practised bribery?—Certainly not, because it was against our whole policy. We determined not to bribe, and we determined also that if the others did we would expose them on petition. That was our understanding.

38,618. Are you not aware that those gentlemen led persons in this public-house to believe that some money might be coming? Though there was no money coming they might keep back voters as an electioneering trick?—They must answer for themselves and their motives. I know they were not men accustomed to bribe. Mr. Smith, Mr. Kitton, and men of that sort, were not men who were ever mixed up with bribery.

38,619. That is not the question. Were you aware that these gentlemen were practising an electioneering trick in leading these people in the public-house to think that money would come, although they knew there was none?—No. I simply told them when I saw them in St. Saviour's in the middle of the seventh ward, "You had better keep your eyes open; if "they wanted something from us they may get it from "the other side," and then we should have had a case against them.

38,620. You are aware that Womersley has said that he had some conversation with Mackley, the object of which was to get these voters detained until it was too late for them to vote?—I am not aware that he did that. That was not done with my cognisance or sanction. Of course he must answer for himself.

38,621. You were not cognisant of any electioneering artifice of that sort being employed to neutralise the action on the other side?—Certainly not. The only communication I had with Mr. Womersley and Mr. Harper was to keep an eye upon these cases; not to bribe them, but to discover who did bribe them.

38,622. Can you tell us, from your experience of elections, anything of the expenditure which took place in former contests in this city?—The only election with which I had anything to do with regard to money matters, was that of Peto and Warner, which was, I think, 17 years ago, and I can only answer for this, that so far as I know there was not a sixpence spent at that election in bribery. It was at the time when the Corn Law excitement was great, and there was a good deal done in the way of excitement, but nothing in bribery.

38,623. Have you no knowledge of what took place at the election of 1865?—No; except that I can tell you this. I attacked Mr. Waters on the ground of his personal character at St. Andrew's Hall, and had an action brought against me for doing so. I went into the room at the committee on that occasion, and Mr. Wilde said to me "Waters' party are buying," but he said to me after the election, and I know he went down into the seventh ward and got into a cab and said, "They are buying in the seventh ward," he said there was no harm done; it looked like it, but after the election he told me on his honour that not one sovereign had been spent in corruption. That is Mr. Wilde who is dead. He gratuitously came up and told me that. He said mischief was going on.

38,624. It was a very gratuitous statement on his part.—I don't know why he should have said so. He had no occasion to tell me so if it were otherwise.

38,625. Do you know of any expenditure for improper purposes at the election of 1865 on behalf of Sir William Russell and Mr. Warner?—I was not agent for Mr. Warner at that time. I had nothing to do with money matters. Mr. Coaks was the agent of both.

38,626. Being an active politician on both sides, you would probably know something of the details of the expenditure?—I was not active in working the canvass or details. My activity was more outside, in attending meetings and so on.

38,627. You might have heard after the election was over how the success had been secured?—I believe the election was completely honest.

38,628. Completely honest on that side?—It was honest on our side. At all events if there was anything done it was done without my knowledge, and I have been assured by Mr. Wilde and others that there was nothing done.

38,629. How far back can you go in your recollection of elections in this city?—Not more than 30 years at the outside. I was then only a young man. I am now 50, so that I could not go back more than 30 years.

38,630. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Large sums have been paid here?—I have had nothing to do with it.

38,631. But you know, as a matter of common knowledge, that very heavy sums have been paid?—Yes.

38,632. With regard to municipal elections, we find that 5*l.* has been paid for a vote?—There have been 100*l.* paid in Norwich for a vote.

38,633. Within your memory?—Yes. There was a committee of inquiry and it came out in the House. It all came out there. There was a compromise, so that the inquiry ended. That was the election of Scarlett and Douro, and Smith and Nurse. That was a frightful election on both sides.

38,634. (*Mr. Biron.*) That went on for some weeks?—Yes, and there was an enormous expenditure. I was only a young man at the time. That was the worst time.

38,635. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You spoke of the registration expenses being heavy. What was the amount of your registration expenses?—I should think from 150*l.* to 200*l.*

38,636. How was that money distributed? To whom was it paid?—There were men employed to look through the lists, to be at the meetings of the different committees and different wards, to see who were qualified and who were not.

38,637. Was that the only expense incurred?—It was the only strictly legal expense.

38,638. Was any sum paid to persons whose votes were disputed, to secure their attendance before the revising barrister?—I am sure I never heard of it, and I do not believe that there was.

38,369. Do you not know any instances in which that

was done ?—I have heard of cases, but not in Norwich on either side.

38,640. Was there anything of that sort with regard to the expenditure of that money which was used for the registration expenses here ?—Certainly not. I never heard of it here. It has been no practice here on either side.

38,641. Since the election have any claims for any money expended on your behalf, or demands, or suggestions, been made for payment, on account of things provided during the election other than those which you were disposed to pay ?—No ; I had a bill sent to me. A woman came to me from one of the committee rooms from one of the wards. She wanted the money, she said, very much. It was only a sovereign, so I paid it and handed the receipt over to Mr. Stevens, who repaid me, and it went into his account. That is the only item I have paid.

38,642. Have any suggestions been made to you that as a matter of honour you ought to pay for sums which had been expended on your behalf at the last election ?—Not one single instance ; not a single case.

38,643. You know of no claim of that kind ; not a legal claim, but a claim which is considered obligatory upon you as a matter of consideration and honour ?—No ; there was an advertisement put in the papers by Mr. Stevens, and those claims would have gone in to him.

38,444. I am not speaking of those which would be legal expenses, but those which you perfectly understand, as a man engaged in elections, are made upon candidates by volunteers who have spent money of their own. Has there been anything of that sort ?—I do not remember a single case, and I may say positively that there has not been a single case.

38,645. You quite understand what I mean ?—Yes, I perfectly understand, of persons who have rendered services and want to be paid for them.

38,646. Without any instigation of the candidate, but merely as volunteers, who think that as a matter of honour they ought to be repaid ?—I have no recollection of a single case, nor yet of a public-house bill, nothing of the sort.

38,647. When was it that you heard that there was bribery going on, or that there was a number of men congregated and wishing to be paid, and that you gave those directions that they should go down and watch them ?—I should say about 1 o'clock, in the seventh ward.

38,648. Who were the persons who offered you that information ?—Mr. Womersley, Mr. John Kitton, and Mr. Harper.

38,649. Did you see Mr. Harper as late as 2 o'clock upon that matter ?—No, I don't know whether I saw him in the eighth ward. The eighth ward was the ward in which he worked. I will not be sure whether I saw him there or not, but I did not see them after 2 o'clock. I did not go into those wards after 2 o'clock, if I remember.

38,650. Did you not hear either from Mr. Womersley or Mr. Harper that they asked for a quarter of an hour or 20 minutes to see whether the men could get something ?—I heard in the case of Harper that he had gone to the committee room, and they said, "Will you keep your eye upon them ? We have no money ;" and that Harper had taken two men down with him. I am told that one man's name was Ellis, and the other's Howell. He took them down to watch what was going on at the "Woolpack."

38,651. Before he went down to watch, did you understand that he came from those men upon the understanding that he was going away to see what he could get for them, and would be back in 20 minutes ?—I do not know that. That was entirely in his own breast. He reported that buying had begun at the "Woolpack," and we said, "Keep your eye upon them."

38,652. When that communication was made to you by Harper did he tell you, "I have had them kept in "tow, or had them put off for 20 minutes while I have "come up here" ?—Not at all. He merely said that they were beginning to buy.

38,653. The evidence before us is that he told the men that he would be back in 20 minutes. He must answer for himself about that. He did not say that to me.

38,654. I want to know if it was communicated to you ?—No.

38,655. Womersley said he did it at the other place as an electioneering trick.—Each must answer for himself in those matters.

38,656. I only want to know if you were in any way, directly or indir ectly, cognisant of that sort of practice ?—Certainly not.

38,657. Who was the person that had recommended Walter Claxton to you for the hospital ?—Mr. Hancock. He was the chairman of a tradesmen's club.

38,658. I suppose it would be satisfactory to you that that gentleman should be called ?—Certainly, I should like that he should be called.

38,659. I merely mention it that you should not suppose that he is called from our doubting in any way your word.—Certainly.

38,660. Do you recollect after the election seeing a letter which was produced by Sir William Russell ?—That was before the election.

38,661. Do you recollect seeing Sir William Russell on the Sunday or Monday before the election and his showing you any letter he had received about the supply of money or communicating the substance of the letter to you ?—When I went in one morning, I should say it was the morning before the election probably, he said, "Well, I have had a letter from an "old friend of mine who was in India with me. He "is connected with the Carlton Club, and he says "that there has been an application made to the "Carlton Club for money, and if they could have "1,000*l.* they could win the election for Sir Henry "Stracey, and that the money is sent down. So he "wrote to me to be on the look out." "Well," I said, "that's rather odd that anyone connected with "the Carlton Club should write to you about that." He said, "It may seem odd to you ; but he was on my "staff in India and he is a warm friend, a chum of "mine, and would not like me to be beaten by unfair "means. There is no doubt about it he said." I did not take it in ; I thought some officious person had written it, and that there was no ground for it. After the election, Sir William Russell called on me and said, "You see what I said was correct." I have asked Mr. Colman as it looked rather serious, to write up to Sir William Russell and see whether that was correct. Yes, he said, it was correct, and he had the letter.

38,662. Was any name mentioned in connexion with it as having made the application ?—No ; there was no name mentioned.

38,663. Was any name mentioned to you, do you recollect, as being the name of the person who made the application to the Carlton ?—My recollection of the words is, "An application has been made to the "committee for money for Norwich, and they are "assured that if 1,000*l.* is sent down, the election is "safe for Stracey, and the money is sent down. As "I should not like you, an old chum, to be beaten by "such means, I give you a hint that you may be on "the look out." That is the substance of the letter. I turned it off and said, "The Carlton must keep their "secrets very badly if your chum lets them out in "that way."

38,664. Do you recollect anything being said in the committee room on the day of the election about money being sent by the Conservative Club ?—About 10 o'clock, when we were looking up, Mr. Coaks came up as I was standing against the chimney piece, and he said, "I am told they have got the money all ready if it is wanted ; if there is a chance for them."

38,665. Did he state to you what the ground of

that impression was?—No; I did not think much of it, because I thought we were going up, and it would not be wanted. That is what I thought at that time, but he says, "I know they are prepared if there is need." If I had been successful I should have apprehended the consequences. It would have made me more vigilant, lest bribery on the other side should destroy my majority.

38,666. When you get a majority of 500 it is not usual that that should be knocked down after 1 o'clock?—It has not happened before.

38,667. But you have doubled the constituency. You reckoned a little without your host.—My impression was that to go in to bribe was a desperate thing for them to do, that we should find it out; it would be a serious thing for them, and that they would not do it.

38,668. Is it your impression that no money was provided in the way indicated by Sir William Russell?—I don't know. I think more money was provided than has been found out yet. There must have been other money. Of course that is a mere surmise. I think there must have been some other money.

38,669. I should tell you, as to the money which is already known to have been subscribed, that we have found quite a sufficient number influenced by bribery to turn the majority against you considerably. That is the result of our investigations—considerably. But very little money was required to do that; even a pint of beer would get a vote.—There was no competition, you see.

38,670. There was no competition in the market, and as far as I have yet seen there is no suggestion that there was any bribery on your side; but I say that a very small sum of money would answer the purpose, for instance, 40 men would be influenced by 10*s.* worth of beer. It did not require a great deal of money to contend with a majority of two or three hundred?—I should not like to put my surmise before you in a case like this.

38,671. I only want to know if you have formed an impression as to whether that money was provided or not?—My impression is that money was sent down from London; whether that money was used in bribery or whether it went to assist the other expenses I cannot of course say, I believe there was a contribution sent to the Norwich Conservative Fund.

38,672. Have you any idea where Hardiment got the money he spent?—No, I have not.

38,673. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know of any Conservative fund raised for the purpose of this election in Norwich?—Do you mean out of Norwich?

38,674. In or out of Norwich.—No; they make subscriptions sometimes, as they do on either side.

38,675. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) In the club?—Yes. I heard of no funds in the town.

38,676. I suppose when you were having the matter investigated for the purpose of the petition, you had it thoroughly investigated and you had efficient officers down for the purpose of detection?—Yes; I applied to Messrs. Ashurst and Morris, who are old friends of mine, to send down a staff, and they sent down a staff of experienced men, five or six, and those men thoroughly investigated the whole affair.

38,677. They thoroughly investigated the whole matter?—They went through the city.

38,678. Searching it everywhere in every way?—Searching in every way.

38,679. And the result of your investigation is contained, I suppose, in the brief which was laid before your counsel?—Precisely.

38,680. You, as a person who have been acquainted with the conduct of legal matters, would know whether all was thoroughly laid before counsel in the brief?—It was all set thoroughly before counsel.

38,681. In the brief?—Yes, in the brief, all that was discovered.

38,682. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you any idea where the money spent by Hunt, and Smith came from?—I don't know, therefore I do not like to conjecture.

38,683. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It would be mere conjecture?—It would be mere conjecture.

38,684. Of course we can conjecture.—I do not wish in a case of this sort to say anything about my surmises.

38,685. If you could give us any clue it would be valuable to us.—My belief is the leaders of the Conservative party were perfectly straight in the matter, that they intended to fight a pure election, but that they were overborne, by the corrupt section. I believe Mr. Johnson, Mr. Patteson, and those men were perfectly straight, and I believe that Sir Henry Stracey did not know anything about it,

38,686. I do not think there is any doubt as to Sir Henry Stracey. On the contrary it was most hostile to his principles as far as we can make out.—I believe so.

38,687. Do you recollect whether you had the conversation with Sir William Russell respecting this letter on the Sunday or the Monday?—Not on the Sunday certainly.

38,688. I thought the other gentlemen put it on the Sunday?—I think Mr. Colman called upon him, he was rather intimate with him.

38,689. The conversation with Mr. Colman was on the Sunday, and the conversation with you seems to have been on the Monday?—It was not on the Sunday certainly, it may have been on the Saturday. Sir William Russell told several persons of this; it is not any breach of confidence on my part telling this, because Sir William Russell told several persons that he had received this letter.

38,689*a*. Breach of confidence is not known in this court; it is a thing which we do not recognise, or anything of the kind, when a gentleman stands upon his oath as you do, whether there is any confidence between him and anybody else is wholly immaterial. It is his duty upon his oath to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and he must, *nolens volens*, divulge everything he knows; that is his duty, and no observation can attach to any man who does state upon his oath that which he knows.

38,690. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) How many days elapsed after the receipt of this letter by Sir William Russell before he mentioned it to you?—That very morning probably, it must have been directly after.

31,691. That morning perhaps, you think?—I should say so, because he attached considerable importance to it, and he thoroughly believed it certainly.

38,692. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We shall see Sir William Russell.—I presume so. Would you allow me the privilege of just making a remark upon that question of agency to which I have already called your attention?—Just to put it more clearly, because I hold it to be a thing of great importance that not merely you should understand exactly the facts of the case, but that the public also should exactly understand how I stood with regard to the question of agency.

38,693. Agency in what respect?—At the election. I will state it very briefly. I think it is only due to myself, as strong remarks have been made upon me outside, that the actual facts should be known by you and the public. Of course whatever responsibility the law may attach is a secondary consideration. I am only anxious that the facts should be known, and then I am content. The facts were these, that when I went into the coalition with the Whig party I went in under an apprehension that I endangered myself considerably by the feeling which they had, that they would not lose the election if a little money would save it. I had the feeling, and I believe that some of them at least would not take it as an insult or a misrepresentation when I express it as I now do. Then I was anxious to preserve my integrity, and in order to preserve it I selected three men who were as honest men as could be found in Norwich and had never been mixed up in corrupt practices, never; I selected three men of my personal friends, conscientious men, and I said to them, "I will pay no money but through "you, and you see to it that not one farthing shall be

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"paid that is questionable." I appointed Mr. Stevens, always well known as a very conscientious and honourable man, and I said to him, "Now, Mr. Stevens, the "money for anything shall be paid by the cheque of "two out of three of this finance committee, and you "see to it that not a farthing is spent illegally or "questionably." Then I appointed him not merely as agent in the central committee, but a separate man in every ward, which was a double expense.

38,694. I think we quite understand that you took the precaution of having your own representatives quite independently of the representatives of the Whig party both in the wards, and, if I may so term it, as supervisors of matters.—I took every possible precaution.

38,695. We quite understand that; nothing can be clearer upon that matter than the evidence which you have given.—Precisely. Will you allow me to say one further sentence with regard to the nomination, of which a good deal has been said? If you look closely into the case you will observe that Mr. Stevens was limited entirely to what was right and what was actually commendable. He only did what he knew was right, simply getting up volunteers, and there were hundreds of volunteers got up from the different factories, more than enough to carry the show of hands. Mr. Stevens did that and that only, and did not know of anything else; and Mr. Ray expressly states that Mr. Stevens did not know of it, that he did it himself. This is my position; I did all that I could to limit my responsibility, and I did it because I was apprehensive of being led into responsibility through other people's acts; therefore, if Mr. Coaks or Mr. Ray bribed Sir William Russell in, am I to be answerable for their acts? I did this in order that I might not be responsible for such things. Therefore I say with regard to the nomination that not a single thing was done, not a single farthing was spent, but what was perfectly legal and even commendable, and if anything was done that is unlawful or blameable in any sense it was done by persons against whose acts I did the utmost to limit and preserve myself.

38,696. I do not wish to reply upon those observations, but to a certain extent it was an erroneous idea which very likely led to that which was an evil, namely, the employment of persons upon the show of hands. Sir William Russell had made the inquiry whether there was anything illegal in it; an opinion was given which was certainly erroneous. Everybody, if they reflected upon it (which possibly they did not), must have been aware that what was intended was that persons should be employed for that purpose and, those persons who did not dissent became in fact assenting parties to it, and it took place in consequence of that which was perfectly understood as an assent. Under these circumstances, all I can say is that, in my view of the law, they became responsible for these consequences. It may have been done quite innocently, but nevertheless it was an illegal act.—Will you allow me to make one further observation, which is the best illustration of showing what the impression upon our minds was as to the understanding? When we left that room we went expressly to get the volunteers; now if there had been any arrangement to hire people, Mr. Ray would have said at once, "We want to hire people;" but nothing of the sort was said.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Very likely; but you know you were in a coalition, and persons, if they reflected upon it, which very likely they did not, would have seen that each party would provide some persons. You provided yours as volunteers, and they provided paid men, but it was the joint action of the two. It may not have been foreseen; it may have been perfectly innocent, but still it was undoubtedly illegal.

R. Finch.

ROBERT FINCH sworn and examined.

38,697. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

38,698. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

38,699. At what time in the day?—At a quarter past 2.

38,700. Did you get anything for it?—No.

38,701. Or the promise of anything?—No.

38,702. Had you been canvassed?—I had by Mr. Tillett's party, but not by Sir Henry Stracey's.

38,703. What did you say to them?—I told them that I should not give them my vote.

38,704. What were you doing all day till you voted?—Working.

38,705. Where?—For Mr. John Orfin, the timber merchant.

J. Huggins.

JOHN HUGGINS sworn and examined.

38,706. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

38,707. What were you doing the early part of the day of the election?—I cannot say. I was walking about.

38,708. Looking out for what you could get?—No.

38,709. What were you walking about for?—I went into the market.

38,710. I suppose you were not one of those who would refuse money if it was offered to you?—I was not offered any, nor yet thought of it.

38,711. But you would not have refused it if it had been offered?—I did not want any.

38,712. Why did you vote so late in the afternoon?—I thought I could vote at any time.

38,713. Did you think that if any money was going it would be convenient to you to get it—No.

38,714. You knew it was important that you should vote early, did you not?—No, I thought it was of no consequence what time I voted.

38,715. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No.

38,716. What public-houses were you in when you were wandering about all day?—None.

38,717. Did you not go into any public-house?—No.

38,718. Did nobody speak to you about going to vote?—No.

38,719. Did anybody see you in the street and ask you to vote?—No.

38,720. What is your employment?—A mustard miller.

38,721. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

38,722. For whom do you work?—Mr. Colman.

38,723. At the Carrow works?—Yes.

38,724. Do you mean to say that you had no money offered to you for your vote?—No.

38,725. And you got nothing?—No.

38,726. Did nobody give you any beer that day?—No.

38,727. Did you go up with any companions to the poll?—There was a man lived opposite to me; I went up along with him.

38,728. Did he vote for Stracey?—Yes.

38,729. Did he talk to you about it before you went up?—No.

38,730. Had you been canvassed for your vote before?—No, not by the Conservatives.

38,731. Had you been canvassed by the other side?—Yes.

38,732. What did you say to them?—I told them I did not think I should vote their way at all.

38,733. You are sure you got nothing for your vote?—Yes, I am sure of it.

E. French.

ELIZABETH FRENCH sworn and examined.

38,734. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know a man named Green?—Richard Green?

38,735. A plasterer?—Yes.

38,736. Do you recollect shortly after the election his making a statement to you about some money he had received?—Yes. I remember on the election

night he came into mine in the evening time, and I said, "Well, you have got this man of yours in?" He said, "Yes, we have got him in." "Yes," I said, "but you have got him in by bribery." He said, "You know nothing about it. The fact is I had 20*l.* "put into my hand this afternoon, and I was told to do "the best I could with it, and I and two or three "more have turned the election, and out of two evils "we have taken the best." Those are his own words. I know no more about it.

38,737. Was he sober at the time?—He was excited, but I do not think he was drunk.

38,738. Did he appear to be joking?—No, I do not think he was joking. I am persuaded that he had the money by the way in which he spoke.

38,739. What other persons were present when he said this?—A lady friend of mine was down to mine to tea. She was there at the time.

38,740. What is she?—She is a single lady. I will give you her name and address if you will give me a pen and ink; and if you will send for her she will make the same statement that I have made.

38,741. What is your business?—I am a housewife. I have no particular business. I have a husband.

38,742. What is your husband by trade?—He is at Mr. Grimmer's, the liquor merchant's.

38,743. Has any person been to you and asked you to make this statement here?—No. I had a subpœna when Baron Martin was here, but I was not called.

38,744. At that time had anybody spoken to you about the evidence you were to give?—Not at all, not in any shape.

38,745. Had any lawyer spoken to you about what you had to say?—No, I had not spoken to any lawyer.

38,746. Did nobody know that you were going to speak to what Green had said?—No.

38,747. When did you first mention this story?—Of course electioneering business is no secret, and when people do dirty work they will talk of it, and others talk about it among themselves. I mentioned what Green had said the next day morning.

38,748. Do you recollect to whom you mentioned it?—Yes, I told my husband of it, and he did not keep it secret.

38,749. Does your lady friend live in Norwich?—Yes. She is a single lady, and would not wish her name to be mentioned; but I will write it down and give it you. She will make the same statement that I have made.

JOHN YOUNGS sworn and examined.

J. Youngs.

38,750. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you a brewer?—Yes.

38,751. In business in this city?—Yes.

38,752. I believe you took an active part in the last election?—Yes, I did.

38,753. Before the coalition were you favourable to the candidature of the two old members, Russell and Warner?—Yes, I was.

38,754. I believe ultimately you agreed to support Mr. Tillett in conjunction with Sir William Russell?—Yes, I did.

38,755. And after the coalition you used your influence to secure the return of both those candidates?—My best influence.

38,756. Was there any formal committee?—There was no committee that I am aware of.

38,757. It was managed through the medium of these ward managers, and so on?—Yes, I believe so.

38,758. From time to time were there meetings of a few leaders of the party to discuss how the matter was to be managed?—Yes, I might say principally that the meetings would be between two individuals, between myself on the part of Sir William Russell, and Mr. Colman on the part of Mr. Tillett. I will endeavour to explain the circumstances. There was a wish on the part of Mr. Tillett's friends to form a joint committee, and certain names were handed to Sir William Russell's friends as persons whom they would think suitable to form their part of the joint committee, and we endeavoured to meet them, but we found difficulties in arranging them. You will understand there had been a little unpleasant feeling before, and although it would not affect myself at all it might affect others, and we felt there might be difficulties in having those meetings.

38,759. You thought it would be more prudent not to have many persons?—Yes. Sir William Russell asked me whether I would undertake this rather difficult duty for him with the understanding that Mr. Colman should undertake it for Mr. Tillett. I said that I was thoroughly confident in the high character of Mr. Colman, and although it would be exceedingly inconvenient to me with my many busy engagements, I would so act; in fact we were the committee.

38,760. I take it that you and Mr. Colman from time to time did meet with reference to the business of the election?—Yes.

38,761. Do you remember on the Saturday afternoon prior to the election meeting Mr. Colman and other gentlemen at the central committee room?—Yes, Mr. Colman and myself had, I think, walked round the Corn Exchange. My business takes me there, and they asked me whether I would walk through with the candidates. Mr. Tillett did not come, and I walked through the corn hall with Sir William Russell, introducing him to such friends as we thought right and best, and I afterwards went to the central committee room.

38,762. Do you remember who were present there?—I think at first I told him that I wanted to go away for a short period to transact some of my business. I had told Mr. Coaks, who had spoken to me upon one or two subjects, that there were two subjects upon which I thought we ought to have some consultation than that between Mr. Colman and myself, and therefore I told him it would be more convenient to me to have the meeting later in the afternoon when I should return from my brewery to the central committee room to meet such gentlemen as it might be thought prudent to be there.

38,763. Was that done?—Yes.

38,764. And later on did the meeting take palce?—Yes, I should think at 4, or half-past 4.

38,765. Who were present then?—I do not think I can remember all who were there, but certainly the candidates were there, Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett; Mr. Colman was there, Mr. Tillett's agent, Mr. Stevens, Sir William Russell's agent, Mr. Coaks was there, and Mr. Ray was there. I cannot say that I remember anyone else, but I am told Mr. Daynes was there, but I do not remember it.

38,766. What was the first matter discussed?—The first question discussed was the cab question, the hiring of cabs; whether any of us had been accustomed to use cabs instead of private carriages; whether we could lend the cabs instead of lending our own conveyances; whether it would be prudent, in addition to having our own conveyances, to hire cabs, and whether it would be legal in fact; that was the first question discussed.

38,767. Was any decision arrived at with respect to that?—Yes, I think the opinion of some learned judge, whose name I do not remember, was read to us, and it appeared to me quite clear that it would be an illegal course to take, and it was thought so by the rest of the gentlemen present; and we decided, and I think very properly, to relinquish it.

38,768. Very properly, no doubt. You determined not to hire cabs, that is the first thing?—Yes.

38,769. What was the next subject discussed?—The next question was a subject which I knew was coming on, because it was one of the two subjects that I thought should be discussed between us, and that question was with regard to the show of hands.

38,770. Who first mentioned that, do you know?—There was not much conversation upon the subject, but I should have thought that all the conversation

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there was would have been heard by every one present, but of course I could not be certain of that. I think it was first mentioned by Mr. Coaks, who said, "Well, how about the show of hands?" All this was conversation of the most friendly kind, if you can imagine it, and I think the first individual who spoke after Mr. Coaks would be Sir William Russell, who said, "Is it legal?" and the answer given, I should imagine, but I would not be positive about it, was by Mr. Coaks, and the answer which he gave was in these words, and I think I cannot be mistaken, "It will not void the election." I do not think the answer which was given was whether it was legal or not legal, but it was, "It will not void the election."

38,771. There must have been something upon the minds of you all with reference to that show of hands to call forth that expression?—Yes. I am here to give you the whole truth, and anything I can state to you upon any point in connexion with this election or any other I shall be happy to state it.

38,772. I understand that most fully.—With great respect, I do not wish to be reminded of it. Anything you ask me I will answer frankly and freely.

38,773. I am sure you are telling us everything according to your memory; now do not misunderstand me. What you told me was this, that Mr. Coaks said, "How about the show of hands?" and then Sir William Russell said, "Will it void the election?"—No, he said, "Is it legal?" and the answer was, "It will not void the election."

38,774. It seems to me that there would be something more said than "How about the show of hands?"—Yes, afterwards. I will tell you as far as I can from recollection the conversation. I will give you the whole as far as I can. We did not pursue the discussion as to the legality. Someone present, not myself, said in my hearing, "Is it a serious question, or, what is it a matter of?" which conveyed to my mind the notion that it must mean that it would cost some money; and the answer was certainly given in two figures; those figures I could not swear to, but to the best of my recollection the answer was, "It is a matter that has generally cost 30*l.*; or 40*l.*," not that it would cost that. I hope you understand the distinction I draw, but that it had cost generally 30*l.* or 40*l.* There was then a pause. I have rather a recollection of saying myself (and I wish to take the full responsibility upon myself in this matter), "We are the popular party." I apologize, of course, for assuming that now, but we are not talking politics. I have a recollection that I said, "We are the popular party, and it seems to me if we do not get the show of hands we shall lose that sort of prestige, although an insignificant matter, which it generally gives to the election." After a show of hands, you know, handbills are generally published. "Majority at the "show of hands. Electors, fortify this, or confirm this "by your attendance at the poll early to-morrow morning." It was that that induced me to give expression to that opinion, feeling assured that it was one of those things which would not void the election, and if a matter does not void an election, in my humble way of judging matters, it would be legal. I remember no other conversation. Mr. Tillett, I think, made no observation, and I do not remember positively that Mr. Colman did; and one of us then passed our eyes round the room to take the sentiments of those present, as I thought and still think. I think I should be the individual myself to say, "Now, Sir William, what do you say?" "Well, I think we had better," would be the answer. My impression is that Mr. Tillett said nothing, but gave that sort of assent which at cabinet councils we should take to be an assent.

38,775. At all events he gave no dissent?—No. I understood the same from Mr. Colman and Mr. Coaks. I do not think that Mr. Stevens had to give an opinion. I assumed that Mr. Stevens would probably assent to the opinions given already. Of course I give this evidence very reluctantly, because it is somewhat different from that given by gentlemen equally honourable as myself, and who would equally scorn with myself to say that which could for one moment be said to be untrue. I took it myself as a unanimous decision, and I take it so now. I believe when we rose I was very glad to get away, wanting to get home to my dinner. and I believe Mr. Colman, we live near one another, took me home in his brougham and dropped me at my house.

38,776. Nothing more occurred?—No.

38,777. You say that someone said, "It has generally cost 30*l.* or 40*l.*" Do you carry in your memory who it was who said that?—No, I would not be certain. I will say this, it certainly was not Mr. Tillett.

38,778. It could hardly be Sir William Russell because he was asking for information?—It might be Mr. Coaks.

38,779. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Or it might be Mr. Ray?—It might. I do not think that either of these gentlemen would wish to evade answering the question. It is difficult to remember what passed exactly.

38,780. All we want is your impression.—I believe the apparent contradiction in our evidence might be explained.

38,781. I think we quite understand it.—You will allow me to say this: I think probably that after I left (if I did leave with Mr. Colman, though it might be some other occasion when we rode off together) there was a conversation between Mr. Tillett and Mr. Stevens, or someone else, when Mr. Tillett might have expressed that reluctance which he thinks he expressed in the first instance. He might say, "I do not like this business of the show of hands," and then Mr. Womersley, or anyone else who might be there acquainted with the large mass of working classes, might say, "All the people would be too happy to go;" and the arrangement might then have been made unknown to me, that the men from Colman's might go up, if they so liked, and if there was any protection required for them at the door that should be arranged for; but that is new to me; I know nothing about it, though it is quite possible, and I hope it is so.

38,782. It might be with a view to save expense?—Yes. It is with great reluctance I give evidence which differs from men equally honourable as myself. The great point with me in the matter of the show of hands was that all the expenditure should be legal, because when Sir William Russell asked me to act for him, I took the liberty of saying to him, "I have no "doubt what your answer will be, but the expenditure "at this election, so far as you are concerned, is to be "confined to that which is strictly legal and free from "any of those consequences which, I believe, almost "every gentleman who occupies a position in Norwich "wishes to avoid," and his answer was in that frank manner in which Sir William Russell does speak, "Most certainly." I remember quite well Sir William Russell said, "Now, Mr. Youngs, will you confer "another favour upon me, will you keep your eye upon "the expenditure during the next few days to keep it "within the mark and see that nothing occurs which "ought not to occur so far as it can be prevented." I said (having first of all persuaded Mr. Coaks to take the agency, because he declined to do so, and declined so much that we even went over the Law List of Norwich to see whom we could best send for, and was on the point of sending for another gentleman when Mr. Coaks yielded, I believe, to my persuasions, and consented to take the agency), "I understood you, Sir "William, just now correctly as to the nature of the "expenditure, but I think the proper course is for "every item to be under the supervision of Mr. Coaks; "he would know better than I could any item which "would approach illegality." I said that was an uncertainty that I could not take upon myself, and it would be much better that the whole thing should be placed in the hands of Mr. Coaks.

38,783. You felt that Mr. Coaks was a better judge of what payments would be legal or illegal than yourself?—Yes. He is a most able solicitor in this town, and an experienced man.

38,784. To your knowledge was there any payment of a corrupt or illegal character made on the part of Sir William Russell during the last election?—No, I know of none.

38,785. Or of any bribery, or treating, or corruption of any kind on the Liberal side?—No; it is so contrary to the honourable understanding made between the gentlemen that I could not conceive it possible.

38,786. Have you heard since of any?—I have not heard. I have read the evidence here, and have occasionally been allowed to be in attendance here in court and heard what has been going on, but beyond that I know of nothing. I shall be very happy on any future occasion to render any assistance to the Commission in my power.

38,787. We are much obliged to you for your courtesy, I am sure.—I shall only be too glad to furnish you with any information that I may possess.

BRERETON GEORGE WOODHOUSE sworn and examined.

B. G. Woodhouse.

38,788. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

38,789. What is your business?—A clerk.

38,790. In what office?—In the Norwich Union Fire Office.

38,791. Were you a check clerk at the last election?—No.

38,792. Was your son?—No, I have no son.

38,793. Was any person of your name employed as check clerk, do you know?—I do not know.

38,794. Do you live in Victoria Street?—Yes.

38,795. Were you employed in any capacity at the election?—I was in the committee room on Grapes Hill for about three hours.

38,796. Were you paid for that?—Not a farthing.

38,797. Your was a gratuitous service?—Yes.

38,798. Did anybody canvass you for your vote?—No.

38,799. I suppose almost all the people in the Norwich Union Fire Office voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—I think not.

38,800. Were those your principles?—Yes, my principles are Conservative.

38,801. Did you receive, or were you promised anything, for voting?—No, not at all.

JOHN ELMER sworn and examined.

J. Elmer.

38,802. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—Managing merchant's clerk.

38,803. Did you take a busy part in the election?—Yes, rather so; a canvassing part.

38,804. A paid canvasser?—No, not at all.

38,805. You canvassed for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

38,806. How many days?—Parts of three or four days; I think four days, if I remember rightly.

38,807. How many houses do you suppose you canvassed?—A great number in that time.

38,808. Did you find, when you were canvassing, that a considerable number of voters hung back, to make terms for themselves?—Undoubtedly a great number did hang back.

38,809. In the district which you canvassed?—Yes.

38,810. Did any of those persons say they were waiting for money?—I did not hear such a remark.

38,811. Did they lead you to understand it by their attitude?—No, not at all.

38,812. In no instance?—I do not remember one. They were merely as I found them on many other occasions, hanging back to please themselves, but for what reason I cannot imagine.

38,813. Are you aware of any money being spent on your side in bribing voters?—No, I do not know of a single instance.

38,814. Were you aware of any treating going on in public-houses?—No, not at all; not the slightest, except people treating themselves.

38,815. Are you aware of any claims whatever being made on Sir Henry Stracey's friends for services rendered that day?—No, not one.

38,816. You have no knowledge of it yourself?—No.

38,817. Has any money passed through your hands for other than legal expenses?—Not a single farthing, for either legal or other expenses.

38,818. You made no promise to anyone, either money, favour, or advancement?—No, not the value of half a pint of beer.

JOHN GRIGGS sworn and examined.

J. Griggs.

38,819. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An ex-policeman.

38,820. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

38,821. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

38,822. At what time in the day?—From a quarter to half-past 3.

38,823. Did you get anything for it?—No.

38,824. Why did you not vote earlier?—The reason I did not vote earlier is, that I waited to see how the case went with Mr. Russell, and if Mr. Russell had been behind Mr. Tillett I would have supported Mr. Russell and Sir Henry Stracey; that is the reason.

38,825. Your game was to keep Mr. Tillett out?—It was. I do not like a Radical.

PHILIP READ sworn and examined.

P. Read.

38,826. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a harness maker?—No.

38,827. Do you live in Coburg Street?—Yes.

38,828. What are you?—A seedsman.

38,829. Do you live at the back of St. Peter's?—No, I live in Stone Place, Coburg Street.

38,830. Did you vote at the last election for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

38,831. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

38,832. For whom?—Tillett and Russell.

38,833. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

38,834. Were you promised anything?—No.

BENJAMIN CLARKE sworn and examined.

B. Clarke.

38,835. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

38,836. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

38,837. At what time in the day?—A quarter before 9.

38,838. Had you promised your vote?—No, I had not promised it, no further than I intended to go.

38,839. Had you been asked for it?—I was solicited for it.

38,840. Had you told people you were going to vote for Stracey?—Yes.

38,841. Your friends?—No, the parties that came and asked me for my vote.

38,842. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

38,843. Has anything been given to you since?—No.

38,844. You had promised to vote for Russell and Tillett?—No, I did not. They asked me if I was going to do so, and I said no.

38,845. When was that?—That was before the election.

38,846. The night before, was it not?—A day or two before I think it was.

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38,847. That person left you under the impression that you were going to vote for Tillett, did he not?—They thought I should do so, and I said, "No, unless "my mind was altered I should not vote for that "man, because I never intended to do so."

38,848. Did you not go up to the poll with Worledge?—He was there.

38,849. And you went to the poll with him?—I drove in a cart, and he was at the poll at the time I voted.

38,850. What did he give you?—He gave me nothing.

38,851. Did he not give you some beer?—No.

38,852. To what public-house did you go after you had voted?—I went home and went to work.

38,853. Did you not get some beer for your vote that day?—No, only what I paid for.

38,854. Was nothing promised you at all for your vote?—No.

38,855. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

38,856. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes,

38,857. Did not Worledge promise you anything?—No.

38,858. He was giving away his money in beer you know; did he give you nothing?—He never gave me anything.

38,859. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you not seen the day before the election Mr. Hart and Dr. Bloomfield?—Before the election you say?

38,860. Yes, the night before the election did you not see them?—I think Mr. Bloomfield.

38,861. The night before the election did you not see Mr. Hart and Dr. Bloomfield?—No.

38,862. Did you see Mr. Hart and Bloomfield any day or night before the election?—They came and asked me two or three days before who I was going to vote for.

38,863. Did you not then promise to vote for Mr. Tillett?—No.

38,864. What answer did you give them?—I said I should not vote for Mr. Tillett unless my mind was wonderfully altered.

38,865. Now, be careful, did you not tell them that you would vote for Tillett?—No.

38,866. What answer did you make?—I said no, unless my mind was altered.

38,867. Unless your mind was altered?—Yes; I did not intend to vote for Mr. Tillett, but if my mind was altered I might do so.

38,868. What would alter your mind?—I could tell you what would alter my mind very quick.

38,869. Did you mean that your mind might be altered if you had a 5*l.* note given to you?—No, it is not likely.

38,870. Did you not mean if you had money given to you your mind might be altered?—I will tell you. My missus wished me to vote for Tillett, and I said, No, I shall vote my way, and if I had altered my mind I should have voted to oblige her, and not without. You have got the truth this time.

38,871. I am very glad to get the truth, but we had not got it before.—I was not asked for it.

38,872. You have been asked how you came to vote for Stracey?—That was my way; and I always go my own way, and let a woman go hers.

38,873. I am quite sure we have not got to the bottom of it, from the way you are giving your evidence. I suppose you would not be ashamed of doing a thing to oblige a woman? If you had voted for Tillett you would not have been ashamed of obliging your wife?—I vote for principle.

38,874. Against your wife?—Yes, of course I should.

38,875. Why did you say, unless something changed you, you would not vote for Tillett?—I am not learned in the way of expressing myself.

38,876. (*Mr. Biron.*) I think you are very much to be envied; your wife was for Tillett?—Yes.

W. Berwick.

WILLIAM BERWICK sworn and examined.

38,877. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A brush-maker.

38,878. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

38,879. At what time in the day?—Half-past 11.

38,880. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

38,881. Did you get anything for it?—No, not anything.

38,882. No beer?—No, only what I paid for.

38,883. No money?—No.

38,884. Or the promise of anything?—No.

J. Hayes.

JONATHAN HAYES sworn and examined.

38,885. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you down at the "Marquis of Granby" upon the day of election?—No.

38,886. Were you never at the "Marquis of Granby"?—No, not on the day of election.

38,887. Where were you?—In the sixth ward, and never went out of it the whole day till past 6 at night.

38,888. Where do you live?—In King Street.

38,889. What are you by trade?—A turner by trade, a master turner.

38,890. Do you know a man of the name of Daniel Stone?—In what parish?

38,891. Do you know a Daniel Stone?—I know two Daniel Stones in the sixth ward.

38,892. Did you see him about 3 o'clock on the election day?—That is a question which rather interferes with me, because I do not know which Daniel Stone you mean.

38,893. Did you see a Daniel Stone?—I saw a Daniel Stone about 2 o'clock.

38,894. Did you offer him 2*s.* 6*d.* to vote for Stracey?—I cannot say I offered him 2*s.* 6*d.*; I merely said, "I suppose half-a-crown will buy you at any time?" I had no authority to buy any man, and I had no money to buy any with.

38,895. How came you to be offering him 2*s.* 6*d.* for his vote?—So far as that goes, I have been in King Street, and know a great many of the people about there, and we were passing jokes at each other. I merely said it knowing he was loitering about for what he could get. I said, "I suppose half-a-crown will buy you?" and he said, "Nonsense! I shall go and vote as I like."

38,896. Did you not mean it?—No, I had no intention of giving any, because I had no authority to give any money.

38,897. You might not have any authority, and yet you might give it?—I did not give it, and he never saw the sight of coin.

38,898. He did not see the colour of your money?—I never offered it to him.

38,899. He told you he voted the other way?—Yes, so I see by the public papers which way he voted.

38,900. Did you get up any voters?—Yes, I was busy on the election days.

38,901. How many did you get up?—I think I got five up.

38,902. Who were they?—Edward Scarlett was one, and Robert Flood was another, and a Mr. Harrison, of St. Julian's, Church Street, or St. Julian's, Church Alley you might term it, and the other I think was Wallace that keeps the "Elephant and Castle."

38,903. Who employed you to get up voters?—Not anyone. I never was employed.

38,904. Did you do it of your own wish?—Yes.

38,905. You were entirely a volunteer in the matter?

—Yes, and always was all my lifetime, so far as electioneering affairs go.

38,906. You have always been an active partisan?—At times.

38,907. You did not go to the "Trumpet" to see who was there?—No, I never stepped out of the sixth ward.

38,908. Being an active partisan what did you give any of these people?—Not a farthing; not a fraction.

38,909. Did you promise them?—No further than what I have said, "I suppose half-a-crown will buy you at any time."

38,910. You did not give any of these other men anything?—No.

39,911. Nor yet promise them?—No, nor yet promise them. I had no authority to do so.

38,912. You were trying to get up that man Daniel Stone?—I was not trying no further than that he happened to come across me at 2 o'clock, and I said, "Have you voted?" and he said, "No."

38,913. I suppose you wanted him to vote?—It is natural we did; every one of us that was on that footing.

38,914. You would not have said that about the half-crown if you were trying to get him to vote unless you meant to give it to him. It would be to insult a man?—As far as that goes it was only merely laughing and chatting as we came across each other.

38,915. You tried it on, and if it had answered you might have given it, I suppose?—No, I should not have given it, because I had not the power to give it. I was not authorised to give it, and I do not think the men would have taken it if even I had offered it.

38,916. Being an active partisan did you ever spend any money at an election before?—No more than going in at a public-house and getting a glass of ale, and treating a friend with a glass.

38,917. You have spent money at former elections?—Only amongst friends.

38,918. Giving them something to drink?—Not on the point of getting votes.

38,919. I am speaking of former elections.—No, not on the point of getting votes.

38,920. What was it given for?—I had not anything to give them.

38,921. Did you never give any money to get up voters?—Not that I am aware of.

38,922. Not that you are aware of; you are not likely to forget it?—As far as that goes I never had any money given me to give away.

38,923. They say Hardiment had no money given to him, and yet he spent a large sum of money.—I never did.

38,924. You never spent any of your own money?—Not for the sake of an election at all.

38,925. Not at any election?—No.

38,926. At how many elections have you been active?—About three.

38,927. Do you know of any money having been put about at those elections?—I never saw any. I have heard talk about it. I understood that at Bury and Schneider's election Mr. Wilde came down at 3 in the morning with a lot of money, but I never see any.

38,928. I suppose you got nothing for your vote?—No, not a farthing.

38,929. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

38,930. Did you not promise, or give any beer, to any man for voting that day?—Not for his vote.

38,931. Not a drop?—No, none at all.

ELIZABETH SEELEY sworn and examined. *E. Seeley.*

38,932. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know a lady of the name of Mrs. French?—Yes, she is an old acquaintance of mine.

38,933. Do you recollect being in her company on the evening of the election?—I was there in the evening of the day of the election.

38,934. And a person called Richard Green, a plasterer by trade, came in there?—Yes, he did.

38,935. Can you tell me what Green said about the election?—He said that he had 20*l.* put into his hands at 3 o'clock on that day to go and do the best he could with, and he said that he and two or three more went and turned the election.

38,936. When he said that was he drunk or sober?—I do not know; he could not be sober, I do not think by the way he spoke. I do not know; I can only say as I saw him there.

38,937. Was your impression that he was speaking seriously about what he had done, or that he was speaking in joke?—I did not notice him so much as I might have done. I did not speak to him or him to me. He was merely saying of it to Mrs. French; but those are the words he said, and Mrs. French said he did not turn it without bribing; that was the statement she made, and that is all I know about it.

GEORGE RANDALL HOLMES sworn and examined. *G. R. Holmes.*

38,938. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—I did not.

38,939. What are you?—I am an accountant.

38,940. Did you take any active part in the election?—I was manager of the sixth ward on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey.

38,941. Were you at the sixth ward committee room?—I was.

38,942. Previous to the election?—Yes.

38,943. You were attending there for some days, I suppose?—Yes.

38,944. How many days?—Six or seven days, about a week before the election.

38,945. Were the reports of the canvassers brought in to you from time to time?—They met there in the evening after going canvassing about, but we did not take any particular account of the canvass. It was brought up there what there was done.

38,946. Were you the manager of that ward?—Yes, I was.

38,947. On the election day did you attend to the committee room?—I was there the whole day; I never left it.

38,948. Did anything occur during the day to lead you to suspect that there were any improper practices on the part of your own side?—Nothing whatever.

38,949. Or on the other side?—Nor on the other side.

38,950. You remained there checking the poll, I suppose?—Yes.

38,951. And sending out after voters who promised you, and who had not yet polled?—No, parties came backwards and forwards just to see who had not voted.

38,952. They wanted to know who had not voted, and you gave the information?—Yes.

38,953. You trusted to other people to bring them up?—Yes.

38,954. Did anything in the shape of bribery, or treating, or corrupt practices come within your personal knowledge?—No, nothing whatever.

38,955. Have you since heard of anything with regard to bribery or treating beyond what has been spoken of in this court?—No.

38,956. And before the election judge?—No.

38,957. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did not some people come in and say there were a number of persons who wanted a day's pay?—There was such a thing, parties standing about. I said, "Go and get them to vote;" but nothing further than that. I should have inferred

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from what they said that perhaps they thought about getting something.

38,958. Between 2 and 3 was not anything said in your ward about paying the men?—No, nothing to me.

38,959. Or in your hearing?—No, nor in my hearing.

38,960. Were you aware that any money was being spent in any way?—No, not the slightest. I had not the least idea of it.

38,961. You made a very sudden spring. Did it not take you rather by surprise?—It appeared to me they were voting very fast at the last hour, but I could not tell the reason as a matter of course. I was very busy inside, and could not tell what was going on, nor did I hear of anything.

R. Larwood.

ROBERT LARWOOD sworn and examined.

38,962. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At what time in the day did you vote?—Between 2 and 3; I cannot say exactly, but it would be between 2 and 3.

38,963. Had you been canvassed for your vote before?—The blues came to mine the night before.

38,964. What did you say to the blues?—I said I did not think I should vote at all, because I did not think I would lose a day's work after it.

38,965. You did not vote till very nearly a quarter to 4?—I do not know the time, but I think it was not so late as that by a good deal.

38,966. You had been asked to vote, had you not, for Russell and Tillett?—Yes, that I had.

38,967. Have you a nephew?—I do not know what that means.

38,968. Has your brother or sister got a son?—Layton married one of my daughters.

38,969. Were you not going up to the poll with him?—He asked me to go.

38,970. And did he not ask you to go and vote for Tillett?—Yes.

38,971. Were you not going to vote for him?—I will tell you the reason I did not vote for Tillett. A man came to me the night before, and I said I did not think I should vote at all. "Oh," he says, "give Mr. Tillett a vote," and I said, No, I did not think I should lose a day's work after it. He said, "Never "mind a day's work, perhaps you will be rewarded "for that," and I voted on purpose. I had nothing.

38,972. In order to get you to vote they promised you a day's work?—They said, "Let your day's work be, perhaps you will get rewarded for that." I made up my mind and voted on purpose. I had no money, and never see a drop of beer.

38,973. Did not anybody promise you your day's work?—They did not promise me I should have the money; they said, "Never mind the day's work."

38,974. That was the night before?—Yes.

38,975. Who promised you your day's work on the day of the election?—Nobody; I had nothing.

38,976. Did your wife tell you she was promised a day's work?—No.

38,977. Your wife told you to go and vote for Stracey, did she not?—Well, I do not know what she said. No; I had made up my mind before I came away from my sister, about 10 minutes, to go and vote for Mr. Stracey, and only 10 minutes I believe.

38,978. What made you make up your mind at your sister's?—I do not know anything about that. I was turning the mangle for her all the day.

38,979. Do you not know that either your sister or your wife were promised a day's work?—No, I was promised no further than I have said.

38,980. Who do you say promised you your day's work?—They did not right promise me I should get paid a day's work. They said, "Never mind the day's work."

38,981. (*Mr. Biron.*) Who said that the day's work would not matter?—The men that came after your names the night before.

38,982. Who were they?—I do not know who they were.

38,983. Which side were they?—They were the blues, and I voted on purpose.

38,984. You voted Tory?—Yes. I had nothing promised on the Tory side, and never spoke to one not the whole day; only when I went to the poll I said I voted for Mr. Stracey, and gave it in direct.

38,985. Did not your wife tell you to go and vote for Stracey?—Not till after I had made up my mind.

38,986. After you had made up your mind, your wife told you to go and vote for Stracey?—Not till after I had made up my mind. I said, "Give "me Mr. Stracey's card, and I will give him a "plumper."

38,987. Did she not tell you to go and vote for Stracey?—Not to the best of my knowledge. I forget. I know nothing about that.

38,988. They say she can do what she likes with you?—I think it is very likely true.

38,989. Did she not tell you to go and vote for Stracey, and you went and did it?—I had made up my mind about 10 minutes before I came from my sister's.

38,990. What made you make up your mind in 10 minutes?—I told her before I came away how I should vote.

38,991. Who spoke to you to induce you to make up your mind in that 10 minutes?—There was not anyone. No one was in the room; there was only I and she in the room.

38,992. The thought suddenly came across you?—Yes, that is it.

38,993. It was a very sudden thought?—That is the truth. I will not tell a lie about it at all.

38,994. Do you not know that your wife got something?—No, that she did not, not a halfpenny, and never see a halfpenny. I would not say it if it was not true, not for all the world.

38,995. Do you mean to say you never got anything for your vote?—No, nothing.

38,996. Were you promised anything?—No, nor promised anything afterwards, nor yet at that time.

38,997. Have you ever had anything since?—No, nothing at all. I reckon I gave my vote as free as anyone in the city.

R. Carter.

ROBERT CARTER sworn and examined.

38,998. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I have no trade at all. I was a servant.

38,999. You live on your own means?—Yes.

39,000. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

39,001. Have you ever served in his family?—No.

39,002. Did anybody ask you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

39,003. Had you promised your vote?—No.

39,004. Have you voted before in this city?—No.

39,005. Did you receive anything for voting?—No.

39,006. Was any promise made to you?—No.

39,007. Were you not canvassed at any time?—I canvassed a little.

39,008. You canvassed a little yourself?—Yes.

39,009. How many persons did you canvass?—I cannot say. I canvassed three days, about three or four hours in the day.

39,010. Who asked you to canvass?—Mr. Holmes.

39,011. Did he give you any money for the purposes of the canvass?—No.

39,012. Not for conveyance?—No.

39,013. Did you give any money to persons to vote?—No, none.

39,014. Did you lead them to believe that they would get a day's wages?—No, none.

39,015. Do you know any of their wives?—No.

39,016. Were you at any public-houses during the day of the poll?—Yes.

39,017. Which?—I was at the "Richmond Hill" tavern.

39,018. Any other?—I went into one in Ber Street.

39,019. Which was that?—The "Foresters' Arms."

39,020. Who keeps that?—I do not know the man's name; Hewett, I think.

39,021. Were you in any other public-house that day?—No.

39,022. When you were in those public-houses were you a party to the men being treated?—No.

39,023. You were looking up the voters there?—I went in to see if there were any, but there was not.

39,024. Did you not find any?—I found a few, but they would not go and vote.

39,025. Were they standing out for a day's pay?—Yes, that is what they stood for.

39,026. They let you know that?—Yes.

39,027. You had no money to give them?—No.

39,028. Did you tell any of them if there was any money going you would see that they had their share?—I did not know there was any going anywhere.

39,029. But you might have said it?—I did not; I never promised none.

39,030. Without promising did you say if there was any money going you would see that they had their share?—No.

39,031. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Nothing of that sort?—No, not at all.

39,032. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Mr. Holmes was the manager of your ward, was he not?—Yes, he was.

39,033. He was putting a little money about?—I do not think he was; I never see any, and never heard of any.

39,034. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes, I am certain.

39,035. Have you had anything paid you since?—No, not a farthing.

39,036. Have you heard of Mr. Holmes getting anything since?—No.

39,037. Is this the first election at which you have been active?—Yes.

39,038. Do you know of any money being given away for the purpose of getting votes?—No, not a farthing.

CORNELIUS SEAMAN sworn and examined.

C. Seaman.

39,039. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,040. At what time in the day?—About half-past 2, I think.

39,041. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

39,042. By whom?—By Mr. Stracey.

39,043. Did you promise to give it?—Yes.

39,045. Did you get anything for giving it?—No, nothing.

39,046. Nor the promise of anything?—No, nothing whatever.

WILLIAM CHARLES WOODCOCK sworn and examined.

W. C. Woodcock.

39,047. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At what time in the morning of the election day did you go into the "Carpenters' Arms"?—I was there all the morning.

39,048. At what time did you go?—I was there all the morning, from about 8 o'clock I think.

39,049. How long did you remain there?—Almost all the day.

39,050. Did you not remain there till very nearly 4?—Past 3, I think it was.

39,051. Who was treating you there?—No one.

39,052. No one at all?—No.

39,053. Were you only treating yourself?—And two or three young people I was with.

39,054. You got very drunk, did you not?—Yes.

39,055. You went up and voted at a little before 4, did you not?—It was after 3.

39,056. Do you recollect anything about voting?—I was rather too far in drink then.

39,057. You were so drunk, were you not, that Thompson and Martin were obliged to carry you up?—They led me both of them.

39,058. Do you mean to say that other people had not been treating you and giving you something to drink?—Only at my own expense.

39,059. How much did you spend?—I cannot tell you exactly.

39,060. Who came and fetched you up to the poll?—Martin and Thompson; I was with them all the morning.

39,061. Drinking together?—Yes.

39,062. What did they get for voting, do you know?—They had no vote, I do not think, them two.

39,063. Did they not get something for voting?—No.

39,064. They got something for polling you, you know?—No.

39,065. It was a troublesome job to get you up to the poll; they had to carry you?—I did not think about going.

39,066. They had a troublesome job to get you up?—Yes, because I said I would not go.

39,067. They carried you up?—They pulled me up.

39,068. What did they get for carrying you up?—Nothing.

39,069. When they got you up they shouted "Stracey" in your ears?—Yes.

39,070. All the time you were voting?—They said, "Give Stracey a plumper."

39,071. They halloed that out in your ear the whole time?—Yes, in the street.

39,072. You heard it and gave Stracey a plumper?—Yes.

39,073. Did anybody give you anything for your vote?—No.

39,074. Not after you had voted?—No.

39,075. Before you had voted?—No, not anything.

39,076. Did they promise you anything?—No.

39,077. Where did you get all the money you spent in drink?—I worked for it.

39,078. Do you mean to say you got nothing whatever for voting?—No.

39,079. You were very drunk, and you got nothing whatever for voting after all?—Only at my own expense.

39,080. Did anybody give you anything afterwards?—No, not so much as a glass of ale.

WILLIAM LARKMAN sworn and examined.

W. Larkman.

39,081. *Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A gardener.

39,082. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

39,083. At what time in the day?—Directly after dinner.

39,084. Who asked you for your vote?—No one.

39,085. Had you not promised?—No.

39,086. Had you told anybody how you were going to vote?—No.

39,087. What did you get for it?—Not anything.

39,088. Did you not try?—No.

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39,089. Did you not know there was some money going?—No, I never heard anything of the sort.

39,090. At what public-house were you on the day of the poll?—None at all.

39,091. Not one?—No.

39,092. Did you not get any beer for voting?—No.

39,093. Were you paid anything afterwards?—No.

39,094. What became of you after you had voted?—I went back to my work.

39,095. Have you ever voted before?—No.

39,096. Have you always been a Tory?—I have always been on the Conservative side. I work for the Conservatives, and always did.

39,097. Have you voted for the Conservatives in the city elections?—Yes.

H. Barnes.

HENRY BARNES sworn and examined.

39,098. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,099. At what time in the day?—About 20 minutes to 4.

39,100. What were you doing in the early part of the day?—Taking up potatoes for the market.

39,101. How long did that take you?—I had been taking up seven or eight pecks.

39,102. What did you get for your vote?—I never got anything.

39,103. What were you promised?—Nothing.

39,104. Where were you at work?—At Mr. Shorten's till I went and voted.

39,105. Where is that?—He is a gardener at Lakenham.

39,106. Were you at his garden the whole of the day?—Yes, till half-past 2 or 3 o'clock.

39,107. And then what did you do?—I went and voted.

39,108. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

39,109. Had no one asked you?—No.

39,110. What made you vote?—Because my master is a Tory, and of course I went his way.

39,111. He voted for Stracey?—Yes.

39,112. And asked you to vote the same way?—Yes.

R. Brown.

ROBERT BROWN sworn and examined.

39,113. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,114. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

39,115. At what time in the day?—As near as I can tell about 10 o'clock.

39,116. Had you promised your vote beforehand?—No.

39,117. Had you not been canvassed?—No.

39,118. Did anybody come and ask you to vote at all?—No.

39,119. On either side?—No.

39,120. Did anybody come and ask you to go up to the poll that morning?—No.

39,121. You went up entirely of your own accord?—Yes, just so.

39,122. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

39,123. Were you promised anything for your vote?—No, nothing.

39,124. What is your business?—A cordwainer.

39,125. Where do you live?—At present at Tasburgh.

39,126. Where did you live at the time of the election?—At Tasburgh then.

T. Kent.

THOMAS KENT sworn and examined.

39,127. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A pensioner and labourer.

39,128. For whom do you work?—For Mr. Bullard.

39,129. Did he ask you to vote?—No.

39,130. For whom did you vote?—I was for Sir Henry Stracey.

39,131. What made you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Because it was my disposition.

39,132. Were you not asked by anyone?—No.

39,133. Did you promise to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Not to any person.

39,134. Did you tell anybody you were going to vote for him?—No.

39,135. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all.

39,136. Not even a glass of beer?—Nothing from any person.

39,137. At what hour in the day did you poll?—About half-past 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

39,138. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because I could not.

39,139. Why not?—Because I was locked up in the station-house.

39,140. What for?—For being drunk on the nomination day.

39,141. Did you go into the hall on the nomination day?—No, I was in the market, and walked about the streets and got a drop too much. That is telling you the truth.

39,142. Did your political friends give you that?—Yes—oh no, no particular friends.

39,143. Did any of the friends of Sir Henry Stracey give it to you?—No, it was all out of my own friends.

39,144. Did Inspector Clarke give you any?—I never spoke to him in my life, and do not know the man hardly.

39,145. He spoke to you perhaps?—No, never, and he do not know me.

39,146. Were you asked to go to the hall by anybody?—No, never; and I do not believe all the time I ever went into the hall.

39,147. Were you so drunk that you cannot recollect whether you went into the hall or not?—I am confident I did not go into the hall, because I walked up Magdalen Street.

39,148. You are confident you were very drunk that day?—I was not so very drunk that day. I was what they call knocked stupid.

39,149. Have you ever had anything since for voting?—No.

39,150. Did they not give you some drink when you voted?—Never half a glass of beer did I get from any man. As soon as the magistrates liberated me, I went up to the poll and gave my vote as what I call a man, and never spoke to no one either going or coming back.

R. Butler.

ROBERT BUTLER sworn and examined.

39,151. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A foundryman.

39,152. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,153. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

39,154. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

39,155. Where had you been in the early part of the day?—I had been at home.

39,156. At your own house?—Yes.

39,157. The whole day?—Yes.

39,158. What were you doing there?—Sitting by the fire, and enjoying myself.

39,159. Waiting, I suppose, for someone to take you to the poll, and give you something for voting?—No.

39,160. Why did you not vote sooner?—Because I had some relations over, and I spent the day with them.

39,161. Is that your reason?—Yes.

39,162. Who were the relations?—A mother-in-law and a father-in-law.

39,163. How was it you managed to tear yourself away towards half-past 3?—I thought then I would go and vote, and so I did.

39,164. Why had you not thought of that before?—I do not know; I thought that was time enough.

39,165. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

39,166. Who came for you?—No one.

39,167. Who was sent for you?—No one.

39,168. Do you mean to tell me that you went of your own accord?—Yes, I did.

39,169. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No, I had not.

39,170. You had not promised your vote to anybody?—No.

39,171. Did you get neither money nor beer?—No.

39,172. Or the promise of anything?—No.

CHARLES DANIELS sworn and examined. *C. Daniels.*

39,173. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were at Larkman's house, the "Thorn" tavern, on the day of the election, were you not?—No.

39,174. Do you live at Mill Street, Lakenham?—Yes.

39,175. Do you mean to say you were not in Larkman's house that day?—I was not, and do not know where it is.

39,176. Where were you on the day of the election?—I gave my vote at about 12 o'clock.

39,177. Where were you before you went up to the poll?—At Mr. Colman's, at work there till I went and gave my vote in.

39,178. Which way did you vote?—For Russell and Tillett.

39,179. Is there any other Charles Daniels of Mill Street, Lakenham?—I am not aware; there are several Daniels in my street, but I am sure I do not know any other Charles Daniels.

39,180. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

39,181. Nor any promise for your vote?—No.

39,182. You voted of your free good will, and without any influence?—Yes.

JOHN STAFF sworn and examined. *J. Staff.*

39,183. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a weaver by trade, but I have no employment, and am forced to get my living as I can.

39,184. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

39,185. What did you get?—Nothing.

39,186. Did you not try?—No one came near me, and I never asked for anything.

39,187. Were you not looking to get something for your vote?—No, that I was not.

39,188. At what time did you vote?—About 3 o'clock.

39,189. Had you been to any of the public-houses that day?—I went to Mr. Warnes' with my son, and got a pint of beer.

39,190. You got a little beer to go and vote?—I never see any, and I never took anything that I know of but what I paid for.

39,191. After that you went to "St. Paul's" tavern?—No, I did not.

39,192. What public-house did you go to afterwards?—No other after that, not till after the election was over.

39,193. Where did you go then?—I went to Mr. Minns' after it was over and got a pint of beer, and then went home and went to bed.

39,194. How many times were you treated during the day for the sake of your vote?—I never had not one drop.

39,195. Have you had some money paid you since for your vote?—No, I have not.

39,196. Did your wife get anything?—I have not got any wife.

39,197. Has no promise been made to you?—No, not one farthing.

39,198. Have you ever voted before?—Yes.

39,199. On which side have you voted?—I voted Conservative the last twice.

39,200. Have you always voted Conservative?—No.

39,201. Have you ever voted for the Whigs?—Yes.

39,202. What did you get for it on those occasions?—Nothing, only employment.

39,203. What sort of employment?—As messenger.

39,204. And then you voted?—Yes.

39,205. Were you employed in any way this time?—No, I never earned one penny.

39,206. I suppose you would be glad to get anything for your vote that you could?—Yes, that I should.

39,207. You did not know where anything was going?—No.

39,208. You like a day's work when you vote?—Yes.

39,209. Do you get it when you vote at the municipal elections?—I never vote at the municipal elections.

39,210. There is money going then?—I do not know; I have no vote for that.

39,211. How much do you want when you vote, five or six shillings?—I should have been very glad to have taken it; I am a very poor man.

39,212. Five shillings would satisfy you?—Yes.

NATHAN COCK sworn and examined. *N. Cock.*

39,213. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a drover.

39,214. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, I did.

39,215. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

39,216. At what time in the day?—I should say it was a little after 2; it might be nigh 3, but I cannot say exactly.

39,217. Did you go and poll with anybody?—Yes.

39,218. With whom?—Mr. Brinkley went along with me; I went there and had a pint of beer first.

39,219. Is that James Brinkley?—Yes.

39,220. Did he stand the pint before you went?—No, I paid for it myself.

39,221. From where did you get the money?—From my own earnings.

39,222. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not a farthing.

39,223. Nor the promise of anything?—No, not a fraction.

39,224. You did not get any money from anybody that day?—Not a fraction.

39,225. Did you see Smith, the fowl dealer, that day?—No.

39,226. Was he not at Brinkley's that day while you were there?—No, I never saw him.

39,227. Did you see him that day at all?—I never see him that day at all.

39,228. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, not a fraction.

39,229. Neither beer nor money?—No, not a glass of beer from either side; I did not want it.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

S. Dawson, jun.

12 Oct. 1869.

SAMUEL DAWSON, junior, sworn and examined.

39,230. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your occupation?—Estate and general agent.

39,231. You have been actively engaged in elections for Norwich for some years, have you not?—Yes.

39,232. You were actively engaged at the last election?—Yes, I was.

39,233. In what capacity?—As manager in the central committee room.

39,234. Who was your superior?—Mr. Chittock.

39,235. You acted under Mr. Chittock?—Yes, under his instructions.

39,236. Upon former elections have you acted in a similar capacity?—Yes, I did at Mr. Waters' election.

39,237. On the Conservative side?—Yes.

39,238. Kitton was alive at that election?—Yes.

39,239. Mr. William Kitton?—Yes, Mr. William Manning Kitton.

39,240. He died before the last election?—Yes,

39,241. He had been what is called the financial agent of the Conservative party, had he not?—I believe he was at that election.

39,242. And had been at other elections?—Yes, I think he had.

39,243. Some time before the election a number of persons had been employed for the purpose of parading the streets in processions and that sort of thing, had they not?—No.

39,244. Had any persons been employed?—Yes.

39,245. By whom had they been employed?—I employed them.

39,246. Upon how many days did you employ them before the election?—I employed them for the evening's work, that is to say, if there were a meeting in St. Andrew's Hall I would have so many men, and if there were a meeting at the "Maid's Head," I would have so many men to keep the peace; that was what they were for.

39,247. How many had you so employed each time?—In St. Andrew's Hall, for instance, we had about 225, I think.

39,248. These peaceable individuals were your lambs, I suppose?—No; you must understand there was a captain to each.

39,249. They were your lambs?—Whatever you may term them.

39,250. There were 225 employed at one time?—Yes.

39,251. What did you give each man?—I think I engaged with each man to give 2*s.* and a pint of beer.

39,252. That was at St. Andrew's Hall?—Yes.

39,253. Where else had you some?—At the "Maid's Head."

39,254. How many had you there?—I think we had about 75 there.

39,255. At the same pay?—Yes, at the same pay; in fact that was the pay for the whole transaction all the way through.

39,256. Had you any other men employed any evening?—Yes, I think we had some one night where we anticipated there would be a row.

39,257. Where was that?—I think that was No. 3, North Heigham.

39,258. How many had you there?—I think it was only 25 there.

39,259. At the same pay?—Yes, at the same pay; we never made any difference.

39,260. The price for a broken head was 2*s.* and a pint of beer?—They were not there for that; they were on the defensive.

39,261. The price of a broken head was 2*s.* and a pint of beer?—Yes.

39,262. Had you had them during the day at all?—No, I never employed them in the daytime.

39,263. You know of their being employed also upon other occasions by Inspector Clarke, do you not?—No, I do not know anything about that.

39,264. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) That would be a separate gang of peacemakers altogether?—Yes, it would be.

39,265. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) With regard to the men whom you so employed, the lambs, have you got any list of them?—I have got the receipts of what we call the captains, to whom we paid the money.

39,266. How many had each captain under him?—Some had 50, another would have 25, and so on.

39,267. A captain's brigade consisted of 50?—Yes, and some 25.

39,268. When you had 25 you had only one captain?—Yes; and if we had 50 it would be just the same; there would be only one captain.

39,269. They were the paymasters; you handed the money over to them and they distributed it amongst the men?—Yes, that is it.

39,270. You did not know who the men were?—I gave the men instructions that they were not to employ a voter on any account.

39,271. Who were the captains?—Ambrose Andrews was one, and Joe Clarke another.

39,272. Where does Clarke live?—He is a Sprowston man.

39,273. Who were the other captains?—I almost forget the names, but I can easily give you the names out of my book.

39,274. Have you got the book?—Yes, I think I have got the book where I employed them, but if not Mr. Chittock has got it.

39,275. You only had them upon three days before the election?—When Sir Henry Stracey made his first speech at the "Maid's Head" we had a few then.

39,276. Did you have them upon more than three occasions before the day of nomination?—No, I think not; but I will not say for certain.

39,277. On the day of nomination you had a number of men engaged, had you not?—No, I never engaged one.

39,278. Were you at the nomination?—No, I did not go.

39,279. Had you no lambs that day?—No.

39,280. Not under your guidance?—No; Mr. Chittock told them that there was an agreement between the agents that there should be no men employed at all.

39,281. We hear that a considerable body got into the hall, headed by Mr. Stanley; had you any thing to do with that?—No, nothing at all.

39,282. On the day of the election did you provide the gentlemen who had the cocked hats and colors?—I did not engage any men for the election day, not in a rough capacity.

39,283. We will not call them "roughs;" did you employ some men who were dressed in Stracey's colors?—No, not one.

39,284. Do you know who employed those men dressed up in Stracey's colors?—I have no idea at all, not the slightest.

39,285. You heard of there being a lot of men dressed up in Stracey's colors, with cocked hats and so forth?—I never saw any cocked hats.

39,286. Hats with Stracey's colors?—I remember going down to the telegraph office, and seeing some fellows going round with red billheads round their crowns.

39,287. Do you know who employed them?—No, not at all.

39,288. Have you never heard?—No.

39,289. You paid the captains?—Yes.

39,290. Who gave you the funds to pay them?—I took the funds out of my own cash, that is to say, supposing I wanted 5*l.* or 10*l.* or 20*l.*, I drew a cheque and got the money.

39,291. You found the funds?—Yes.

39,292. Who paid them back?—Mr. Chittock paid it all back.

39,293. Did Mr. Chittock pay the expenses of those men who were engaged at the St. Andrew's Hall on those three days you mentioned before the election?—Yes.

39,294. Did you pay anything for bands?—No.

39,295. Can you give me the entire sum which you paid for those men?—No, I cannot tell you now from memory; but I could easily get the book and tell you.

39,296. I should like to see that book very much; does it contain the other expenses?—There is what you may term my private cash book and the rough cash book.

39,297. I should like to see them.—You can see them. I should be happy to produce them.

39,298. Did you get money from any other person than Mr. Chittock for anything connected with the election?—No.

39,299. Have you ever since got anything on account of the election from any other person than Mr. Chittock?—No.

39,300. Do you know of any fund being provided for the payment of the expenses of the election?—No.

39,301. Was there not a fund provided for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the election on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

39,302. Was there no guarantee with regard to the expenses?—No.

39,303. You were superintending the first ward on the day of the election?—No; I was at the central committee room all the day.

39,304. Was not that in the first ward?—No, No. 4.

39,305. Was Dr. Allen at your ward?—I do not believe I saw Dr. Allen the whole day.

39,306. Was Mr. Arthur Bignold there?—I saw him.

39,307. Had you seen Mr. Arthur Bignold several days before?—No, I should be in the committee room.

39,308. Did you not canvass at all?—No.

39,309. You confined yourself entirely to the committee room?—Yes.

39,310. Was there before the day of the election a private meeting of the principal men of Sir Henry Stracey's party, at which you were present?—I was not present at that meeting.

39,311. There was a meeting, was there not?—I think there was two or three days before.

39,312. Who presided at that meeting; do you recollect?—I do not recollect now.

39,313. Where was it held?—It was held at the "Swan," an empty house.

39,314. Who was the secretary of that meeting?—There were no minutes taken.

39,315. Who acted?—Mr. Chittock might be in the room, and I might casually go in just to speak to Mr. Patteson, or someone.

39,316. Did you hear at that time that it was considered advisable to be provided with funds against emergencies?—No. I can tell you what I did hear Sir Henry Stracey say in that very room. He said, "If I know of one single penny about to be spent I will retire at once."

39,317. I am talking of a meeting at which you said you were not present.—I might go in casually.

39,318. Was Sir Henry Stracey present at the meeting to which you allude?—Yes, he was there.

39,319. I am not speaking of a meeting at which Sir Henry Stracey was present. I am speaking of another meeting of his supporters held immediately before his election?—There were several little meetings, but not of any account.

39,320. Did you not hear of a meeting at which it was resolved to give a guarantee, or to provide a fund?—No, nothing of the sort.

39,321. Did you hear of anything being subscribed by the clubs?—No, nothing.

39,322. Did you pay out of your own pocket and with your own cheques the claims which were made upon the central committee?—I think I did a great portion of them.

39,323. Did Mr. Chittock repay you?—He used to give me 30*l.* or 40*l.* at a time.

39,324. Has anybody besides Mr. Chittock repaid you any of those sums which you so disbursed?—No, not a single person.

39,325. When did Mr. Chittock repay you those sums which you paid for the lambs? Would your cash book show that?—Yes, it would.

39,326. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did he pay you by a cheque?—No, I think he had notes; but this book, I think, will show it.

39,327. I think we had better have the book; it will save us a great deal of trouble, and you also. I do not think it would be satisfactory to finish your examination without the book, so you will be kind enough to bring it to-morrow morning, and we will examine you the first thing.—I will do so.

ARTHUR DUNN sworn and examined. *A. Dunn.*

39,328. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

39,329. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

39,330. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

36,331. Did you get anything for it?—Not a penny.

39,332. What made you so late?—I do not know.

39,333. You had been idling about all day?—Yes.

39,334. I suppose trying to see what was to be got?—Yes.

39,335. Did you not hear of anything?—No, I never see anything nor yet hear of anything.

39,336. You wanted something I suppose?—Yes.

39,337. How much did you want?—As much as I could have got.

39,338. Would you have been satisfied with 5*s.*?—I do not know that I should.

39,339. Half a sovereign, would that have suited you better?—Yes, I think it would.

39,340. And then you would have voted?—I might perhaps then.

39,341. On either side?—No, I think not.

39,342. It would take more than half a sovereign to make you vote against your principles?—Yes, I think it would.

39,343. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is the balance; 10*s.* to vote for your own candidate, and 20*s.* for the other?—I do not know. I do not think I would vote against my principles for anything.

39,344. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You do not like voting for your principles without something?—I did do so.

39,345. You were forced to do it?—Yes.

JAMES FARRINGTON sworn and examined. *J. Farrington.*

39,346. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,347. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

39,348. At what time in the day?—Somewhere about 12 o'clock, as near as I can guess.

39,349. Did anybody take you up to the poll?—Yes.

39,350. Who was that?—Mr. Willis. I was going up to vote, and he asked me if I would get up in the cart.

39,351. He gave you a ride?—Yes.

39,352. Did he give you anything for voting?—No.

39,353. Did he promise you anything?—No.

39,354. Did he stand treat?—No.

39,355. Did anybody else give you anything?—No.

39,356. Or promise you anything?—No.

39,357. Had you promised to vote before the day of election?—No.

39,358. Did you go up entirely of your own accord?—Yes, I did.

39,359. Did you get anything after you had voted?—No.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

F. Alden.

12 Oct. 1869.

FREDERICK ALDEN sworn and examined.

39,360. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You keep a public-house, do you not?—Yes.

39,361. On the day of the election you had a considerable number of men in your house, had you not?—I had several people there.

39,362. A good many?—Yes, a goodish many.

39,363. The poll was close to your house, was it not?—No.

39,364. How far from your house?—I suppose 300 or 400 yards.

39,365. How many men do you think you had at a time in your house, voters?—Seven or eight.

39,366. Do you know James Tait?—Yes.

39,367. Daniel Stigles?—Yes.

39,368. William Henry Newman?—Yes.

39,369. James Aldridge?—Yes.

39,370. James Farrington?—Yes.

39,371. Richard Nichols?—Yes.

39,372. Isaac Hayward?—Yes.

39,373. Robert Cullingford?—Yes.

39,374. Christopher Wegg?—Yes.

39,375. They were all there at one time?—Not all of them.

39,376. They were there at different times at your house?—Wegg was not there at all.

39,377. Was he not there at all that day?—No.

39,378. You gave the men in your house a considerable quantity of beer, did you not?—No.

39,379. Do you mean to say you were paid for all the beer had in your house that day?—Every drop.

39,380. Did you give none away?—No.

39,381. Who paid you for the beer?—The men that drank it themselves.

39,382. Do you mean that nobody supplied other men with beer in your house that day?—Not a single drop.

39,383. You did not give beer away yourself?—No, not half a pint.

39,384. Did any of those men whose names I have mentioned to you pay you a single farthing for beer?—Oh yes, they had pints.

39,385. Do you mean to say that they paid you for beer?—They paid for what they had.

39,386. Did any of those men pay you for beer on that day?—Yes, half-pints and pints.

39,387. Did they pay you each and every one of them?—Every one that had it paid themselves for the beer.

39,388. Did each and every man pay you for the beer they drank in your house that day?—Yes, they did.

39,389. You were going up frequently to the polling place, were you not, in the course of the day?—Only once in the day.

39,390. Are you sure that you only went once?—Yes, that is all.

39,391. Did you not go up and take a fresh man to the polling place from your house from time to time?—No, only one man.

39,392. Who was he?—Mr. Newman.

39,393. Did you take him into your house?—No, he was at mine; he came in mine.

39,394. Did you take him up to the poll?—Yes, I did.

39,395. At what time in the day?—Half-past 11 in the forenoon.

39,396. What did you give that man?—Not a glass of beer; he did not ask for it.

39,397. Did you give him any money?—No, not a farthing.

39,398. Did you promise him any money?—No, he did not ask for a single farthing; and there was not a single soul in my house that got a farthing.

39,399. Was Mr. Flowers there?—He came in the morning.

39,400. Was he not there several times in the course of the day?—Only once.

39,401. What was he doing?—I do not know; he, like anybody else, came in to have a pint.

39,402. Did he come in to speak to the men?—No, he came in along with two women.

39,403. Were those two women the wives of voters?—No.

39,404. Who were they?—I do not know.

39,405. How do you know they were not the wives of voters?—I know they were not, because I know all the men's wives.

39,406. Do you mean to say that you know the wife of every voter in Norwich?—No, of them that were in my house. I am not talking of other people.

39,407. How do you know they were not the wives of voters?—They were not the wives of them that were in my house.

39,408. How do you know they were not the wives of other voters?—That I do not know anything about.

39,409. You do not know who those women were?—No, I do not.

39,410. Did he come in and treat the women?—Yes.

39,411. How long did he remain treating the women in your house?—About 20 minutes.

39,412. Was that the only time he came?—Yes, that was the only time he came in that day.

39,413. Where did he treat the women?—At the bar.

39,414. Were there a lot of men there at the same time?—Yes.

39,415. Did he treat them?—No.

39,416. Did he treat these women with beer, or gin?—With beer; he had four glasses of the best ale.

39,417. Did he not pay you for beer supplied to the voters there?—No, he did not.

39,418-20. What quantity of beer did he pay for?—Four glasses of the best ale.

39,421. No more?—No, no more.

39,422. Not at any time that day?—Not at any time that day.

39,423. Did he not come in the afterpart of the day again?—No.

39,424. Were you in your house the whole day?—Yes. After I went out and voted and came back, I did not go out no more.

39,425. You voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, I did, at half-past 8 in the morning.

39,426. Do you recollect once when you went out touching a man on the shoulder, and saying to him, "Come with me into my house, I have plenty of beer for you"?—No, no such thing.

39,427. Did nothing of that sort pass between you and any man?—No.

39,428. Did you not say that to any man that day?—No, I did not, and I am on my oath.

39,429. Did you not see Mrs. Turrell standing by when you said that to a man?—No, I never said it to anybody. I never asked anybody to vote. I enjoy my own opinion, and I left others to do the same.

39,430. Do you mean to say you did not ask anybody to vote that day?—I did not, and that I can swear.

39,431. These fellows were staying in your house for the purpose of getting money?—No, they were not, not one of them.

39,432. Not one?—No.

39,433. What were they staying in your house for?—They always do; they use my house.

39,434. Were they not hanging about the house all day?—Not for a farthing of money, nor yet for a glass of ale, and not one of them got a penny, I am sure of it.

39,435. Were there no voters in your house that day who wanted to be paid for their day's work?—No, not one.

39,436. You are sure of that?—Yes.

39,437. Yours was a perfectly pure house?—Yes.

39,438. And every single man who came into your

house would scorn to take money?—They did not want a penny for their vote.

39,439. And you expect me to believe that?—You must please yourself about that. I know it is right.

39,440. You did not see a single man that day who wanted to be paid his day's work?—Not in my house I did not.

39,441. You did not hear any talk about it in any way?—I heard it talked about after the election was over.

39,442. Where?—In the street.

39,443. And in your house?—No, not in my house; it was after the election was over.

39,444. Did you not hear it talked of on the election day?—No; I never left my house from half-past 8 till 4.

39,445. And you did not hear a single person speak about a day's pay or a day's wages, or anything of that sort?—I did not, not one.

39,446. If that be so I think that you must be an exception to all the other people in Norwich, but my impression is that you are not an exception. I do not believe a single word you have uttered except that those men were in your house.—I have told you the truth, and not one of them got a glass of ale, and that I can prove.

SAMUEL WILLIS sworn and examined. *S. Willis.*

39,447. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A waiter.

39,448. For whom did you vote at this election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

39,449. What did you get for it?—Not anything.

39,450. Have you ever voted before?—No.

39,451. What time in the day did you vote?—Half-past 8 in the morning.

39,452. Had you promised your vote?—Yes, I had promised my vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

39,453. Had you promised any person you would vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

39,454. Who?—Mr. Smith of the "Bell" hotel.

39,455. When did you make that promise?—Two months before the election.

39,456. As soon as you knew that Sir Henry Stracey was a candidate?—Yes.

39,457. You voted according to promise?—Yes.

39,458. Have you had anything for it?—No.

39,459. Were you not treated on that day?—No.

JOHN AMIES sworn and examined. *J. Amies.*

39,460. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A builder.

39,461. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,462. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

39,463. At what time in the day?—Between 9 and 10.

39,464. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

39,465. Or the promise of anything?—No.

39,466. Did you take any active part in the election?—No, not any.

39,467. You did not yourself give any other people money to vote?—No.

39,468. Or interfere with the election in any way?—No, not in any way whatever.

CORNELIUS SAUNDERS sworn and examined. *C. Saunders.*

39,469. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A miller.

39,470. Who do you work for?—Mr. Read, of Trowse.

39,471. Were you at work on the day of the poll?—Yes.

39,472. What time did you leave your work?—Somewhere about 11.

39,473. Then did you go and vote?—I went home and cleaned myself and had my dinner.

39,474. You had your dinner and then you voted?—No.

39,475. When did you vote?—Some time between 3 and a quarter past.

39,476. Did you get anything for it?—No.

39,477. Have you had anything since?—No.

39,478. Who asked you to vote?—Well, I was asked by some of Mr. Stracey's party, but I don't know who they were. They came into the mill and asked me before the election.

39,479. When they asked you to vote did you promise?—No, I never promised at all.

39,480. Did you say that you could not make up your mind?—Yes.

39,481. What made you make up your mind between 3 and 4 on the day of the poll?—Because I had made up my mind to vote that day then.

39,482. What inducement was offered to you to make your mind to vote that way?—Nobody induced me at all.

39,483. Did you not get a little money for it?—No.

39,484. Did you not get something afterwards?—No, not a farthing.

39,485. What public houses were you at after you had had your dinner and gone out?—The "Lily" tavern.

39,486. I suppose there were a good many voters there?—I believe there were several there.

39,487. And you were all drinking together?—Yes.

39,488. I suppose there was a good deal of beer being provided for the voters?—No, not a drop that I saw.

39,489. Did you not get any?—No, not a drop.

39,490. Were you not looking out for what you could get for your vote?—No.

39,491. Is this the first time you voted?—Yes.

39,492. And you mean to tell me you got nothing for it?—No.

39,493. And did not want to get anything?—No, I never asked for anything.

39,494. I suppose you would have been very glad to get it?—Well, I was not asked that question.

39,495. But I suppose if anybody had come to you with half a sovereign you would have been very glad to take it?—I don't know that I should not have taken it if I had been offered it.

EMERSON EGLINGTON sworn and examined. *E. Eglington.*

39,496. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carpenter and joiner.

39,497. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,498. When?—About half-past 3, as near as I can tell.

39,499. Why did you not vote earlier than that?—Well, I thought the hours of polling was from about 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 in the afternoon, and that any time would do.

39,500. What were you at the first part of the day?—Walking about and taking my pleasure.

39,501. I suppose you were waiting to see what you could get?—I was not.

39,502. Did you get anything?—No.

39,503. Or the promise of anything?—No.

39,504. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

E. Eglington.

12 Oct. 1869.

39,505. Had you promised your vote?—No.

39,506. Why did you not promise?—Because I was not at home.

39,507. You were wandering about until half-past 3?—Not wandering about; I was getting a glass of ale.

39,508. What houses were you in?—The Prince of something, on Charing Cross, but I cannot tell the sign of it.

39,509. I suppose there were men in there waiting to see what they could get?—I suppose there were.

39,510. And you were waiting with them?—I was not waiting for anything.

39,511. Well, I can form my own judgment about that.

G Linstead.

GEORGE LINSTEAD sworn and examined.

39,512. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4.

39,513. Where were you all the day?—I made half a day's work. I work for Mr. Colman.

39,514. Up to what time did you work then?—Half-past 11.

39,515. Where were you between half-past 11 and the time you voted?—After I left off I took my horse into the stables, and I had got to see to my horse.

39,516. That would not take you very long?—Well, that would take me an hour.

39,517. What did you do then?—I went home and got my dinner, and then I laid down.

39,518. Was that your way of doing half a day's work?—That was after I had done my half day's work.

39,519. Did you not go to any publics?—No, I keep a public-house myself.

39,520. What is the name of your public-house?—The "Royal Standard."

39,521. Were there a number of men in your house?—No.

39,522. Very few, I suppose?—No, there was not anyone there.

39,523. There was nobody there?—No, we stand a little bit out of the way. It is not a place for business.

39,524. It was not in one of the thoroughfares?—No, it was not in one of the thoroughfares.

39,525. The "Royal Standard" was not patronised very much on that day?—No, it was not appreciated very much that day.

39,526. Did anyone come to the "Royal Standard" to get the landlord to vote?—No, no one came to me; I went and voted on my own principle.

39,527. Entirely on your own account?—Yes.

39,528. Without any inducement?—No.

39,529. Nobody offered you anything?—No, nothing that I wanted; but I tell you what I think I got, I got the sack.

39,530. Well, I am very sorry to hear that, if anybody discharged you because you voted according to principle.—Well, I did vote according to my own principle.

It is a very sad thing if anybody did that, and they ought to be condemned for it by every sensible man.

39,531. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you discharged from your employment?—I was discharged from Mr. Colman's, at the Carrow Works.

39,532. Had you been threatened with it before you voted?—No, I understood Mr. Colman that every man was at liberty to vote according to his principles, and I thought I was at liberty.

39,533. (*Mr. Biron.*) Have you ever asked the reason of your discharge from Mr. Colman?—No; but there was another carpenter took my place, that is Mr. Thirkettle; but I voted a Tory, and that made all the difference.

39,534. Did you ever make a complaint to Mr. Colman?—No.

I think if I were you I should remonstrate with Mr. Colman first.

(*Mr. Mansfield.*) Then, perhaps, you might learn what you were discharged for.

39,535. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Well, I do not think that Mr. Colman, from what we have seen of him, would do such a thing as that.—I have always thought that he was a gentleman.

39,536. What did you think you were discharged for?—Because I voted according to my own principle.

39,537. There may be an intermediate man who has control over these things, and the intermediate man is worse than the master.—That may be so.

39,538. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you in Colman's regular employment?—No, I was a jobbing carpenter; and when they had extra work they had generally sent to me to do it.

39,539. You have never been employed since?—No, Mr. Sadler, of the "Roebuck," works for them now.

39,540. Had you worked for them before?—I had worked for them before, for five years.

39,541. You had better go and see Mr. Colman. I do not think he would do such a thing as that, not on that account at any rate.

W. Smith.

WILLIAM SMITH sworn and examined.

39,542. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A carpenter.

39,543. Do you work by yourself?—Yes.

39,544. Do you employ any people?—Yes.

39,545. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

39,546. Did you make your men vote for him too?—No.

39,547. Who asked you to vote for Stracey?—I cannot tell that.

39,548. Were you asked?—Yes.

39,549. Did you promise?—I promised I would vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

39,550. Have you ever voted Tory before?—Yes.

39,551. All your life?—Yes.

39,552. Have you ever had anything for your vote?—No.

39,553. Not at any time whatever before?—No.

39,554. Have you had anything this time?—No.

39,555. Was anything promised you?—No.

39,556. Has anything been given you since?—No.

39,557. You are quite sure of that?—Yes.

39,558. Did anyone treat you on the polling day?—No.

39,559. Did you treat anybody else?—I treated myself, but I did not treat anybody else.

39,560. Did you not get up any voters for your party?—No.

39,561. Did you not pay anyone any money?—No.

39,562. Did anything go through your hands for the purposes of this election?—I did not give any money to anybody.

J. Brinkley.

JAMES BRINKLEY sworn and examined.

39,563. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you keep a public-house?—Yes.

39,564. Is that the "Southwell Arms"?—Yes.

39,565. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,566. For whom?—Stracey.

39,567. What time in the day?—About 10 o'clock.

39,568. Did you then go back to your house?—I did.

39,569. Were you there during the day?—No, not all the day.

39,570. How long were you there?—I was there until about 2 or 3 o'clock.

39,571. Were there men there?—Yes.

39,572. Drinking?—Certainly.

39,573. Who paid for the beer they had?—They that had it did.

39,574. As it was drawn?—As it was drawn.

33,575. Was no money paid by anybody else to treat those men there?—No, not a penny, to the best of my knowledge.

39,576. Were they waiting there to see what they could get for their votes?—There might be some of them, but they did not wait there long.

39,577. They waited there until 3, or thereabouts, did they not?—Oh no; it was the very early part of the day that I had so many in, from 9 to 10 o'clock.

39,578. What was said about voting then?—That I do not exactly know.

39,579. Not exactly, perhaps?—I will tell you. I had to go down a long passage for every pint of beer that was drawn; therefore I could not be in the room only a very little time.

39,580. But you heard enough to be pretty well aware that the men there expected something for their votes?—I believe if they could have got some beer they would have drunk it.

38,581. Did you take any of them up?—Yes.

39,582. Who did you take up?—Robert Bright I took up for one. He came and asked me whether I would walk along with him, and I walked with him. He was not in the house then; he was in the road when he asked me that question.

39,583. Did you give him anything for voting?—Not one farthing, nor yet a drop of beer.

39,584. Nor anything after he had voted?—Not a farthing, nor yet a drop of beer.

39,585. Did you give anybody any money or beer that day?—No, not a drop.

39,586. Do you know Samuel Etheridge?—I do, well.

39,587. Did you give him anything?—No.

39,588. Or promise him anything?—No. I went with him to the poll.

39,589. Did Etheridge ask you to go to the poll with him?—No.

39,590. Well, why did you go?—Because he was a neighbour, and I went with him to the poll.

39,591. But a man could go to the poll and say what his name is without your going with him?—Well, I felt a little anxious just at that time.

39,592. Anxious to see which way he voted?—Yes.

39,593. Did not you make certain that he would vote one way by giving or promising him something?—That man never asked me for a single farthing, nor one drop of ale.

39,594. What made you suspect him then?—I never suspected him then.

39,595. You were not sure which way he would vote, and you went with him to see?—Yes. I went up with him to see which way he voted, but I never suspected that he was going the other way. When I asked him whether he was going to vote, he said, "Yes," and he went and voted. I said, "Who are you going to vote for?" He said, "Stracey," and I said, "I will walk with you," and I did so.

39,596. Did you vote at the same time with him?—No, I voted at 10 o'clock in the morning.

39,597. Did you take any more men up in the same way?—No, I cannot recollect any.

39,598. Did you take Isaac Lee up?—No, I do not know the name.

39,599. Or Nathan Cock?—I went up with Nathan Cock.

39,600. What made you go up with him?—Because he asked me.

39,601. To take care of him?—No. I said, says I, "Mind you be right;" that is, which way he was going to vote; and he said, "You can go along with me if you like." I said, "So I will," and I walked with him.

39,602. What did you give him afterwards?—I got him some beer when he came back; what he called for.

39,603. Did he pay for it?—Certainly he did, and so did every other man, to the best of my knowledge.

39,604. Was Smith, the fowl dealer, at your place that day?—He was never in my house in his life, to the best of my knowledge.

39,605. Then he was not there that day?—No. I know the man well, but I never saw him in my house in my life.

39,606. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

39,607. Or the promise of anything?—No; I am too staunch a man for that.

HENRY BROOKS sworn and examined.

H. Brooks.

39,608. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time in the day did you vote?—Between 3 and 4.

36,609. What were you doing all the early part of the day?—At work part of the day.

39,610. Up to what time were you at work?—Up to a little after 1.

39,611. For whom were you at work?—I was at work down at Carrow.

39,612. What were you doing?—Repairing some tiling; I am a bricklayer.

39,613. Did anybody come to your house that day to fetch you up to vote?—Not anybody; not anyone came particularly for that. Some came just as I was getting my dinner. I went home and got my dinner between 2 and 3, or it might be a little after 3, and my son-in-law came and asked me whether I had voted. I said I had not. He said, "Will you go and vote along with me?" I said, "I don't care whether "I vote at all; I work for both parties, and I don't "care whether I vote at all." "But," says he, "come and vote along with me," and I went and voted along with him.

39,614. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

39,615. Or the promise of anything?—No, I never did in my life.

THOMAS CARTER sworn and examined.

T. Carter.

39,616. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A cabinet maker.

39,617. Who did you work for?—I did work for Mr. R. B. Scott, Charing Cross.

39,618. Were you at your work on the election day?—Yes, I did work on the day of the election.

39,619. When did you leave your work?—I went to work at 6 in the morning, and left it at 1; then I went home to dinner, which I never do vote until I go home to dinner, because I have a mile to go and vote, and a mile back again, and I had no other time. When I got there at dinner time there was a lot of roughs and bullies round knocking people's hats off, and things of that sort, and I went home and got my dinner, and when I had finished the job I had to do I went and voted at a few minutes past 3.

39,620. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a farthing.

39,621. Have you had anything since?—Not a farthing since, and never thought about it.

39,622. Had you promised your vote?—I did; I promised young Mr. Stracey about two or three days before the election.

39,623. He had spoken to you about it?—Yes, he met me in the street and asked me.

39,624. And you promised to vote?—I did on account of my father being on the estate for numbers and numbers of years.

39,625. That is a very good reason.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

D. Shildrake.

12 Oct. 1869.

DAVID SHILDRAKE sworn and examined.

39,626. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

39,627. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,628. For whom?—Mr. Henry Stracey.

39,629. When did you vote?—I think from about half-past 3 to 20 minutes to 4. I don't know to a few minutes.

39,630. Where were you in the morning?—At my master's work.

39,631. And your wife came and fetched you from it, did she not?—No.

39,632. Who did?—Not anyone.

39,633. Did you get anything for voting?—Not anything.

39,634. Did you see a man of the name of Sligh that day?—Yes, I saw him when I was going out, just at the end of my street, talking along with Mr. Leach, the clergyman, but he never spoke to me.

39,635. Did he speak to your wife?—No.

39,636. Did your wife get something for you?—That I don't know, I am sure.

39,637. Have you heard of it since?—I don't know what she done, I'm sure.

39,638. Did she not tell you that Sligh had left *5s.* with her?—No, she never told me so, at any rate.

39,639. You know it was so, though?—No, I don't know such a thing. I know it was not so, as far as that goes.

39,640. Did she not tell you to go and vote?—No.

39,641. Who did tell you?—Not anyone.

39,642. Did she not say it was all right, and that you might vote now?—My wife never said no such thing; she never said anything at all about it.

39,643. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because I had a mind to pull through my day's labour.

39,644. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—Yes.

39,645. Had you promised to vote?—No.

39,646. Why did you not promise?—Mr. Aldons asked me whether I would not give my vote to Mr. Tillett, and I told him, No, I should vote the other side if I voted at all.

39,647. Had you a doubt about voting at all?—I should not have gone to give my vote in if my labour had been so that I could not have got there at the time.

39,648. Unless you could have done your day's work before voting you would not have voted at all?—I should not have voted at all.

39,649. Had you not said that you should not go unless someone paid your day's work?—I should not have gone to vote if I could not have fulfilled my day's work at the proper time.

39,650. Did you say you should not vote unless you were paid your day's work?—No, I never said such a thing. I did not mean to vote at all if I could not go without losing my time.

39,651. If anybody had paid you for your day's work I suppose you would have gone at once?—That was not mentioned to me, not by a soul.

W. Hare.

WILLIAM HARE sworn and examined.

39,652. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—I did.

39,653. Did anybody give you anything for it?—Not anything.

39,654. Did anyone come and ask you to vote?—No.

39,655. You went up of your own accord?—I did.

39,656. Did you not see anybody who offered you anything that day?—Not a soul.

39,657. Have you ever got anything?—Not anything, and I did not ask for it.

39,658. Have you ever voted before?—Yes.

39,659. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

39,660. Which way have you voted?—I always voted Tory.

39,661. You have always voted that side?—Always that side.

39,662. Did you ever get anything for voting?—No.

39,663. Not when 10*l.* notes were going?—No.

39,664. How came you to vote so late in the day?—I voted between 11 and 12 in the forenoon.

39,665. You voted later than that.—No.

39,666. You are returned as voting later than 2.—No, after I had done up my shop in the market I went and put my pony up, and came back again and voted.

J. Cattell.

JAMES CATTELL sworn and examined.

39,667. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your business?—A tailor.

39,668. Are you a journeyman, or a master?—I work for myself.

39,669. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

39,670. Who asked you for your vote?—Mr. Frederick Brown called.

39,671. When did he ask you for it?—A few days before; I cannot say exactly how long it was.

39,672. And you then promised him to vote for Sir Henry?—No, I did not.

39,673. Did you say you would not make up your mind?—Yes. I said I had not made up my mind which I should vote for.

39,674. When did you make up your mind?—About 2 o'clock on the election day.

39,675. I suppose you got a little money for doing so?—No, I did not.

39,676. How much was it?—I did not get anything.

39,677. Did they not promise you anything?—No, they did not.

39,678. They have given you something since?—No, they did not give me anything.

39,679. Did they not give you some beer?—No, not any.

39,680. Are you quite sure of that?—Quite sure.

39,681. Were you not treated the whole of the day of the election?—I was at work the whole of the forenoon.

39,682. But when you went out and polled were you not treated?—No.

39,683. What public-houses did you go to?—I did not go anywhere.

39,684. And you were not treated, and got no money?—No, not at all.

39,685. And were not promised anything?—Not at all.

R. Littleboy.

ROBERT LITTLEBOY sworn and examined.

39,686. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

39,687. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,688. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

39,689. Did you get anything for it?—No.

39,690. What time in the day did you vote?—About 2 o'clock, I believe.

39,691. Had you promised your vote before?—No, nor yet was I spoken to by anybody.

39,692. How came you to vote?—Oh, that was my wishes.

39,693. Are you a Tory?—Yes.

39,694. Did you get anything, or the promise of anything for it?—I did not.

HENRY WYATT sworn and examined. *H. Wyatt.*

39,695. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a publican?—Yes.

39,696. What is the sign of your public-house?—The "Lord Nelson."

39,697. Is your house near any polling place?—No.

39,698. Had you many voters in it on the day of the election?—I was not at home.

39,699. Where were you?—I was holding a situation.

39,700. What was your situation?—Messenger.

39,701. To whom were you messenger?—For Mr. Tillett.

39,702. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

39,703. How came you to be holding the situation of messenger for Mr. Tillett, and to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Because my father was a voter for Mr. Tillett, and he got the situation for my brother, but he was not able to attend, and he asked me to take his place.

39,704. And you went and voted for your brother, did you?—No, I took his situation.

39,705. You took his situation with Mr. Tillett?—Yes.

39,706. Or did you take his situation at the poll; which is it that you mean?—I took his situation at Mr. Tillett's.

39,707. Did you get some money for it?—I got paid for my day's work at Mr. Tillett's place.

39,708. That was not for voting for Stracey, you know.—I never got anything for voting for Mr. Stracey.

39,709. How came you to vote; had you a vote of your own?—Yes.

39,710. Did you merely take your brother's place for the day, or for some little time while he was away?—I took it for the day.

39,711. You were in fact holding your brother's place for the day; you were not Mr. Tillett's regular man, or anything of the sort?—No.

39,712. What time did you vote?—About half-past 3.

39,713. Could you not get up before?—No.

39,714. Did anybody give you anything for it?—No.

39,715. Or promise you anything?—Nothing.

SAMUEL WALPOLE sworn and examined. *S. Walpole.*

39,716. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your business?—I am a shoemaker.

39,717. Do you employ men under you?—Well, I am a clicker; I hold a situation in a shoe manufactory.

39,718. Whose factory is that?—Ford and Sons, St. George's.

39,719. Were you employed there on the day of the election?—Yes.

39,720. Up till dinner time?—I think about half-past 11 or 12 we left off.

39,721. And when you left off did you go and vote?—I left off to go home.

39,722. When did you vote?—About a quarter past 3.

39,723. For Sir Henry Stracey?—No, for Tillett and Russell.

39,724. I think you were offered something for your vote, were you not?—No, not directly offered money.

39,725. How was it?—Indirectly. I will explain that to you; it was through a conversation I had with a man on the Sunday morning before the election, the Sunday dinner time.

39,726. Who is the man?—The man is Mr. Sayer, the leather cutter.

39,727. What took place?—Whether he was in the house before me, or me first, I don't know; but somehow we got into conversation about the election, and I said, "Which of the men do you think will be returned?" and he said, "Mr. Tillett is safe, no doubt, "but the Conservatives intend to fight for it, and they "intend to win, if possible." He said, "Which way are you going to vote?" I said, "I shall vote for Tillett and Russell, or, perhaps, Tillett alone." He said, "I should think you could find a use for a pound." I said, "I never had one that I could not find a use for, but I should not have it that way." "Well," he says, "I should think you would; they have got money down, and they intend to win the election."

39,728. The Tories did?—Yes.

39,729. Did he say anything more about the pound?—Well, he said he did not think the price for votes would run high.

39,730. Did he propose to give you the pound?—No, he did not directly say, "I will give you a pound," nor say that he had money to give.

39,731. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) But you understood it?—I understood from that that he knew, in some way or other, that the Conservatives had got money, and intended to bribe if they could not get the election without.

39,732. And that you could get a pound?—That I could.

39,733. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) But you did not?—No, I did not want it.

39,734. Have you had anything at all for voting?—No.

39,735. Do you know of anybody getting money?—I do not know of anyone.

39,736. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where does Sayer live?—He is a currier, a leather cutter, and lives at the top of St. Lawrence's steps, in St. Lawrence's parish.

39,737. Was not anything said in this way: "Would so much induce you to vote for Stracey"?—No, he did not put it that way. I said it was the first vote I had, and I should not think of selling of it for a pound or two; he said, "Well, they won't run to any more," and I said, "I have heard talk years ago of their "offering forties and fifties, and I should not like "them to tempt me like that, because money is "useful."

39,738. Very well; I think you have given a true account of the transaction.—That is all I know about it.

ABRAHAM CANNELL sworn and examined. *A. Cannell.*

39,739. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A butcher.

39,740. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,741. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

39,742. What time in the day?—About half-past 1 or 2.

39,743. Are you on your own account, or a journeyman?—On my own account.

39,744. Did you get anything for voting?—No, I did not.

39,745. Or the promise of anything?—No, nor the promise of anything.

ROBERT LARTER sworn and examined. *R. Larter.*

39,746. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What were you doing in the early part of the day of the election?—Walking about.

39,747. To what public-houses did you go?—Several.

39,748. I suppose you were walking about seeing

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whether you could get a day's pay, or something of the kind?—No, I was not.

39,749. I suppose you would not have refused a day's pay?—Oh yes, I should.

39,750. What were you walking about for, then?—My own amusement.

39,751. Do you often take a day's walk about the city for your own amusement?—Yes, when I have nothing to do.

39,752. Often?—Yes, when I have nothing to do, and I had nothing to do that day.

39,753. Is that the way in which you amuse yourself?—Yes.

39,754. How many public-houses were you in that day?—Several.

39,755. How many?—Four or five.

39,756. Just mention the first you went into?—I went into Mr. Mallows, at the top of the market.

39,757. What is the sign of it?—The "Bull," I think.

39,758. How long were you there?—Perhaps half an hour.

39,759. Drinking?—Oh, yes, I had a glass.

39,760. Where did you go next?—Well, I went to the back of the "Tuns."

39,761. Where there?—Mr. Attwell's.

39,762. What sign?—I don't know the sign.

39,763. What time did you leave there?—I was not there long; I might be there a quarter of an hour perhaps.

39,764. When you left there, where did you go to?—I went up to Ber Street.

39,765. Where did you go to there?—To Mr. Larkman's.

39,766. I suppose you found a lot of them there, did you not?—There were several there.

39,767. They were all talking about getting a day's pay, were they not?—Well, I did not go into the room; I stood in the bar the chief of the time I was there.

39,768. There were lots there?—There were several in the back room, I believe.

39,769. Did you get your name put down on the list?—No.

39,770. Did you not hear them talking about a day's pay?—Well, I heard something about it.

39,771. Did you see Mr. Green, the timber merchant, there?—Yes.

39,772. What made you talk about a day's pay, and that you were to get something if there was nothing going?—I never heard that mentioned, not in my presence.

39,773. Not a word about it?—No, not in my presence, I did not.

39,774. Did you see the men's names taken down on the paper?—No.

39,775. What time was it when you left Larkman's?—When I went and voted.

39,776. What time was that?—About a quarter past 3.

39,777. We have had a great deal of evidence as to what took place at Larkman's; we shall not believe that you were not one of the parties to that transaction. Did you not have your name put down upon paper, and was not Mr. Green to get you something if anything was going?—I never heard anything about it.

39,778. Not a single syllable about it?—Not on my behalf.

39,779. Did anybody give you anything?—No, nor promise me.

39,780. Did you get some beer?—Only what I paid for.

39,781. Nothing but what you paid for?—Nothing.

39,782. Did Mr. Green speak to you?—I saw Mr. Green several times that day, and nodded to him, but I had no conversation with him at all.

39,783. Did he not speak to you at Larkman's?—He asked me whether I was not going to vote.

39,784. What did you say?—I said, when I liked.

39,785. If you wanted to vote why did you not say, "Yes, I will go and vote." Were you not looking out for what you could get?—No, I was not.

39,786. What were you looking out for?—Nothing at all.

39,787. Why did not you go and vote?—I went along with my father-in-law, Gathergood, and voted.

39,788. Gathergood is down on the list. You saw his name taken down?—No.

39,789. He told you his name was on the list?—I don't know anything about it.

39,790. (*Mr. Biron.*) You went up and voted with Gathergood?—I went up with Mr. Gathergood when he voted. I had voted first, and Mr. Gathergood went afterwards.

39,791. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) And Gathergood, you know, was at Larkman's before you saw him there. Did you meet Mr. Green coming up?—Up where?

39,792. Coming up again to Larkman's?—No.

39,793. And did he say he could not get anything for you?—No, he did not.

39,794. Thirtell was there, was he not?—I don't know the man.

39,795. Do you recollect James Solomons being there?—No.

39,796. Gathergood got his name put down on the list; 24 were put down. That is as many as ever were there in your time, I suppose?—There was a great deal more than that altogether.

39,797. It is no use telling us a falsehood about it.—I am telling no falsehood.

There can be no doubt that you got your name put down on the list. You may go.

R. Hubbard.

ROBERT HUBBARD sworn and examined.

39,798. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at this election?—Mr. Stracey.

39,799. What time in the day?—About half-past 3.

39,800. What did you get for it?—Nothing at all.

39,801. What made you vote so late?—I had done my day's work before I went.

39,802. What time did you leave your work?—About half-past 2. I went home and got my dinner, and then I went and voted.

39,803. Did you get treated that day?—No.

39,804. Did you go to any public-house before you voted?—No.

39,805. Did you go to any public-house after you had voted?—Not until I went home. I went there and voted, and came right home again.

39,806. Have you had anything given you since?—No.

39,807. Had you promised to vote for Stracey?—No.

39,808. Have you been asked to vote for Stracey?—No, I never saw anyone; the parties called at my house, but I was not at home.

39,809. Had you any particular reason for voting for him?—Well, I always was that way. My father voted many years in this city on that side, and I thought I would do so.

39,810. Had you ever voted before?—No, I never had a vote before.

39,811. You belong to a Tory family?—Yes.

JAMES BURDETT sworn and examined. *J. Burdett.*

39,812. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

39,813. For whom ?—Mr. Stracey.

39,814. What time in the day ?—About 3 o'clock I should reckon.

39,815. Where had you been ?—I was carrying of coals until 1 out of Mr. England's warehouse, and then I went home to dinner, and an old lady came and asked me to get her 3 cwt. of coals, and I could not get them till after 2 o'clock.

39,816. Did you get anything for voting ?—Nothing at all, and no one came and asked me.

39,817. No promise of anything ?—No.

39,818. No money nor beer ?—No money nor yet beer ; I had not the worth of a pin's head.

FREDERICK MOORE sworn and examined. *F. Moore.*

39,819. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you by business ?—A fireman or a stoker ; you may call me which you like.

39,820. In whose employment ?—Messrs. Steward and Patteson's.

39,821. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

39,822. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Stracey, and I give him a plumper.

39,823. Did anybody give you anything for giving him a plumper ?—No, not a farthing.

39,824. You gave that, and got nothing in return ?—No, I did not.

39,825. Not a promise ?—No.

39,826. No money ?—No.

39,827. Nor beer ?—No.

39,828. You are quite sure about that ?—I can swear it on my oath.

JOSEPH FOUNTAIN sworn and examined. *J. Fountain.*

39,829. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your trade ?—A stoker.

39,830. In whose employment are you ?—Steward and Patteson's.

39,831. For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

39,832. Had you promised to vote that way ?—Yes.

39,833. To whom ?—To Mr. Henry Stracey.

39,834. He had canvassed you himself personally, had he ?—He came and canvassed, but I was not at home when he came, but I saw him in the lane.

39,835. And then you promised your vote ?—I did.

39,836. Did you get anything for it ?—No.

39,837. Was anything promised you ?—No.

39,838. And have you had nothing since ?—No, nothing.

WILLIAM WINTER sworn and examined. *W. Winter.*

39,839. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

39,840. What time in the day ?—Between 9 and 10 in the morning.

39,841. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Stracey.

39,842. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

39,843. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

39,844. No beer ?—No.

39,845. No money ?—No.

39,846. Were you canvassed for your vote ?—Yes.

39,847. Did you promise ?—Yes, I promised young Mr. Stracey.

WILLIAM BENSLY sworn and examined. *W. Bensly.*

39,848. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election ?—Yes.

39,849. What are you by business ?—A bricklayer.

39,850. Do you know the "Ship" public-house ?—Yes.

39,851. What time on the election day did you go to the "Ship" ?—About 10 o'clock in the morning I went in there.

39,852. How long did you remain drinking at the "Ship" ?—I went in and came out again, got my dinner and went back again.

39,853. How long did you remain in the "Ship" ?—I went in two or three different times during the day.

39,854. Well, there was beer going in the "Ship," you know, for the Stracey voters ; I suppose you got some ?—No, only what I paid for.

39,855. Did you not get any of the beer which was for the Stracey voters ?—No, I never saw any.

39,856. Did you get no beer but what you paid for ?—That is all I got.

39,857. Then you were more hardly used than other people at the "Ship." Did not the landlady tell you that there was beer for the Stracey voters ?—I heard her say there was some, but I did not get any.

39,858. How was it that there being beer for the Stracey voters, and you being a Stracey voter, that you did not get it ?—I don't know.

39,859. Surely you did get a little of the beer ?—Well, I paid for some.

39,860. I think you must have got a little without ?—Well, I never got any of that, and never saw any, to the best of my knowledge.

39,861. Come, now, we will put it at a pint ; you got a pint of the Tory beer, did you not ?—No, I do not recollect seeing a drop of it, only what I paid for myself.

39,862. When you heard that there was Tory beer going there, why did you not say you were a Stracey man, and ask for a little drop of it ?—Well, sir, I do not vote on account of beer.

39,863. Did you want a day's pay ?—No.

39,864. Did you get a day's pay ?—No.

39,865. Did nobody offer you any money that day ?—No.

39,866. Did nobody come and get you to go up and vote for money ?—No, I never got any money.

39,867. Did anybody speak to you about voting ?—Yes, Mr. Warnes asked me if I would go and vote.

39,868. Was it Mr. Warnes, or who was it that gave you the day's pay ?—No one. I never got a farthing.

39,869. What did he give you ?—Nothing at all.

39,870. What time did he come to you ?—Well, he keeps the house.

39,871. That is old Warnes, do you know young Warnes ?—Yes.

39,872. Did young Warnes come and speak to you ?—He came in the afternoon and wanted to know if I had voted.

39,873. Young Warnes had got some money, had he not ?—Not that I know of.

39,874. Did he not tell you that he had got some money.—No.

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39,875. Do you recollect a gentleman coming in a fly?—There was a fly came there.

39,876. Did you get into the fly?—Yes.

39,877. And the gentleman shoved a shilling into your hand, did he not?—No.

39,878. Were not you the man who got a shilling?—No.

39,879. They shoved you into the fly, did they not?—I went of my own accord.

39,880. Who got into the fly with you?—Young Mr. Warnes was in the fly along with me.

39,881. Was there a gentleman in the fly?—There was another man in the fly.

39,882. An old gentleman?—I don't know whether he was an old gentleman.

39,883. Do you know David Cubitt?—No.

39,884. Was there a youngish and an oldish man in the fly?—Mr. Warnes was the only man I knew.

39,885. Was there not an oldish person there?—I cannot say.

39,886. They took you up to the poll in the fly?—Yes.

39,887. What money did they give you as they went along?—Not anything.

39,888. You got some money?—No, that I did not.

39,889. We have had an account of this.—I never got a farthing.

39,890. Not a farthing; but you got a shilling, did you not?—No, I never got any.

39,891. Did you get half-a-crown?—No.

39,892. Were you to get some beer at Warnes' or at Cubitt's?—I was not to get any anywhere, only what I paid for.

39,893. How did they persuade you to get into the fly?—I got in myself.

39,894. How did they get you to get in yourself?—They asked me if I had voted, and I told them no.

39,895. That would not get you to vote, you know; what did they say to induce you to go and vote?—I intended all along to vote for Stracey.

39,896. But that would not induce you to vote. It was very nearly 4 o'clock in the day, and you had been hanging about the whole morning; if you were inclined to vote for Stracey why had you not voted before?—I was at work some of the morning.

39,897. But you said you had been several times in and out of the public-house. Do you mean to stand there and say that you did not get some inducement either at that public-house, or in that fly to make you vote? Now, be careful what you say, you are upon your oath?—I never got a farthing, I can assure you.

39,898. Did you get the promise of beer?—No.

39,899. While you were going along did Warnes get out and fetch another man in?—No, there was only me went to vote.

39,900. There was an oldish gentleman in the fly?—There was another man, but I don't know his name.

39,901. Do you know Mr. Woodrow the auctioneer?—No.

39,902. Or estate agent, as he calls himself?—No.

39,903. An oldish gentleman who sat back as if he did not like to be seen?—No, I don't know the man.

39,904. Of course I must take your answer, but I think you got into very suspicious company, and I am afraid we have not got the truth out of you.

T. Hainsworth.

THOMAS HAINSWORTH sworn and examined.

39,905. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am a gardener.

39,906. Where do you live?—In St. James', Cowgate Street.

39,907. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

39,908. What time of the day?—About a quarter to 4.

39,909. What did you get for that?—Nothing.

39,910. What made you so late?—Well, I was like the rest of them, I had the day, and I got rather forward in beer.

39,911. Where did you get the beer which produced that effect?—I paid for it.

39,912. Where?—In Mr. Warnes', and lots of different houses I went to.

39,913. You went to Mr. Warnes'?—Yes.

39,914. Did you pay for any beer there?—Yes.

39,915. That is a very odd thing to do, because a great deal of beer was being given about to anyone who would vote for Stracey.—I never saw any beer given away; only there was a lot by ourselves a pot each.

39,916. Could you not get any without paying?—I never asked.

39,917. Did you pay for it all?—Yes.

39,918. Did you not get a bit of money for your vote?—Not a farthing.

39,919. Who asked you to go and vote?—I never was requested all day to go and vote; I never was asked.

39,920. Have you had anything since?—Nothing.

39,921. When did you promise your vote?—When Mr. Stracey came round soliciting.

39,922. Did you see him yourself?—Yes, he came to my house.

39,923. Young Mr. Stracey?—Young Mr. Stracey.

39,924. Did you promise him then to vote for his father?—Yes.

39,925. How long before the election was that?—That I cannot say.

39,926. Was anyone with him?—I think there was three came into the house.

W. Howes.

WILLIAM HOWES sworn and examined.

39,927. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shopkeeper.

39,928. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,929. What time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

39,930. For whom?—Mr. Stracey.

39,931. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because I was engaged in my shop and could not get out.

39,932. Was nobody there to attend to it?—My young lad was out all day that generally attends to the coal bin, because my coal bin is 20 or 30 yards away from the shop.

39,933. Did you get anything?—No, not a fraction.

39,934. Or the promise of anything?—Not a fraction, either before or since.

R. Moore.

ROBERT MOORE sworn and examined.

39,935. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Stracey.

39,936. What time in the day did you get up to the poll?—About 3 o'clock.

39,937. Had you been drinking at any public-houses before you went up?—No, not a drop. I had a job to do, and I was forced to stop at home to do it.

39,938. What were you doing in the early part of the day?—Soling, heeling, and welting a pair of boots.

39,939. But there was not such a hurry about that?—Yes, there was, because they had to go into the country the next day morning.

39,940. Did you vote as soon as you could?—Yes,

directly I had done my boots I carried them home, got my dinner, and went and voted directly.

39,941. Had anybody canvassed you?—No, and I never had a penny, nor yet half a pint of beer.

39,942. Did anyone promise you anything for your vote?—Not a farthing.

39,943. Or give it to you?—No.

Isaac Moore sworn and examined.

I. Moore.

39,944. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A hairdresser.

39,945. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

39,946. Do you know a foreigner of the name of Heinrich?—Yes, perfectly well.

39,947. Did he pay you a visit on the day of the election?—Yes, on the morning of the election, and several times during the election day.

39,948. What did he come for?—To tell me how the election was getting on.

39,949. Did he ask you to come and vote?—No.

39,950. Did he take you up to vote with him?—No.

39,951. Did he tell you how things were going on?—No; he came in the middle of the forenoon, and said that he had given three sovereigns for three votes.

39,952. Did he tell you the names of the persons he had given them to?—No, he did not.

39,953. He boasted that he had given three sovereigns for three votes?—That is what he stated to me, but still I did not believe him at the time.

39,954. Did you think he was in earnest about it?—No, I have not, because he have joked about it so many times. In fact I have asked him about it, "Are you in earnest; did you really give it?" and he said, "No, so help his God, he never did so."

39,955. It is difficult to say whether he would part with the money or tell the truth. What do you know about him?—I don't know more than that about him.

39,956. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You did not believe he was telling the truth because he said, "So help my God"?—I believe he was speaking the truth when he said that. I believe he was only joking throughout.

39,957. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you think so at the time he first made the statement to you about the three sovereigns?—Yes, I did believe that.

39,958. What time of the day was it when he made that statement to you?—The middle of the forenoon, about 11 o'clock.

39,959. Eleven o'clock on the day of the poll?—Yes.

39,960. Was it "a sovereign for three voters"?—Three sovereigns for three voters; and I understood him to say by his statement yesterday that I should ask him to make that statement that I might be subpœnaed. Now that is false; I never asked him to say that he had given three sovereigns for three voters. He came into my shop deliberately, and without my asking any question, said, "I have given three sovereigns for three voters;" and I said, "Mind what you are talking "about, or you will do the party more harm than "good."

39,961. Had you known him before?—Yes, I had spoken to him before.

39,962. You never trusted him with three sovereigns?—No, and I don't believe anyone else in Norwich would.

Frederick Barker sworn and examined.

F. Barker.

39,963. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

39,964. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

39,965. What time in the day?—Somewhere about 3 o'clock.

39,966. Why did you not vote earlier than that?—It was my first vote, and I did not like to go and vote until my brother voted; so we both went up and voted together.

39,967. Did you get anything for it?—No.

39,968. Or the promise of anything?—No.

39,969. Had you promised to vote for Stracey before?—Yes.

39,970. When you were canvassed?—Yes.

39,971. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

39,972. Or the promise of anything?—No.

Samuel Severn sworn and examined.

S. Severn.

39,973. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

39,974. Were you an active supporter of his?—Yes.

39,975. Did you canvass for him?—Yes.

39,976. What part did you canvass?—I canvassed Philadelphia, Elvesdon Road, and part of St. Clement's.

39,977. Is that a locality in which there are a great many of what you may term doubtful voters of the poorer class?—I should think it would be.

39,978. In the course of your canvass did you find that there were a great many men who wanted a day's pay, or a day's wages, for their vote?—I never heard it named.

39,979. Was it never suggested to you?—Not at all.

39,980. Did you find a good many men who would refuse to give you any answer as to which way they would vote?—A great many would not promise either party.

39,981. You found a difficulty in getting a definite answer from them?—I could not get a promise from them.

39,982. And I suppose you tried your best?—Of course I did.

39,983. How many days did you canvass?—Well, perhaps four, I might say.

39,984. Were any meetings held at your house?—Not one.

39,985. Now, did you find that there were some voters who wanted a little persuasion on the day of the election?—Do you mean in my house?

39,986. No, not in your house.—Oh, no.

39,987. Did you find on the day of the election that there were some of the voters in your district who wanted a little persuasion?—No, I did not mix myself up with them on the day of the election.

39,988. Did you go to get up any voters?—I rode with one or two, but I had nothing to do with persuading them to vote, neither do I know who they were; I was merely asked to ride to the poll with them.

39,989. Who asked you to ride with them?—Leander Brown.

39,990. We have heard a great deal about what Mr. Leander Brown did. Did you learn from them whether they were promised anything?—Not a word. I never heard such a word as the promise of money.

39,991. Mr. Lea Brown, as they call him?—Well, he is rather a stranger to me; I don't know much about him.

39,992. Did you hear any of these men talking about money for their votes?—No.

39,993. Or getting a day's pay?—Certainly not.

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39,994. On the day of the election were you moving about in the city ?—No, only in my own neighbourhood.

39,995. Did you find a number of men loitering about who seemed to be wanting money ?—Well, I saw plenty of men standing about, but I could not say whether they were voters or not.

39,996. Did any of them ask you for money ?—No, not one.

39,997. Did you go to the committee rooms at all ?—Yes.

39,998. In the committee rooms were you not told that there were a great number of men who wanted something to persuade them to vote ?—I heard such a thing. I heard that there were men who wanted money.

39,999. Did you know of any means which had been provided to persuade them ?—Certainly not; I never heard of it.

40,000. Did you promise any man anything for his vote that day ?—No.

40,001. Or did you give him anything for his vote ?—Certainly not.

40,002. No beer, or anything of the kind ?—Not a drop.

40,003. Do you know anything of other persons having done it ?—I am not aware of it myself.

40,004. Did you hear it that day at all ?—No.

40,005. I suppose you got nothing for your vote, either promise or money ?—No.

W. Scott.

WILLIAM SCOTT sworn and examined.

40,006. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Stracey.

40,007. What did you get for it ?—As much as I get here.

40,008. Were you promised anything ?—No.

40,009. Were you treated ?—No, nor yet treated.

E. Butcher.

ELEAZER BUTCHER sworn and examined

40,010. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

40,011. For whom ?—Mr. Stracey.

40,012. What time in the day ?—Between 2 and 3 o'clock.

40,013. Had you been canvassed for your vote ?—Yes, Mr. Fletcher came to mine, but I was not at home.

40,014. You did not promise your vote ?—Not until afterwards.

40,015. When did you promise it ?—The night before the election.

40,016. To whom ?—To Mr. Fletcher; I told him to put my name down for Mr. Stracey.

40,017. Did he give you anything ?—No.

40,018. Or promise you anything ?—No.

40,019. You went the next morning and voted ?—The next afternoon.

40,020. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

40,021. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

J. Drew.

JOHN DREW sworn and examined.

40,022. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time in the day did you vote ?—About half-past 11.

40,023. You have made a mistake about the time at which you voted, unless you voted twice. You voted at very nearly 4 o'clock ?—Not me.

40,024. What public-houses did you go to before you went and voted ?—None at all; my horses stood in the street the time I voted. I got a man to stand by the side of them, and gave him twopence to stand by them.

40,025. What were you doing that morning ?—Carting gravel.

40,026. And while you were carting gravel you went up and voted ?—I stopped my horses near St. Saviour's Church.

40,027. You went up and voted, and another man stood with your cart ?—Yes, and I gave him twopence to stand with the horses.

40,028. Did anybody come to you and ask you to vote ?—No, they never spoke a word to me, nor I to them. I turned round and gave my vote and went after my horses again. I gave the man twopence to stand by my horses in the street.

40,029. Who gave you anything to go up and vote ?—Nobody; I never spoke to anybody.

40,030. Or promised you anything ?—No, nor yet ever ask me to have nothing, not even a glass of beer.

40,031. It is a strange thing that you are returned here as voting at nearly 4 o'clock.—What I say is true; I can prove that by many people.

40,032. You did not vote twice ?—No; I should have been frightened to do that.

E. Rix.

EDMUND RIX sworn and examined.

40,033. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Stracey.

40,034. Had you promised your vote ?—Yes.

40,035. To whom ?—To Mr. Stracey when he came about canvassing.

40,036. Did he come to your place ?—Yes.

40,037. Was it one of the young gentlemen ?—Yes, a young fellow.

40,038. What day was it that you promised ?—I am not going to say now what day it was.

40,039. Was it two or three days before the election ?—Some days before the election.

40,040. You did vote according to your promise ?—Yes.

40,041. Did you get anything for voting ?—No.

40,042. Was anything paid you afterwards ?—No.

40,043. Were you treated on the day of the poll ?—No.

40,044. What were you doing all day ?—At work.

40,045. When did you leave your work ?—Between 3 and 4.

40,046. Had you been at your work all day until then ?—Yes, I had.

40,047. Where ?—At home at my own house.

40,048. What is your work ?—Shoemaking.

40,049. And you did not leave your house until after 3 o'clock ?—No, that I did not.

J. Beasley.

JAMES BEASLEY sworn and examined.

40,050. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—I am a carter.

40,051. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

40,052. What time in the day ?—Half-past 3.

40,053. What did you get for voting ?—Nothing.

40,054. Nor the promise of anything ?—No.

40,055. Why did you not vote earlier ?—Because I was at work with my horse and cart.

40,056. You were out with your master's cart ?—My own cart.

40,057. Then your time being your own, why did you not vote earlier in the day?—Because it would not do for me to go and lose a day's work.

40,058. Were you waiting to be paid a day's work?—No, I went and done my day's work.

40,059. Where?—At Magdalen Gates; I live there. I went with my horse and cart and done my day's work.

40,060. Had you been asked for your vote?—No.

40,061. Nobody had asked you?—No.

40,062. You voted of your own accord?—I voted of my own accord. I went down when I came home, and voted for Mr. Stracey.

40,063. Were you in any public-houses that day?—No.

GEORGE BETTS sworn and examined.

G. Betts.

40,064. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

40,065. Did any one come and ask you to do it?—No.

40,066. It was entirely of your own accord?—Yes.

40,067. Did not anybody come and canvass you?—Not at all.

40,068. Did anybody come and fetch you up on the day of the election?—No.

40,069. Had you ever had a vote before?—No.

40,070. Did you get anything for voting?—Not a farthing.

40,071. Nor any beer?—Not a drop, only at my own expense.

40,072. That is not much of a gift.—No.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

THIRTIETH DAY.

Wednesday, 13th October 1869.

SAMUEL DAWSON, junior, recalled and further examined.

40,073. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you your book here?—Yes.

40,074. Just hand it to me, if you please (*a book is handed to the Commissioners*). These surely were all written at one and the same time?—Yes, it was copied from the receipts.

40,075. I should like to have the book from which it is copied?—It was copied from the receipts.

40,076. Have you got the receipts?—Yes.

40,077. Was not there a book which you kept in Mr. Chittock's office in which the payments made from time to time were entered?—No, only what you see there.

40,078. Were not there any books in Mr. Chittock's office in which the payments which you made from time to time while you were acting for him were entered?—No, they were all in these little red books (*referring to two M.S. books, which are handed to the Commissioners*).

40,079. When did you write out this book?—It would be about three days after the election, I should think, from the vouchers.

40,080. What are the "expenses at H"?—If you will let me look at it I will tell you.

40,081. Do not you know what is meant by "expenses at H"?—No. I can tell you, perhaps, if I look at the book. (*One of the red books is handed down to the witness.*) I don't know what that is. How is it in the fair copy there for the same day? That will explain it, perhaps, if you look at the same date of the 15th of November. I believe that will explain it.

40,082. No, there is no entry of the 15th of November in this book. There is the 14th, and there is the 16th, but there is no entry of the 15th of any sort or kind.—Not in this book. I mean in the fair copy, that which you have got there.

40,083. I cannot find it here, "expenses at H"?—I don't know what it is now, I am sure. I think very probably it is on the file of the receipts. It is safe to be. Mr. Chittock ticked off every receipt. This is the rough one, and that is the one I passed in to Mr. Chittock.

40,084. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) The 81*l.* 15*s.* refers entirely to persons who were hired?—It is 81*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

40,085. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) 81*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* refers entirely to men who were hired for this election?—Yes.

40,086. And these (*referring to a number of papers*) are the receipts?—They are the vouchers.

40,087. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) The money was paid by Mr. Chittock?—Yes.

40,088. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You paid it, and then he paid it back to you?—Yes.

40,089. I see there is a receipt here signed by you. How came you to be in possession of this book?—I went to Mr. Chittock's last night for it. You told me to go and get it. That is the sundry account, 24*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

40,090. This is the rough account?—No.

40,091. (*Mr. Biron.*) That is the account for the roughs?—Yes.

40,091*a*. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The other book is what you may call the rough account in the other sense?—Yes, and this is the account when we settled up (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

40,092. (*Mr. Biron.*) Does that show all the items?

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—That shows the exact money I took from Mr. Chittock for money paid away, the exact amount.

40,093. This is, in fact, a balance sheet made up from the books and the vouchers ?—Yes.

40,094. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) The entire amount which you received from Mr. Chittock was 114*l.* 7*s.* He paid you the balance of 22*l.* 7*s.* ?—Yes.

40,095. You received from Mr. Chittock 92*l.* during the progress of the election, and then you received the balance, 22*l.* 7*s.*, making up 114*l.* 7*s.* ?—Yes.

40,096. And these are the accounts to which those payments refer ?—Yes, except you find down to the 3*l.* 10*s.* they were money paid by me to the messengers ; of course they had been engaged a week. These are the messengers at the committee room. They wanted some money on account.

40,097. "Clerks, 3*l.* 10*s.*" Is that the account to which you refer ?—Yes ; they wanted some money on account, and the messengers are at the top.

40,098. These are monies that you paid during the progress of the election. The last item I see is the 17th. I see there is one on the 19th, but the last item before that was the 16th ?—Yes.

40,099. Who settled up with the men, because there must have been more paid than this ; because the expenses of the day of the election, which is the 19th, are not included ?—The election was the 17th.

40,100. There is nothing down for the 17th ?—Because we did not employ them.

40,101. You employed messengers, did you not, on that day ?—I think we had two to keep the doors, which are mentioned in that account.

40,102. If I understand you, the messengers required something on account ?—They did.

40,103. And this is what was paid to them on account ?—On account.

40,104. Did you or Mr. Chittock pay the balance ?—I and Mr. Chittock together. We were together in the room.

40,105. I do not see in this account the items for that balance. Can you show it me ?—No, they would not be in that ; they would be in the sheriff's account.

40,106. In fact, there would be an additional claim for monies due to the messengers, and monies due to the clerks ?—Yes.

40,107. Quite irrespective of these accounts ?—Yes.

40,108. These accounts only represent what you paid on account ?—What I paid myself out of my own cash.

40,109. On the 19th there is an item of "Andrews, A., 2*l.* 10*s.*" ?—That would be for something that occurred before the election.

40,110. (*Mr. Biron.*) The date would be the date of payment ?—Perhaps they would let it go two or three days before it came in.

40,111. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I perfectly understand it now. Just give me the third book.—The rough book ?

40,112. Yes.—That is the rough cash book (*handing a book*).

40,113. This relates solely to the "roughs" ?—Yes.

40,114. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Had Mr. Chittock sanctioned this expenditure for hiring these men ?—He gave me the necessary orders. For instance, he would say, "Let's have some men to keep the peace at the 'Maid's Head.' The men can get in." That was the first instruction. The next was this ; there were several reports that this meeting at St. Andrew's Hall was going to be disturbed by the Carrow men; then Mr. Chittock said, "You get sufficient men to keep the peace," and I did so. That was the only orders he gave in that way.

40,115. How many days before the election did he give orders to employ men ?—That would be about the 4th of November, the first meeting when Sir Henry Stracey spoke.

40,116. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I see here are two receipts, "Thomas Beckett, election day," and "Charles Calver, election day." Who are they ?—They were two messengers to keep the doors on the stairs. I had not sufficient staff, and these two men were standing about, and I put them on.

40,117. Where do Beckett and Calver live ?—I am sure I don't know at all. They are not voters, neither of them.

40,118. We have to inquire into that.—They told me so at the time. They never left the premises from the time I put them there at half-past 7 till half-past 4.

40,119. Who are William Early, Robert Greaves, Charles Moore, Alfred Lee, John Webster, and Joe Painter ?—Six men engaged to stop the Radicals from posting over our bills in the Prince of Wales Road.

40,120. Do you know where they live ?—No. A man of the name of John Cadney got them.

49,121. Where does John Cadney live ?—Brown Street, North Heigham.

40,122. I see this, "The central committee to "Ambrose Andrews for 40 men at 1*s.* per man ; 10*s.* "captain in the market-place ; 2*l.* 10*s.*" It is paid on the 19th. What day was that ?—That would be when Sir Henry was speaking in the market-place. That is when he was speaking from the "Waterloo," when they broke the chains and things. Colman's men were in the front of the balcony, and would not let him say anything.

40,123. What day was that, Friday or Saturday ?—On the Monday.

40,124. The day before the election ?—The day before the election.

40,125. Then I see, "Received of Mr. Dawson the sum of 8*l.* for men at the Corn Hall on the 16th inst." —Yes, that would be the night before the election.

40,126. Where does James Graver, who signs that receipt, live ?—Sprowston.

40,127. I see you had that night 50 men at the Corn Hall ?—Yes, more than that.

40,128. We must look through these at our leisure, and then we will return them to you.—Thank you.

40,129. Have you any other accounts there ?—No, these are the only accounts.

40,130. Those men who are mentioned as the captains are publicans, or, as in the case of Ambrose Andrews, brothers of publicans ?—I don't think there is only one publican out of the whole.

40,131. The man who got them together ?—No. The captains always get the men together.

40,132. Was Ambrose Andrews a captain ?—Yes.

40,133. (*Mr. Biron.*) I see one receipt is in the name of Richard Mackley, and another in the name of Thomas Mackley ?—Yes ; they would be those over the water.

40,134. The publicans ?—Yes ; one is in St. Gregory's and one in St. Mary's.

40,135. Who is Charles Armes ?—He lives in Heigham Street.

40,136. Is he a publican ?—No.

40,137. Were those all the payments which you made during the election ?—Yes.

40,138. But they are not all the payments of which you were cognizant, because you were present at the payment of the messengers and the clerks ?—Yes, I was.

40,139. At what other payments were you present ?—No other but the clerks and messengers.

40,140. Do you know of no other sums whatever being paid by Mr. Chittock ?—No.

40,141. I suppose Mr. Chittock took receipts from the clerks and messengers ?—Yes.

40,142. Those receipts which were to be produced before the returning officer ?—Yes ; the sheriff.

40,143. Do you know where John Pratt, to whom one of these receipts is given, lives ?—Sprowston.

40,144. Does he keep the "Prince of Denmark" ? —Yes.

40,145. Have no other payments been made to Pratt ?—No.

40,146. Are you sure of that ?—Not to my knowledge.

40,147. Do you know of any other payment whatever being made by Mr. Chittock for any expenses or payments of any sort, or claims in respect of matters at the election ?—I know of none.

40,148. Are you sure of that ?—Certain.

40,149. Do you know of any claims being made ?— Yes, I know that.

40,150. Will you tell me what claims were made ? —There is a man of the name of Greenacre in All Saints Green. He made a claim, I think, for so many days services ; eight days I think. He charged 4*l.* and Mr. Chittock would not pay it. In fact you will see I let him have 10*s.* ; then Mr. Chittock would not pay me, and struck it out.

40,151. What services were they which he rendered ? —He was clerk at the central committee room.

40,152. Were any claims made for money paid by way of allowances to people upon the election day by anybody ?—Not to my knowledge.

40,153. Was any claim made for beer supplied ?— Not to my knowledge.

40,154. Or refreshments other than those to the clerks in the committee room ?—No.

40,155. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is that the only claim you ever had ?—That is the only one I can recollect for the present.

40,156. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Mr. Chittock may refuse to pay them, but were there not any ?—Mr. Chittock has got them on the file of claims disputed. There is a file of claims he won't pay. They could be found.

40,157. I am not speaking of claims which Mr. Chittock paid, but claims which have been made upon Mr. Chittock. Mr. Chittock has a file, you say ?— There was a file of that description.

40,158. You have seen the file, have you ?—Yes, because Greenacre's went on as well as the others, whatever they were.

40,159. There is a man of the name of Smith, the secretary tells me ; who is he ?—That is a Sprowston man. He lives in the county, I think.

40,160. What is he ?—A carter.

40,161. Can you tell me whereabouts he lives in Sprowston ?—I don't know at all. One of these other captains brought me to him, saying, "Here is a man can get you a few." Of course I engaged him there and then on the spot.

40,162. Who recommended him to you ?—I cannot tell you who recommended him. It was all done very quick. We did not make up our minds till 4 o'clock.

40,163. There is James Brown.—What is that for ?

40,164. That is for 10 men ?—I don't remember him, but I will try and find him out for you.

40,165. W. Swash ?—That would be a man at Bailey's yard, St. Faith's Lane.

40,166. What place do you say ?—Hill's & Underwood's, St. Faith's Lane.

40,167. "Will o' the Wisp" was a squib, was it not ?—Yes, published in Norwich at the time.

40,168. Who is Robert Hall ?—Robert Hall would be the Hall on Palace Plain.

40,169. Does he keep a public ?—He is the son of a publican, I think.

40,170. A beer-house ?—Yes.

40,171. Do you know of any fund being provided otherwise than through the influence of Mr. Chittock for the payment of any expenses connected with the election ?—No.

40,172. Or of any payments being made by anybody else ?—No.

40,173. You were employed, were you not, in the course of the election petition ?—Yes.

40,174. When were you first employed about the election petition ?—It would be about a month before Baron Martin came.

40,175. There were some persons sent down in the way of detectives for the purpose of investigating the matter on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey, were there not ?—There was one down.

40,176. And I suppose that you investigated every matter that you possibly could for the purpose of that inquiry ?—Yes.

40,177. Were you employed in getting up or drawing up the brief ?—No.

40,178. I suppose you reported everything that you could learn to Mr. Skipper ?—Yes, or to Mr. Corsbie ; that sat there.

40,179. Do you recollect a person of the name of Hunter coming down ?—Yes.

40,180. How long before the trial of the petition did Hunter come down from Mr. Arthur Bignold's ? —I should think that would be about 14 days before the petition.

40,181. Before the hearing of the petition ?—Yes.

40,182. After that did you report to Hunter everything you learnt ?—I did not report anything at all to him. He reported to me what he could get.

40,183. He was employed likewise to hunt up evidence, and so on ?—Yes.

40,184. I suppose you investigated the case against Sir Henry as well as the case for Sir Henry ?—In some cases.

40,185. You seem to have learnt pretty well about Hardiment's, Hunt's, and Smith's proceedings ?— Yes.

40,186. And also about the Houghtons ?—Yes.

40,187. Have you also learnt a good deal about what took place at the "Marquis of Granby" ?—Yes.

40,188. You sent the Houghtons away ?—I did.

40,189. On whose suggestion did you send the Houghtons away ?—There was a message sent to me at London Street that Mr. Hulme wanted the Houghtons to be got away.

40,190. Who brought you that message ?—I think it was a man of the name of Bailey.

40,191. Where does he live ?—In Wilde's yard, in Magdalen Street.

40,192. Did you inquire why Mr. Hulme wanted the Houghtons to be got away ?—I knew there was something wrong at once.

40,193. You conjectured that, but did you know what was wrong ?—I did not know to what extent.

40,194. Did you see the Houghtons and speak to them ?—I did.

40,195. Did you ask them what was wrong ?— When this messenger came up about sending these men away I said, "Let them meet me at Mr. Mallows' in the market at about 11 or 12 o'clock.

40,196. You sent for the Houghtons ?—Yes.

40,197. Did you yourself go and see Hulme upon the subject ?—I saw Hulme, I think, the same morning, and he said, says he, "They must be got away."

40,198. Did he give a reason why they must be got away ?—I formed my own conclusion at once.

40,199. But did he give you any reason ?—No.

40,200. Was that all he said to you, "They must be got away" ?—That was quite sufficient for me.

40,201. I daresay it was. You saw the Houghtons ?—I did.

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40,202. Did you learn from them that they had received money from Hulme?—Yes.

40,203. And then I suppose you thought it desirable that they should be got out of the way?—At once. It took them about an hour and a half to get ready.

40,204. Do you recollect the amount which they said they had received?—No, I do not.

40,205. Nor what they had done with it?—No.

40,206. You did not think it wise to go into minute particulars?—It would not do.

40,207. Hardiment was got out of the way?—He was. I don't know whether he was got out of the way; he went away.

40,208. But you knew of it?—I knew he was gone.

40,209. Did you have any communication with him, or at least some person or Hunter before he went?—No, not to my knowledge.

40,210. Did not you have any communication through Thirkettle or somebody as to Hardiment's going?—I ran round twice myself, I think, but on another matter entirely.

40,211. You went twice to Hardiment's?—Yes.

40,212. Did you see Hardiment?—I did.

40,213. Did you learn from him that it was necessary that he should go away?—I went down to ask him the question whether anything had been done by him, because I never knew him to interfere in elections before. He said, "Yes." Some name was mentioned, and he said, "That's right enough."

40,214. Did he say what he had done?—He said he had given away some half-sovereigns and sovereigns.

40,215. Did he say where he had got them?—No.

40,216. Did not he tell you who had given him the money?—No. He made the remark that he had taken the money out of his own pocket.

40,217. And did not he say who was to repay him?—No, he did not say a word to me about that. In fact he did not go into that question.

40,218. You might, you know?—But I did not.

40,219. You say you saw him twice?—Twice.

40,220. What occurred upon the second occasion?—It was only the same as the first, to know whether this man had any money that I went about. I found he had.

40,221. You found certain people had received money, and you went to inquire from him whether that was true?—Yes.

40,222. (*Mr. Biron.*) I suppose you wanted to get them out of the way?—No, they had got subpœnaed.

40,223. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Your attention was directed to them in consequence of their having been subpœnaed?—Certainly. I could not get them out of the way.

40,224. You got the Houghtons away before the subpœnas were served?—No. The subpœnas were then flying about at the same time. In fact they had been after one of the Houghtons, I believe.

40,225. Did you find they had also been after Hardiment?—I don't think they had been after Hardiment when I went down.

40,226. Had not they?—No, I think not; because he was walking about the yard.

40,227. Was that after they had served the subpœnas upon the men? You say that the second time when you saw him you went down in consequence of the men having been served with subpœnas?—Yes. He was up at the wool warehouse at the end of the yard when I went up, and he walked direct into his counting-house and locked the door.

40,228. You asked him, then, whether those men had been paid by him?—Yes.

40,229. And he said it was all right as far as he was concerned; that they had been paid?—Yes.

40,230. Did he produce to you any list of the men whom he had paid?—He never stated either the amount that he expended. I could get nothing out of him about what I wanted.

40,231. Nor yet where the money came from?—Nor yet where the money came from; only that he said, "I spent it out of my own pocket." He did say that.

40,232. Some out of his own pocket?—He said he had spent it out of his own pocket.

40,233. I suppose you then thought it was high time that he was out of the way?—I thought so in my own mind; but it was not my business to get him out of the way.

40,234. You told him so?—I might have said, "It is best you were out of the way," or something of that sort.

40,235. Did you give him any money or arrange that he should have money to go away?—Not a penny piece, nor yet arranged anything.

40,236. Do you know of any sum having been paid for his going away?—No.

40,237. As far as you are aware did he go away entirely at his own charge?—I think he did.

40,238. Worledge was got out of the way?—So I understood at the time.

40,239. Did you see Worledge about going away?—I never saw him at all.

40,240. Were not you aware that he had been mixed up in anything irregular?—Well, I heard in going round to these different places that Worledge was about, drinking a good deal up in St. Martin's. That is all I heard.

40,241. You sent some people over to Yarmouth, Moy, for example?—Yes, four or five of them.

40,242. Why did you send them over to Yarmouth?—To keep them from the other parties as they had been after them.

40,243. That they might not be tampered with?—They had been partly tampered with.

40,244. Was it from any apprehension of what they would say against you, or the apprehension that they might not tell what they knew against the other side?—Well, I thought they would not tell the whole truth about the matter.

40,245. The object was to prevent their being tampered with by the other party?—Yes; but they were got at at Yarmouth. Some of the other party went and found them out.

40,246. Do you know of any other person being sent or got out of the way?—Yes. There was a youth of the name of Mackley was sent away.

40,247. Which Mackley?—I cannot say which, but he works at Mr. Taylor, the carpenter's.

40,248. Why was he sent out of the way?—Well, I believe he saw Hardiment pay some of this money, I think. That is the fact.

40,249. Did you see Mackley himself about it?—Yes.

40,250. Did he tell you what he had received?—I told him when he first came and spoke to me about it, "You had better bring your son up, and "I will hear what he has got to say." He went and fetched him and told me what he had seen. I said, "The best thing you can do is to go to Cromer," and I sent him off in the coach that afternoon.

40,251. The old man of the "Woolpack" brought him up, did he?—Yes. I believe that is the man.

40,252. Did you have anything to do with a man of the name of Bradbury?—Well, he certainly came to me and said he had been subpœnaed, or he came and asked me whether it was a good service, or something of that sort, because he got out of the door before the man could serve it. "Yes, certainly," I said, "You got sight of him. That is enough."

40,253. There was a question of whether the service was a good service?—There was.

40,254. You took counsel's opinion as to whether it was a sufficient service?—I communicated the matter

to Mr. Skipper, I think, and he thought it was a good service.

40,255. Had you learned from Bradbury why you should take counsel's opinion, to avoid his being called ?—He said he was mixed up with Hardiment a good deal.

40,256. Did you send him away, or did he remain here ?—He went to Eye, to some fair or other, and he said, "If you want me send for me."

40,257. When you got the opinion you thought it wise to send for him ?—I think some one did go for him ; he was at some fair, I believe.

40,258. He was "non est inventus" in Norwich for a few days ?—He generally is all the year round when the fairs are going.

40,259. Do you know of any other person who was got out of the way or who went out of the way ?—I don't think there was anyone else.

40,260. Did John Pratt go out of the way ?—I never saw him at all. I don't know.

40,261. You know nobody else who went out of the way ?—Not that I remember. I think not.

40,262. You paid the Houghtons a considerable sum for going away ?—I paid them 10*l.*

40,263. Where did you get that money from ?—Mr. Skipper.

40,264. What did you pay to the Moy party ?—I think they cost us 30*s.* a week and their board. I think that's about it.

40,265. Although you paid the Houghtons only 10*l.*, did you pay their expenses as well ?—I took them over in a trap or sent a trap with them.

40,266. Did you pay their expenses while they were away as well as give them the 10*l.* ?—No, it was a *bonâ fide* bargain before they started what I should give them.

40,267. Then they provided for themselves with the 10*l.* ?—Yes.

40,268. I suppose Mr. Skipper paid for the trap ?—Yes.

40,269. You say you never paid Hardiment. Did you pay anything to Worledge ?—No, I never saw him.

40,270. Did you keep an account of the payments which you made on Mr. Skipper's behalf with respect to these things ?—Yes. I kept a rough account of it.

40,271. Has Mr. Skipper got that account or have you ?—I don't know where it is now I am sure. I have not the slightest knowledge.

40,272. Did these men give you receipts ?—Houghton gave me a receipt.

40,273. Did any other person give you receipts ?—There was only Mackley and these men at Yarmouth.

40,274. Did Mr. Skipper pay the expenses of sending Mackley out of the way ; young Mackley ?—Yes.

40,275. And also Bradbury ?—I think Bradbury had something for coming home, because he had to leave the fair. I think he had.

40,276. What did you give him ; do you recollect ?—It would not be much. He was about two days. I should give him about a sovereign or 30*s.* for about two days, and his travelling expenses.

40,277. Do you know a man of the name of Nockalls, or did you hear the name while this was going on just before the election petition ?—No.

40,278. Was he not sent or got out of the way ?—No, not by me.

40,279. Just listen to these names ; Bunn. Do you know the name of Bunn ?—Which Bunn do you mean ?

40,280. Robert ?—Robert ; I think he was out of town that time.

40,281. He was got out of the way ?—I don't know whether he was got out of the way, or whether he went away.

40,282. Was your attention called to Bunn as a person to be got out of the way as having been mixed up with the election ?—I heard just before the petition that there was something wrong there.

40,283. Who told you that ?—It came in from information from the sixth ward.

40,284. Did any message come to you from Mr. Hulme ?—No ; not from Mr. Hulme.

40,285. Did you have any communication with the Wisemans ?—No.

40,286. Do you know Samuel Fisher ?—No.

40,287. Does that name occur to you as having been one of the men who were sent out of the way ?—No.

40,288. Newton ?—Yes.

40,289. Was he sent out of the way ?—He went to Yarmouth. He was one of the Yarmouth men.

40,290. Do you know Crow ?—No.

40,291. You said you think that Fisher was not sent out of the way ?—No.

40,292. And that Newton was ?—Newton was.

40,293. Do you know that Mr. Arthur Bignold was out of the way prior to the petition ?—I heard that he was not in Norwich.

40,294. Did you inquire for him ?—No.

40,295. How came you to know that he was not in Norwich ? Had you reason to enquire about him ?—I might naturally say, "I wonder where Mr. "Arthur is ?"

40,296. Mr. Arthur Bignold does not generally live in Norwich.—I know he does not.

40,297. You do not know where he was during the time of the election petition, and just before ?—No.

40,298. During the time of the election did you see a man of the name of Dumbleton ?—A Yarmouth man ?

40,299. Yes.—I think it is very probable I met him in the street, London Street, I think.

40,300. Did not you see him active at the time of the election ?—No.

40,301. Had you no communication with him during the election ?—No.

40,302. On what days did you see him in the street ; the day of the election or the day before the election ?—I think it must have been about a week before.

40,303. And during the election ?—No, I never saw him during the election day, nor yet the day before, nor the day before that, nor yet the day before that ; it might be the Friday.

40,304. Do you know Bunn, the Yarmouth man ?—Charles Victor Bunn ?

40,305. Yes, was he here ?—Yes, he keeps the "Gates" public-house.

40,306. Do you know James Bunn, of Yarmouth ; that is the man I mean. Did you see him here during the election ?—No, not at all.

40,307. Do you know a person of the name of John Cooper ?—Oh yes, I know him well.

40,308. Was he here during the day of the election ?—No, I never saw him.

40,309. You did not see him at Mr. Chittock's office, or in the committee room ?—No.

40,310. Mr. Arthur Bignold was very active during the election, was he not ?—I did not see him during the election. Do you mean the election day ?

40,311. During the election ?—I don't think I saw him once till I saw him at 12 o'clock on the election day.

40,312. Where did you see him at 12 o'clock on the election day ?—Standing in the "Swan" yard.

40,313. What was he doing in the "Swan" yard ?—There were lots of gentlemen talking together.

40,314. Do you recollect with whom he was talking ?—I really don't remember now. There was a great many gentlemen in the yard ; I should think 40 or 50 of them.

40,315. Did you see him between 1 and 2 at all ?—I think I did about a quarter past.

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S. Dawson, jun.

13 Oct. 1869.

40,316. Where did you see him between 1 and 2?—I think he came past my room door. I think I saw him pass.

40,317. Did he come in to enquire how things were going on at your central committee room?—I think it is very probable that was the purpose for which he went upstairs.

40,318. Do you recollect whether Mr. Edward Stracey came in with Mr. Arthur Bignold into the room at that time?—No, I think not.

40,319. Was Dr. Allen with him?—I don't think I saw Dr. Allen the whole day. I don't think I did, as far as I can remember.

40,320. How far was the central committee room from the "Maid's Head"?—I should think that would be about seven minutes walk.

40,321. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you remember who it was that you sent to Bradbury to get him back?—It would be his brother, I think.

40,322. Where does he live?—He lives at Charing Cross.

40,323. Do you remember that it was his brother?—I am almost certain it was.

40,324. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were, I think, mixed up with the former elections in this city?—Yes.

40,325. We will take Waters' election. What part did you take in Waters' election?—The same as I did at this.

40,326. With whom did you act upon that occasion? Who was your principal, if I may so term it?—Mr. John Goldsmith Atkinson, Post Office Street.

40,327. Have you got any documents relating to that election?—Well, I don't known. I can look.

40,328. Or book?—I think Mr. Atkinson has got the whole. I will have a look if you like.

40,329. Mr. Kitton was very active, was he not, as the financial agent in that election?—He was.

40,330. Do you know of any sum being spent for the purpose of influencing voters at that election?—I believe there was some spent.

40,331. Did that come under your personal cognisance, or was it a matter that was left in the hands of Mr. Kitton?—It was left in the hands of Mr. Kitton and others, I believe.

40,332. Did you make any payments?—Only the legitimate.

40,333. Mr. Arthur Bignold had the payment of the expenses connected with Mr. Atkinson, had he not?—Yes.

40,334. And you consulted him with regard to the expenditure, I suppose, at Waters' election?—Mr. Arthur Bignold, you mean?

40,335. Yes.—Yes.

40,336. He in fact was the person who was representing Mr. Waters at that election?—It appeared so to me.

40,337. Did Mr. Atkinson pay anything besides the legitimate expenses upon that occasion?—Not to my knowledge.

40,338. Mr. Kitton had nothing to do with the legitimate expenses, as far as I understand?—No.

40,339. His was secret service money entirely?—Well, there is no doubt about that.

40,340. At the prior election of Lewis and Forlonge, did you act in any capacity?—Oh yes, I acted under Mr. Lewis, of London, then.

40,341. Was Mr. Kitton active at that election?—I don't remember seeing Mr. Kitton at that election.

40,342. Do you know whether Mr. Kitton at all took part in that election, or was he in an inactive state?—I cannot remember just now.

40,343. Do you know of any money having been improperly expended at that election?—Not one penny.

40,344. Mr. Forlonge went to Australia, I believe?—He did.

40,345. He is in Australia now?—I have not heard anything about him for years. I understood that was his object when he left home, and Mr. Lewis is since dead.

40,346. Can you tell me of any illegitimate payment made at that election—illegal payment?—All the legal payments were paid by Mr. Lewis' brother.

40,347. Do you know of any secret service agent being employed at that election?—I know of none.

40,348. Mr. Wilde had been very active upon the Whig side, had he not, at both of those elections?—He always has been.

40,349. Do you know anything of your own knowledge of Mr. Wilde's proceedings?—No, I should think his machinery could tell that; the people he employed for the purpose would tell you.

40,350. Whom did he employ?—I will find you a list of them.

40,351. Can you?—Yes.

40,352. If you will send it to us I shall be glad.—I will do that.

40,353. At which election?—At the elections where Mr. Wilde have been employed in Norwich.

40,354. The election of 1865?—When the money was spent. Bignold and Lushington, that was the time the money was spent.

40,355. I am speaking of the election of 1865 or 1860?—I must just look and see. I have got a memorandum.

40,356. I want the election of 1865 or the election of 1860?—Very good. I will have a look.

40,357. He is dead?—Yes.

40,358. Is that all you know of the prior elections?—Yes.

40,359. There was an election, I don't know whether you took part in it, which was a sort of intermediate election, of Bury and Bignold, and Boldero?—Yes. I was engaged in that.

40,360. Do you know of any illegal payment being made then?—Not a penny.

40,361. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know of any active agent on the other side engaged in secret service besides Mr. Wilde?—Mr. Wilde was the chief actor, and lots of them worked under him.

L. Burrows.

LEWIS BURROWS sworn and examined.

40,362. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shopkeeper.

40,363. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Stracey.

40,364. At what hour of the day?—About half-past 11.

40,365. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.

40,366. To whom?—Mr. Severn.

40,367. How long before?—I should think for a fortnight, as nigh as I could guess.

40,368. Is this the first time you have voted?—No, I have always voted that way.

40,369. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

40,370. Or the promise of anything?—No.

40,371. Did you make any payment or promise to anybody else for voting?—No, not a penny.

FRANCIS GURNEY sworn and examined. *F. Gurney.* 13 Oct. 1869.

40,372. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A fish hawker.

40,373. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

40,374. For whom?—I voted for Mr. Stracey.

40,375. What time in the day?—I should say about half after 2 or 3; 3 o'clock I think.

40,376. What were you about?—I was out that day till 2 o'clock, and after I came home I voted for Stracey.

40,377. Did you get anything for voting?—Not a single drop of anything, or the worth of anything.

40,378. Or the promise of anything?—Or the promise of anything.

40,379. Had anybody asked you to vote?—No, I voted of my own free will.

40,380. Had you ever voted before?—Not at a general election. I have voted at municipal elections.

40,381. You have voted at municipal elections?—Yes, and for the same party.

40,382. Did you get anything for voting?—Nothing; not the worth of a farthing.

STEPHEN SENDALL sworn and examined. *S. Sendall.*

40,383. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

40,384. At what time of the day?—About 3 o'clock.

40,385. Where were you up to 3 o'clock on that day?—In my yard at St. Mary's Lane; a malthouse yard.

40,386. What were you doing?—Carrying corn. I am a maltster all the winter, and a master bricklayer of a summer time.

40,387. Had not you time to go up and vote before that time of the day?—No.

40,388. Did anybody come to you and ask you to go up?—No.

40,389. You went up of your own free will?—Of my own good will.

40,390. Without anybody coming and urging you to go?—No one persuaded me to go.

40,391. Did anybody promise you anything for your vote?—No.

40,392. Or did anybody give you anything for your vote?—Nothing at all.

EDWARD THOMAS CHAPLIN sworn and examined. *E. T. Chaplin*

40,393. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A farmer.

40,394. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,395. At what time of the day did you vote?—After 2. I could not say exactly what time it was.

40,396. What had you been doing all the day?—At work.

40,397. For whom were you at work?—Mr. Patteson.

40,398. Did you vote as soon as you had had your dinner?—Yes.

40,399. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No.

40,400. Had you promised anybody?—No.

40,401. Had you told anybody how you were going to vote?—No.

40,402. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

40,403. Was anything promised you?—No.

40,404. Were you treated anywhere that day?—No.

GEORGE KEY recalled and further examined. *G. Key.*

40,405. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A stoker.

40,406. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

40,407. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,408. What time in the day?—10 minutes to 4.

40,409. What did you get for voting?—Nothing at all; not a penny.

40,410. Why did you not vote earlier than that?—I could not get away from my work.

40,411. Where were you working?—At the gas-house; stoking.

40,412. Could you not get away till 10 minutes to 4?—I might have got away, but I did not think about voting.

40,413. You were here yesterday?—Yes.

40,414. Very drunk?—No; I had not but two glasses of beer all day.

40,415. Who gave you that beer yesterday?—I bought two glasses; that's all I had.

40,416. Did you get any beer on the election day for your vote?—No.

40,417. No beer and no money?—Only what beer I paid for.

40,418. Were you in any public-houses that day?—Yes.

40,419. Where were you?—"Bishop Bridge" inn; James Hobrough's.

40,420. Were you at the "Thorn"?—No.

44,421. At the "Horse Shoes"?—No.

40,422. Only at that one public-house you have mentioned?—No.

40,423. You were at work all day until you voted?—Yes.

Sir WILLIAM RUSSELL, Bart., sworn and examined. *Sir W. Russell, Bart.*

40,424. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are the member for Norwich?—I am.

40,425. You became member in the year 1860?—That was my first election.

40,426. You were elected again in the year 1865?—Yes.

40,427. And also at the last election?—Yes.

40,428. At the last election we hear that Mr. Coaks was your agent?—Yes, he was.

40,429–30. Who had been your agent at the two preceding elections?—Mr. Coaks was in 1865, and also in 1860; both the previous elections.

40,431. When did you announce yourself as a candidate at the last election?—I always had intended to stand again if such was the wish of the party generally. Mr. Warner and myself would both of us have stood again, and had never any intention, either of us, of withdrawing. I may as well say at once that when I first came to Norwich the Liberal party selected Mr. Warner as the representative of the Radical, or advanced section; the Whigs selected me as their member, and it was decided between the two sections unanimously to support us both together.

THIRTIETH DAY

Sir W. Russell, Bart.

13 Oct. 1869.

There had been some dissatisfaction expressed by some members of the party, and I believe some of them wished to have more advanced Liberals as representing them. Mr. Warner and myself were asked to come down here to attend a meeting of the party, and we did so.

40,432. Can you tell me at what time that meeting took place?—I think it was in the end of June or the beginning of July. I have not got the date with me.

40,433. That is quite near enough.—We came down and attended the meeting and placed ourselves entirely in the hands of the party. I stated that if it was considered that, to prevent dividing the party it was necessary to put in a more advanced Liberal than one of us, I was quite willing to withdraw and let Mr. Warner stand as the other, provided that was decided upon by the party generally. Mr. Warner did the same thing. We drew up a joint letter and placed it in the hands of those gentlemen, a large section of the party, whom we had met, stating that we placed ourselves entirely in their hands, and either of us would withdraw, as it was decided by them. The result was that there was a meeting afterwards, and the members of the Whig section decided that as I had always been their member from the time of my first election they should certainly support me; and the members of the more advanced section decided that they would support Mr. Tillett. Upon that Mr. Warner, having signed the joint letter, of which I unfortunately have not got a copy here, but it is in the possession of some of the gentlemen here, was in honour bound to withdraw, and I was accepted as the representative of the Whig section.

40,434. Can you tell me now at what time, not to a day, but about what time it was that the resolution was arrived at?—It was within about a fortnight after our visit.

40,435. That would be about the middle of July?—I should think about that; two or three weeks after our visit.

40,436. What steps did you take upon that to secure your return at the election which was coming on?—I came down here and saw Sir William Foster, Mr. Youngs—no, I do not think Mr. Youngs was here at the time; but I saw one or two leaders of the party, and I said I put myself entirely in their hands and should act exactly as they directed. I would come down at once and canvass, or wait till they sent for me. They thought it desirable that I should not come down at once, and should not appear with any view of canvassing or anything else, unless a Conservative candidate was started. On that account I never took any steps. I came down three or four times for the day. I came down perhaps at intervals of a week, 10 days, or a fortnight, just to see the leaders of the party, and then I went away again; but I took no active steps till I was asked to come down and canvass.

40,437. Do I understand you that it was hardly anticipated that there would be a contest?—I have no doubt that if Mr. Warner and I had stood there would have been no contest, and I think it was only latterly that they succeeded in starting a Conservative candidate. It was very late when they determined upon it.

40,438. Before Sir Henry Stracey came forward did you not hear that active measures were being taken to secure a Conservative candidate for the seat?—Yes. I heard that there had been a good deal of talk about it, and I heard that they had failed in getting a Conservative candidate; in fact, the only Conservative candidate who would I consider have been at all dangerous, if he came forward, was Sir Robert Harvey. I thought he would have had a very good chance, and if he had been brought forward, would probably have beaten us; but having failed to secure him, I thought they had no chance with any other. I think, when they selected Sir Henry Stracey, they got the best possible candidate next to Sir Robert Harvey.

40,439. At the time you heard of Sir Robert Harvey being selected as a candidate you were uncertain, I suppose, whether he would become a candidate or not. There was an interval during which his answer, I suppose, would be uncertain?—I had heard myself that he did not intend to stand, but I believe he did not publicly give his decision until a short time afterwards.

40,440. Then you never seriously apprehended his candidature?—Not after I received that information. I was told that having his bank in the city of Norwich, and being on good terms with a great many people here, he did not wish to come forward.

40,441. When you heard of Sir Henry Stracey coming forward as a candidate, what steps did you take for the contest?—I was at once summoned down by telegraph, and I came down immediately and had a meeting with the leaders of the party. It was then decided that the two, Mr. Tillett and myself, should unite and fight together as the two Liberal candidates.

40,442. We have heard a good deal of that coalition. Did you come down upon the eve of that coalition, or had you taken any steps before the coalition to secure your re-election?—I never moved in any way whatever until I was summoned down by Sir William Foster, who said I had better come at once.

40,443. Can you give me the date when you came down?—I think it was about three weeks before the election. I cannot give you the exact date; a fortnight or three weeks.

40,444. Had you at that time communicated with or placed yourself in the hands of Mr. Coaks for the purpose of his being your legal agent?—Mr. Coaks had all along acted as my agent in Norwich, and continued acting for me; but I think it was not until a day or two before the election that I actually signed any paper constituting him my agent.

40,445. Was there ever any doubt as to Mr. Coaks acting for you at this election?—Mr. Coaks at one time said he could not, or he did not wish to act in the matter in conjunction with Mr. Tillett's candidature; and he objected at one time to acting as my agent if I coalesced with Mr. Tillett. I said that it was entirely a question for the party and not for me. I thought it was essential for the Liberal party that the two Liberals should work together, and I was quite prepared to do so if that was their wish. I thought that Mr. Tillett had every chance of success; in fact I fully expected that Mr. Tillett would be in advance of me. I thought that we should have beaten Sir Henry Stracey by a very large majority; but I fully expected, from the information that was given to me, that Mr. Tillett would be before me.

40,446. From whom did you derive that information?—From a good many different members of the party in conversation. Sir William Foster and the Whig section, always said that I should be at the head of the poll; the other portions of the party said the reverse. I went according to my belief, and from what I had seen and known of Mr. Tillett, I believed him to be very popular in the city, and I thought the chances were that he would head me.

40,447. We have heard that Mr. Coaks ultimately became your agent; do you know when he finally determined that he would act for you?—Directly I heard there would be a contest. I do not think there were six hours, or three hours interval.

40,448. Was it about a fortnight or three weeks before the election that you came down?—Yes.

40,449. Did you remain here from that time until the election?—Yes, except two days. I got a telegram to say that my wife was very ill, and I went away for a day to take her home.

40,450. Did you proceed to canvass?—I avoided canvassing as much as I possibly could, having done

it twice before in Norwich, and knowing what a tremendous business it was with the old constituency, and knowing that it would be a great deal more serious with a new one. We strove to do everything by meetings. We attended as many as four or five meetings of an evening, and addressed the electors in different wards in the city. We did very little canvassing except at large establishments, where we met large bodies of workmen together.

40,451. Did you go into any what may be called "doubtful localities" in Norwich?—No. I never made any regular canvass of the town, for had I attempted it I should have required three weeks or a month to do it in, and I should have offended a great many persons by not calling upon them. I declined, therefore, to make a personal canvass except of the leaders of the party. I went to large factories where I met large bodies of men together, but a house to house canvass we declined to make.

40,452. You had made a house to house canvass, had you not, at both the previous elections?—Yes.

40,453. On those occasions had you found that there was a very considerable number of doubtful voters in Norwich?—There were a good many people who would not make up their minds, and who said they should wait and see. I did not like canvassing, and determined not to do it.

40,454. Had you received information at prior elections that many men expected to be paid a day's wages?—A great many men had asked me, and said, "I cannot lose a day; will you give me a day's wages?" And I invariably said, "Certainly not." That was on previous occasions.

40,455. That was in the course of a personal canvass?—Yes. It appeared to be a general feeling that they would not lose a day's work for either side; if they got their day's wage they would vote.

40,456. There was an arrangement made, we have been told, by which ward managers were appointed to assist in the canvass, and to see how it was carried out in the city; were you cognisant of that?—They went round, I believe, with a view to give us some idea of our position, that was the real object; but I do not know that that could have been carefully done, because according to that canvass we should have had a majority, so far as the books showed, of over 2,000 in our favour.

40,457. Mr. Coaks distrusted the return, did he not, and advised you that it was not one on which you could place any reliance?—Yes, he did.

40,458. When you consented to become a candidate I suppose you were aware that at many elections at Norwich there had been very corrupt practices?—Before I came down here I was aware that there had been, because there had been several committees of inquiry, and several members had been unseated. On the occasion of my first coming down here, when I was first invited, I came down with Mr. Warner, and I met a large number of the leaders of the party at the "Royal" Hotel with Mr. Warner. We were examined as to our political faith, and after that I stated distinctly to them that Norwich did not bear at that time, having had these committees of inquiry, a very good character.

40,459. You came down immediately after the decision of the committee which had unseated the members?—Yes, and I stated that I certainly would not pay 1*s.* in any shape or form that was not strictly legal, and that did not appear in the auditor's election accounts; that if there was to be any question of any after payments I would take my return ticket, and go back to London at once. I also stated that if they would make me out a sort of estimate of what the expenses in each ward ought fairly to be, and if all those were put into the auditor's accounts I was quite prepared to pay whatever the amount might be, provided it appeared in the election auditor's accounts, and was a legal payment. Upon that Mr. Warner and I were requested to withdraw for a short time. There was a short discussion among the members of the party. Mr. Warner, I should state, coincided with me in all I had said as to that, and gave me his word, and I gave him mine, that neither of us would under any circumstances pay a shilling without the knowledge of the other. We then went into another room, and on our return Mr. Tillett, who was the spokesman at the time, said they were quite prepared to accept us on our own terms. On that they gave us an estimate of what the expenses were to be, and I requested that a committee of gentlemen might be formed through whom every payment should pass. I forget whether it was three or four gentlemen who were appointed on that committee, Mr. Tillett, Mr. Bacon, and Mr. Colman. I forget whether there were three or four, but everything I paid was paid to those gentlemen and through them.

40,460. That was the commencement of your connexion with the city of Norwich?—Yes.

40,461. You have said that that was the sum you stipulated you should pay?—Yes.

40,462. Did you make any stipulation as to anything being provided from any other source besides your own?—Certainly not.

40,463. You misunderstand me, I think. Did you know sufficient of the city of Norwich to be aware that sums of money had from time to time been provided for improper purposes, by what I may call independent individuals in the city, in order to support their party?—No, I did not.

40,464. You were not aware of that?—I had never known anything of Norwich elections until I came down here at the request of the constituents to meet them.

40,465. Had you heard anything of the kind?—No, I had not the slightest knowledge of it in any shape or form.

40,466. So that you made no provision against irregular practices which might be attempted by third persons?—I merely stated that I was quite prepared to pay all my own expenses, and every expense connected with the election, provided they were legal and would be passed by the auditors.

40,467. You took no precautions, as I understand you, against any improper practices being resorted to by those who might be called independent supporters of your party?—Certainly not; for I was not aware that anything of the sort would be done, or was likely to be done.

40,468. That suspicion did not cross your mind?—No, not in the least.

40,469. I will take you to the first election. You were then elected by a considerable majority?—Yes, Mr. Warner was at the head of the poll, and I was elected with Mr. Warner.

40,470. What did that first election cost you?—I have not got the papers with me now, and I have no means of getting at them so as to bring them with me. They are at Charlton, and I was at Brighton when I got the letter which brought me here; but I think the amount was under 1,000*l.* Of course I can furnish you with that information.

40,471. What did you pay for that election; was it your moiety of the legal expenses that were returned to the officer?—It was my moiety of the legal expenses that were returned to the officer. There was a sum of 220*l.* I think, which was claimed afterwards by Mr. Coaks for expenses, which he stated were not illegal, and which I said I would not pay unless they were allowed by the finance committee. My moiety was 110*l.* of that amount, and that 110*l.* I refused steadily to pay, and it was not paid until Mr. Coaks in 1864, I think the end of 1864, threatened to sue

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me if I did not pay up my moiety. He said that Mr. Warner had paid his moiety, and that I was bound to pay mine. I then, with the concurrence of the finance committee, paid 110*l.* at the end of 1864 for the election of 1860.

40,472. Did you pay, directly or indirectly, any other money for the purposes or for the expenses of that election?—Nothing whatever in any shape or form.

40,473. Or have you ever done so?—No.

40,474. Do you know of any other funds having been provided by other persons for the repayment of money expended at that election?—Not one shilling to my knowledge.

40,475. Did you know a person of the name of Wilde?—Yes, I knew him very well.

40,476. Was he active at that election?—Yes, he had the charge of the central committee room on the day.

40,477. Was that the young man, or the old man?—The old man.

40,478. He is now dead?—Yes.

40,479. You knew, did you not, that he had been actively concerned in bribery at the preceding election which had been voided by a committee of the House of Commons?—Yes, it so appeared by the evidence, and that was one of my reasons for saying that I wanted to have a finance committee who should pass everything before I paid it; my object being to prevent the possibility of any question arising. Until the the finance committee in 1864 authorised the payment of the 110*l.* for the election of 1860 I would not pay it, and did not pay it.

40,480. Do you know whether Mr. Warner had paid, or had agreed to pay, any other sum than that which was his moiety of the returned expenses, and the moiety of the additional sum to which you have alluded?—No, I do not know of his having paid a shilling beyond that. He paid his 110*l.* in the year 1861, I believe.

40,481. Did you ever learn from Mr. Coaks the exact nature of the items which constituted that sum?—No, I never learnt it. It was, I was told, for bands, and some expenses which he said were not illegal, and which were passed by the committee. I do not know what they were at all.

40,482. Did you hear anything about a show of hands?—No, I never heard a word about a show of hands at that time.

40,483–4. In 1865 you became a candidate again?—Yes. I find that this (*referring to a paper*) was on the 30th of June 1864 that I paid the 110*l.*

40,485. Did you receive any claims of any sort or kind before the election of 1865?—No, not a shilling.

40,486. On becoming a candidate again in 1865, did you receive any intimation of any such matters being outstanding?—No.

40,487. Or did you receive any intimation or suggestion that you were expected to pay anything of the kind?—No, certainly not. I think that if there had been such a claim I should hardly have been informed of it, because I had so strongly resisted paying even the 110*l.* I have mentioned until the committee had sanctioned the payment of it.

40,488. In the year 1865, upon the occasion of your candidature, was the same system pursued as had been pursued in the year 1860?—No, I applied to the same gentlemen to act on the committee, but they said they had had a great deal of trouble on the committee before, and that as Mr. Coaks was solely acting as agent there was no necessity for a committee, and they declined acting as finance committee again. There had been a great deal of difficulty in arranging the accounts before, and they declined to act, and under those circumstances Mr. Coaks was appointed as Mr. Warner's and my agent jointly.

40,489. Were any instructions given by you to Mr. Coaks upon the subject of expenditure?—My instructions to Mr. Coaks were most positive, that I would far sooner lose the election than run the risk of having one single shilling spent illegally on my behalf, and I told him that I would only pay what could be proved to be strictly legal.

40,490. You were returned again at that election. Have you ever been called upon to pay any other sum than your moiety of the returned expenses?—I do not recollect what the return was at the time, but when the accounts were sent in to me I strongly objected to the amount; the amount was 2,872*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*, a moiety of that. I considered that that was more than we had been at all led to expect. We had been led to believe that it would not exceed the same sum as the previous election had cost, and I strongly objected to paying so large an amount. I sent the accounts down before I paid them to Mr. Colman, who had acted as one of my committee on the previous occasion, and asked him to look them over. I also submitted them to my own solicitor in London, and then I sent them down also to Sir William Foster to look at under the direction of all three of those gentlemen. I came to the conclusion that I must pay half that sum, that there was nothing illegal in it, though it was not all in the auditor's published account, and I therefore paid my moiety. But I did that after considerable delay and a good deal of correspondence. I had paid my half of the published accounts.

40,491. Can you tell me what were the items generally to which you objected?—I never got any items furnished to me, and that was one of the reasons why I so strongly objected to paying the amount. I have no doubt that Mr. Coaks can furnish you with the particulars.

40,492. Have you been called upon to pay anything besides the moiety of that sum?—No, nothing.

40,493. Neither directly nor indirectly?—No, I must tell you that I had no means exactly of ascertaining the figures myself while I was at Brighton. They were at my own place in Gloucestershire, and therefore I had not the figures with me, and as I came down this morning I went to Mr. Coaks' office to look at the accounts, and I have taken this sum of 2,872*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* from the paper in his office. I believe that that was the exact amount, but I can furnish you with the precise figures by referring to my cheque book and banker's book when I go into Gloucestershire.

40,494. What you paid was one half of the demand that was sent in by Mr. Coaks?—Exactly.

40,495. And nothing more?—Not a shilling more in any shape or way, and I did not pay that amount until after a good deal of correspondence, and after getting the opinion of three persons that there was not included in it any illegal payment that I was not bound to satisfy.

40,496. Have you ever paid any sum whatever besides that?—No. I do not mean to say that I paid the whole of the 2,872*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*; I only paid one half.

40,497. That is half of the sum which was sent in as a demand by Mr. Coaks?—That is exactly it. I wish you to understand that I do not give you these figures from my own documents.

40,498. You do not pledge yourself to those precise figures, except so far as your general recollection goes?—I believe they coincide with the amount I paid.

40,499. Are you aware of any illegal payment having been made by anybody on your behalf?—Certainly not. I do not know of anything that has been paid in any shape or form by anyone.

40,500. Have you heard that at either that or the preceding election sums of money had been paid for

secret service?—No, I never heard of it in any shape or form, and I do not think that there was any.

40,501. Was Mr. Wilde engaged at that as well as the preceding election?—If he was alive he was, but I am not certain whether he was alive in 1865 or not. He certainly was not at the last election, and I do not know that he was at the previous one, but I cannot say for certain. If Mr. Wilde was alive at that time he was in the election, but I am not quite certain about it.

40,502. Was there nothing to attract your attention to any irregular payment whatever at either of those two elections?—Certainly not, beyond the fact that this moiety was demanded from me.

40,503. I mean irrespective of the sum returned to you by Mr. Coaks, was there any outside payment which at all attracted your attention?—I never heard of any of any sort or description.

40,504. Did you ever hear that at either of those elections sums had been subscribed, or guarantees had been given, for other expenses besides those that you were called upon to pay?—No, I never heard it.

40,505. It was entirely without your knowledge?—Yes, it was entirely without my knowledge.

40,506. At the last election Mr. Coaks was your agent?—Yes.

40,507. Had you received from Mr. Coaks an account of the expenses of that election?—Yes, I received it and paid it. I questioned a portion of it. I sent it down to Sir William Foster for examination. He said there was nothing irregular in it, and I paid it.

40,508. Have you got that account?—Yes (*producing it*); there was a further sum added to that of 33*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* and 23*l.* 8*s.*

40,509. What were those sums for?—Mr. Coaks said there were two further sums of 33*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* and 23*l.* 8*s.* Here is his letter (*producing it*) forwarding me the statement. These were the only papers that I could put my hands upon; the papers relating to prior elections I have not got with me.

40,510. This, I suppose, is a mere transcript of the returned account?—I fancy so. I never had a full detailed account before I insisted on having it on this occasion.

40,511. Did you pay those two additional sums which are mentioned in that letter?—Yes, I did. Those were included in the application. I sent them to Sir William Foster, and Mr. Colman looked at them, and my own solicitor in London, and I paid the whole amount; but I must tell you that I objected to paying it at first, as being very much larger than we had been led to expect. We had been led to expect that the expense would be about 800*l.* apiece, but the expenses amounted to 1,300*l.* odd. I objected to that. I paid a proportion of it, about 1,000*l.*; and the 300*l.* odd I did not pay till some time afterwards, when I had the account carefully examined. I did not pay the 300*l.* till July last.

40,512. Have you ever paid any additional sum whatever beyond those three sums, the entire sum which is entered in this account against you, and the two other sums that are alluded to in the letter you have just produced?—Not in any way connected with the election.

40,513. Have you had any other claim of any sort or kind made upon you?—No, not in any shape or form.

40,514. Or a suggestion of any payment that you ought to make in honour or otherwise?—No, none whatever.

40,515. Are you aware of any payment having been made in respect of that election independently of those payments?—No; there is a list of my subscriptions which I have paid here pretty regularly, but they have nothing to do with the election.

40,516. Of course every member of Parliament has to pay subscriptions to charities.—Yes, there are subscriptions to the hospital, and to some other charities.

40,517. With regard to the last election, were you aware of any money having been expended by anybody on your side beyond the sums you have mentioned?—I am not aware of anything in any shape or form, and I do not believe that a single shilling was spent; that Mr. Tillett's and my instructions were so very strong that I do not think anybody spent a single halfpenny in our behalf.

40,518. There is one circumstance connected with the last election which has given rise to some inquiry here, that is the matter of the show of hands. I do not know whether your attention has been directed to that. A meeting, as I understand, took place on the Saturday before the election respecting some payments which might be made on the nomination day, or upon the election day; one of those was the payment of cabs, and the other was the payment of men for a show of hands. Now, I shall be glad if you will tell me exactly what you recollect as having transpired at that meeting with reference to the show of hands.—I was not aware that the show of hands was ever paid for; the question that was raised when we went in was as to the payment for cabs; after hearing an opinion which had been taken upon the subject we decided that it was an illegal payment. Upon that Mr. Coaks said, "And how about the show of hands; are we to have it?" I said, "Well, I do not think it signifies a straw in that place;" which I daresay you know. It is a mere rush to get in, and Mr. Youngs, I think it was, said, "There is a good deal of "prestige with it. We always carry the show of "hands; we always get the hall occupied first, and "carry the show of hands." I asked Mr. Coaks at once, "Is there anything illegal in it?" and he said, "Certainly not the least." I said, "Well, then, "I suppose we had better have it, and get it filled as "before." I may mention to you that when I stood as member for Dover they were anxious to get the show of hands, and Mr. Moxon, who was a contractor there, and a staunch supporter of mine, said, "Oh, we will have the show of hands;" and a large number of his navvies marched down in a body from the railway works, and held up their hands. There was no payment whatever for that, and I was not really aware that there was any payment to be paid for this.

40,519. Do you not recollect something being said about payment?—No, I do not really recollect any mention of a money payment for it.

40,520. Was not an inquiry made as to what it would cost?—Certainly not, to my knowledge. I never heard that it was to be paid for at all. I merely believed that it was a thing to be organised, and that there were to be a number of our own party who were to be shoved in and get the show of hands.

40,521. Did you not hear an inquiry made as to what it would cost?—No, I never knew that it had been paid for, nor did I know until I saw it in evidence here that it had been paid for. I read Mr. Coaks evidence.

40,522. Have you read the account of what Mr. Youngs said?—Yes, I have read what Mr. Youngs said. I saw it this morning.

40,523. What was said may possibly have escaped your ears?—We were meeting in a room at the "Royal." I certainly did not hear any statement as to the amount, or that there was to be any money payment whatever. My own impression was that the intention was simply to organise a body of volunteers who would undergo a good deal of hard fighting to get possession of the place. Mr. Colman said at the time "There are plenty of my men, and men of other "large employers in the town; we will take care of

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"that." I was fully under the impression that it was to be taken care of by Mr. Colman's men, and the men of one or two other large factories.

40,524. Did you remain after Mr. Youngs left?—Yes, it was in my room that the meeting was. Mr. Youngs stayed only a very few minutes, and then went away.

40,525. You say that until you heard the evidence that had been given here you were entirely unaware that the show of hands had been paid for in any way?—Certainly. It does not appear in my account in any way, and I was perfectly unaware that 6*d.* had been paid for it.

40,526. (*Mr. Biron.*) There is an item charged for clerks, messengers, and so on.—Yes, and it might be included in that; but there is no item to show that a shilling was paid for the show of hands. When I asked the question as to its legality I did it just in the same way as I should ask whether a mob rushing in was an illegal act like marching with bands and banners.

40,527. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I want to know how, unless it involved payment, you could suppose that there could be any illegality in it?—Because I believe that marching in bodies in any way at an election, carrying colours, or bands, or anything of that sort, is illegal whether it is paid for or not, and therefore I thought that it might be an illegal thing to have a rush.

40,528. The question was about the payment of cabs?—Yes, distinctly.

40,529. It is possible that you may not have appreciated what the real matter was.—I never was aware of it until I saw the evidence that had been given here, and in no account furnished to me did they say the show of hands was to have been paid for.

40,530. You say that you did not hear the question what it would cost either put or answered?—No, I certainly did not hear it.

40,531. (*Mr. Biron.*) There were a number of people there who were talking more or less?—Yes.

40,532. There were a number of gentlemen standing about the room discussing and talking over matters connected with the election?—Yes.

40,533. And a number of things might pass from one person to another, or between two or three persons, in which others might take no part?—Just so.

40,534. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) And yet that forms part of the general consultation?—Yes.

40,535. It is not a matter which you can entirely reject as resulting from the meeting; it is a result of the meeting, though it may not have had the entire concurrence of everybody there?—I myself said, "If "there is nothing illegal about it we had better have "it;" but my impression was that we were to have it by means of organising a band of people from the different works who would go in and win it. Will you allow me to say this, which I think Mr. Youngs will confirm me in. He acted for me on the last occasion, Mr. Colman acting for Mr. Tillett; they were really the only persons who acted as a committee for us. I cautioned him most particularly that not one sixpence in any shape or form should be spent illegally.

40,536. There can be no question in the mind of any gentleman here, I am quite sure, that what was intended to be done was not intended to be done illegally. The very circumstance of the inquiry being made and answered shows that there was a determined disposition not to do wrong, and under those circumstances, if wrong was done, it was done in ignorance. Both my colleagues and myself are quite satisfied of that. It was a mistake of the law simply under any circumstances. Were you aware of any arrangement made with any of your subordinates that there should be no show of hands?—No, I never heard anything of the sort.

40,537. In the election of 1860 had you any reason to suppose that there was any illegal practice on the part of your opponents?—I think that that was a perfectly pure election as far as both sides were concerned. I think that both Lewis and Forlonge did not do anything illegal on that occasion so far as I can judge; the fact was that there was a very strong feeling, and there has been on the part of the leaders, both Conservatives and Liberals, that the city having obtained a very bad name, owing to the Bury and other elections, every effort should be made by the leaders on both sides to prevent anything in the shape of bribery or irregular practices, and that was most strongly enforced in the election of 1860, and was most rigidly carried out, I believe, and also in 1865; and I believe that the leaders of the Conservative party upon this occasion, such as Mr. Johnson and one or two others, and I believe Sir Henry Stracey himself, were perfectly ignorant and perfectly unwilling that there should be any illegal practices.

40,538. Confine your attention, if you please, to the election of 1860. I want to know whether there was anything of the sort or kind which induced you to suppose, or even to surmise, that there was any improper practice on the part of either of your opponents?—I do not believe that there was anything whatever, so far as I have the means of judging. I have stated that the leaders, both of the Conservative and of the Liberal party, had come to a determination to prevent corruption as far as they could; and I believe that at the next election, when the leaders of the Conservative party found they could not control one of their candidates, they withdrew their support from him.

40,539. In the next election, in 1865, was there anything that induced you to believe that illegal practices were being resorted to?—Yes, I think there were very strong evidences that illegal practices were resorted to.

40,540. What were those evidences?—The sudden increase of numbers and the considerable amount of beer that appeared to show itself among a certain class.

40,541. Had the election of 1860 been free from intoxication?—I think it was very free; wonderfully free.

40,542. Were those indications much greater in the election of 1865?—Very much greater.

40,543. Who had taken a prominent part in the election of 1860 on the Conservative side?—I think Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Patteson, and Mr. Watson, and the usual leaders of the party.

40,544. At the election in 1865 were those gentlemen active again?—Yes, they were very active for Mr. Goldsmid; they at first supported both candidates, but when certain circumstances came to their knowledge they withdrew their support from Mr. Waters, and supported only Mr. Goldsmid.

40,545. Were those circumstances which induced them to withdraw their support from Mr. Waters illegal practices, or were they matters personal to Mr. Waters?—I really cannot answer for them; they probably will be better able to answer for themselves.

40,546. You said they seemed to withdraw their support, and you thought that their support was withdrawn on account of illegal practices?—What I meant was that I believe illegal practices did take place, but they did not countenance them in any shape. Of course they are themselves the best judges why they withdrew their support from Mr. Waters. I believe that there were other causes; but as to the person they supported, Mr. Goldsmid, I believe that his actions were perfectly pure, and that the actions of the leaders of the Conservative party were pure also.

40,547. Then, as far as the leaders of the Conservative party are concerned, you had no suspicion of any unfair practice on their part?—On their part, in that election, certainly not.

40,548. What induced you to suppose that there was any improper practices on the part of Mr. Waters?—The fact of the sudden majority in his favour, and the fact I was informed of, that money was flying about in every direction through him and his agents. I was told so in a good many quarters. I could not at this distance of time state where I heard it, but it was generally believed throughout the town.

40,549. They were rather general rumours than specific statements?—There were general rumours and one or two specific statements, quite sufficient to satisfy me that there had been a considerable amount of treating.

40,550. There was an exhibition of drunkenness?—Yes, and there was the appearance of the men generally.

40,551. At the last election, were you led to suppose by anything that there were illegal practices going forward?—I believe that up to the middle of the day there was nothing done in any shape or form. I believe that whatever did occur was done without the knowledge or sanction of the leaders of the Conservative party and against their wish, and strongly against the wish of Sir Henry Stracey.

40,552. At what time in the day did you first see anything that induced you to suppose there was anything improper going on?—I did not think there was anything seriously wrong until about 2 o'clock.

40,553. Did some circumstances then attract your attention?—Simply that I got messages from every direction sent up to the committee room that they were buying, and buying in different wards. I had not any specific information beyond that.

40,554. And did that continue up to the close of the poll?—Yes, up to the close of the poll.

40,555. Did you observe much drunkenness?—A good deal; more than I had ever seen at any election in Norwich before.

40,556. More than there was in the preceding election in 1865?—Certainly.

40,557. I suppose you can give me no specific information as to anything improper that was done at the last election?—No; I really know of no specific cases at all.

40,558. Do you know of any treating that took place at any one of those three elections on the Liberal side?—No, I do not at any one of the elections in the way of treating.

40,559. I am speaking of treating, separate from bribery?—I understand that, but I do not know anything of the sort.

40,560. You had a conversation with Mr. Youngs, and you also had a conversation with another gentleman, Mr. Colman, respecting a letter which you had received either the day before or the Saturday before the election?—Yes. I have read the evidence which has been given about those two cases, and I think there is a little misapprehension as to what I stated.

40,561. Have you that letter?—I have not.

40,562. What have you done with it?—I destroyed it at the time; it was simply a letter from one of my nephews. I will tell you the circumstances. When I was first coming down to Norwich I was told by a gentleman, a friend of mine in London, who had been in India, who is a Conservative, and who has stood as a Conservative for another constituency, "It is no "use your going to Norwich; we mean to have that "place, and the Carlton Club will have it. You may "be certain you will be beaten."

40,563. When was this?—It was in June, or somewhere about that time.

40,564. In June last?—Yes, June before the election. He said they were quite determined to have the election.

40,565. Who was that gentleman?—Mr. J. P. Mackenzie, of No. 9, Old Broad Street; he told me that in his office.

40,566. What is his position; is he a solicitor?—No, he is a merchant in the City. He stood as a Conservative canditate, and was beaten. He is a friend of my own, and was in India for many years, and made his money out there. He said, "It is of no use your "starting; you are sure to be beaten; the Conservatives "mean to have it, and they will send down someone "who will be sure to beat you; you may depend upon "it it is of no use your starting."

40,567. Is he a member of the Carlton Club?—Yes, I think so; at any rate he had good means of knowing, because he was very intimate with Mr. Rose, of the firm of Baxter, Rose, and Norton; he is a great friend of his, and I thought the probabilities were that the information he gave me was pretty accurate on that head. I said, "Well, I think there is only one "man that can beat me, and that is Sir Robert "Harvey. If he starts I think they may win. I think "he is the only person likely to succeed, and if he "does not start I think I am pretty safe." I meant Mr. Warner and myself; for I believed then we were both going to start. I could not get any further information from him. I asked him for information once or twice afterwards, and tried to get something specific, but I could not get anything beyond that sort of caution which he gave me. Before I came away from London I sent one of my nephews to try and fish out the matter, and let me know if he could get any information at all.

40,568. Who was your nephew?—A young nephew of mine, quite a youngster, of the name of Birch.

40,569. Where does he live?—At present he is living near Leatherhead. I told him to inquire and see what information he could get for me, and the day before the election I got a letter from him, saying he could get nothing definite at all; he gave me no definite information beyond that the report was the Carlton Club certainly intended to send down money here; from all he could pick up at the club and various other places it was to the effect that they meant to send down money, but he could give me no specific information. I told Mr. Colman I had that letter. It was just three lines from my nephew, and Mr. Colman asked me for the name, and I told him he could give me no names; it was merely a report that it was to be won, it was to be had; it was the general rumour in the clubs in London that the Conservatives meant to win it. Afterwards I was written to by Mr. Colman, when Mr. Baron Martin was coming down here, to ask me to try and fish out some specific trace of this general report, and I tried several places, but I could get nothing at all definite, and wrote to him to that effect, saying, I have no information; probably he could produce my letter, saying I had been quite unable to trace it to any source; it was a simple matter of rumour, and that the gentleman who had first given me the hint did not give me anything further, and I could not get anything from anyone else. The letter to which you have alluded was a note from my nephew, which I did not keep, and which I tore up at the time I believe.

40,570. We thought from what you heard that it was something of a much more authentic character than that?—I wanted to keep myself informed of what was going on in London, and ordered my nephew to give me any information he could pick up.

40,571. After that suggestion of course you were anxious to ascertain whether you might be met by an antagonist of that kind?—Yes.

40,572. Was there any sum mentioned in that letter?—No, none whatever. It was a sort of report that they meant to win the election, and they would send money down for the purpose.

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WILLIAM WILDE sworn and examined.

40,573. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by profession?—I am merely the high bailiff of the county court.

40,574. In this city?—Yes, in this city.

40,575. How long have you held that office?—20 years.

40,576. Who appointed you to it?—The late judge, Mr. Birch.

40,577. Were you in Norwich at the time of the last election?—Yes.

40,578. Did you take any part in that election?—A very little part.

40,579. What part did you take?—On the Saturday before the election I went with Mr. Coaks to the committee room, and went through the register to see how the marking was. I had been asked by Sir William Russell to do that. I went, and was there for several hours on the Saturday evening, and again on the Monday, and on the election day I was at the committee room all day helping and assisting in keeping the poll.

40,580. Did you canvass at all?—No, not at all.

40,581. Did you solicit any votes?—No.

40,582. Or induce anyone to go and vote?—No.

40,583. I suppose you are pretty well acquainted with the character of this constituency, are you not?—Yes; not of the new constituency.

40,584. But on former occasions you were pretty well acquainted with it?—Yes.

40,585. Who applied to you to come and take part in this election?—I see in Mr. Coaks' evidence that he says I came from Brighton, but I was living in the Newmarket Road. Sir William Foster asked me first of all if I would look into the register and see how it had been marked by the canvassers on Mr. Tillett's side, and I afterwards saw Mr. Coaks, who agreed that I should go on the Saturday.

40,586. At this last election you had nothing whatever to do with the disbursements of money?—No, nothing.

40,587. After it was over had you anything to do with the settling of accounts?—No, nothing whatever.

40,588. And you know absolutely nothing about what the financial arrangements were?—No, nothing.

40,589. Throughout the whole of the day of the election your services were restricted to the committee room; is that so?—I did not go out of the room excepting to vote.

40,590. And you did vote?—I did vote.

40,591. Have you taken part yourself in former elections?—Yes.

40,592. What was the first election you began at?—Well, I should think 30 years ago. My father always had the management of the Norwich elections.

40,593–4. You were brought up to the business?—Yes, as an election agent.

40,595. At what part of your life did you begin to take an active part yourself?—The first part I had any responsibility was in 1857, when Bury and Schneider were down.

40,596. You were then an active supporter of the Liberal side?—Yes.

40,597. And your father, I suppose, managed it all?—No, my father was away. He came down occasionally; but he was at Finsbury for Sir Morton Peto.

40,598. He was working that election, was he?—Yes.

40,599. At that election in 1857 you had what they call the under-ground work?—No, I had the general management of the election; the under-ground work and the upper ground work.

40,600. Tell me your experiences of the under-ground work?—Yes, with pleasure. We spent about 2,200*l.* at that election.

40,601. In corrupt practices?—Yes, in bribery.

40,602. In 1857?—I am presuming that Bury and Schneider's election was in 1857.

40,603. Yes, it was Bury, Schneider, and Bignold in 1857?—It was when Bury and Schneider were unseated.

40,604. That was in 1859.—That is the election I mean.

40,605. You were for Bury and Schneider?—Yes.

40,606. Who found that 2,000*l.* odd?—I received it from Mr. Rouger, the cashier to Foster and Company.

40,607. Can you call to mind the persons into whose hands you put that money?—No.

40,608. You are satisfied it was put about for the purpose of corrupting voters?—Yes, certainly.

40,609. Under whose orders did you receive that money? Somebody must have given an order upon the cashier?—The cashier brought it to my house.

40,610. Do you not know who gave the order?—No, not at all.

40,611. You were sitting in a room, and the cashier walks in and brings you 2,000*l.*?—No, he brought in 500*l.* at a time.

40,612. Were you never advised who gave the order to him?—No.

40,613. Have you not heard since?—No; I imagined, of course, it was done by Mr. Schneider.

40,614. You do not know who was the actual agent who managed that; you do not know who put you in possession of ammunition for this campaign?—No.

40,615. You are satisfied you spent it all in corruption?—Yes.

40,616. Have you any notion of the details of that expenditure; how it was done?—On the night before the election a report was brought to us that the Conservatives were buying. We had a majority of about 400 on our canvassing, and we had no intention whatever to buy; in fact, an offer was made to the Conservatives that it should be a pure election. In the evening we ascertained that they were buying at all points, and the question was whether the election should be allowed to go.

40,617. They were buying for Bignold and Lushington?—Yes; the question was whether the election should be allowed to go, or whether it should be kept.

40,618. That is, whether you should spend money too?—Yes; and I believe a communication was made to some parties in London as to whether the return should be lost and the seats gained afterwards, or whether the return should be gained and the seats lost, and the advice was that the return should be secured without any regard to the seats; and then on the morning of the election day it was considered that the Conservatives had bought the election. I met Mr. Arthur Bignold as he was coming down the street in the morning, and he told me I might go home again, that it was all done, but I did not take his word for it. I did not go home again, but went down again, and we had a tremendous fight during the day, we winning by somewhere about 200.

40,519. You did that without the assistance of your father?—Yes, I circulated the money myself.

40,620. Your father was at Finsbury?—He came down the night before the election and left the next morning before 11 o'clock, and charged me not to interfere with any corrupt practices, but I was induced to do so rather than that the election should be lost.

40,621. In consequence of the message that was received from London?—I believe that was the reason.

40,622. He sent down a man from London, did he not?—Who?

40,623. Your father?—There was a man that sold us; he was at Finsbury, and I telegraphed for him to come down, and he was sent down to Norwich.

40,624. How was this 2,200*l.* spent?—It was sent out into different parts of the city to different people who had the management of it.

40,625. In what sums?—I cannot remember at this moment.

40,626. Did Mr. Daynes have anything to do with that?—No, I think not.

40,627. Was he not engaged upon that election at all?—He was not engaged professionally, he was not paid for it.

40,628. He was working the election?—He worked at every election.

40,629. I suppose he had something to do with that expenditure?—It is so long ago that I do not remember.

40,630. Do you not believe he had?—I do not know; he is a very cautious man.

40,631. Do you not think that he had in spite of his caution?—I think his influence is more without than with it.

40,632. Was Mr. O. D. Ray taking part in it?—I do not think he had much to do with politics then, it is 10 years ago.

40,633. However you put about this 2,200*l.* and secured the election?—Yes.

40,634. Could you say how many votes you secured by that expenditure?—No, I cannot say, but I should think 400 or 500.

40,635. Do you not know at all what the other side were doing upon that occasion?—I should think they spent twice the money, because they had to buy our majority down, and all we had to do was to keep our own men.

40,636. Who was acting for Mr. Lushington, and Sir Samuel Bignold?—I do not know, but I believe the late Mr. William Kitton.

40,637. He was very good at that kind of work?—Yes, very good, but not good enough.

40,638. There was a petition on which Messrs. Bury and Schneider were unseated?—Yes.

40,639. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) In the mean time Lord Bury accepted an office, whereby his seat became vacated, and there was another election?—Yes, a bye election.

40,640. Did you take any part in that?—Yes.

40,641. Was any money spent?—No, not a penny.

40,641. On neither side?—No. I think Lord Bury's expenses were paid him.

40,642. It was not worth while spending money?—There was certainly none spent on our side, and I do not believe a penny was spent on the other side.

40,643. It was not worth while, the petition was pending?—I think the general understanding is, when a gentleman accepts an office, he has not a violently contested election.

40,644. Was there not an understanding that Bignold was not an eligible candidate, in consequence of the bribery that was alleged against him?—No, I think not.

40,645. As far as you are acquainted with it yourself you are not aware of a shilling having been spent at that bye election in order to corrupt voters?—No, not anything.

40,647. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Now we come to the election of 1860, when Mr. Warner and Sir William Russell were the Liberal candidates?—That I had nothing to do with.

40,648. Had your father got anything to do with it?—No, very little. We got into grief with our party by being found out.

40,649. Neither of you had anything to do with it?—Very little. There was no money spent then.

40,650. Were you at Norwich at the time?—Yes.

40,651. Do you know anything about it?—I believe no money was spent then.

40,652. Not by Mr. Lewis?—No, I should think not. I do not know about the other side.

40,653. In 1865 did you do anything?—Whose election was that?

40,654. Sir William Russell and Warner, and Goldsmid and Waters?—I was not in Norwich.

40,655. Was your father in Norwich?—Yes, and had the conduct of the election.

40,656. Do you know at all what part he took in it?—No, I do not know, except that he had the sole control of it.

40,657. He knew pretty well how to get up the constituency?—Yes, better than any man, I should think.

40,658. Are you aware whether he got any money to work it with?—No, I do not think anything was spent then.

40,659. I suppose you would not know accurately if you were away. Have you any idea how the majority was secured for Russell and Warner?—I understood that a lot of money was spent by Waters' friends.

40,660. You know none of the details?—No, I was not in Norwich at the time. I was at another election.

40,661. Was Mr. Kitton alive then?—Yes.

40,662. Do you know anything about that election in which it was alleged that Sir Samuel Bignold gave 100*l.* or 100 guineas to your father?—Yes, I know all about it.

40,663. Tell us all about it?—My father had usually the sole conduct of the elections, and at that election, for some reason or other, some persons connected with our party behaved very ill to him, and made it a condition with Mr. Hammond that my father should not have anything to do with the election.

40,664. What election was that?—When Mr. Hammond stood alone. I was walking down Post Office Street, and met Mr. Hammond and my father together, and shortly after my father came back and said, "What do you think has happened? Hammond "told me that our people made it a condition that I "was not to have the management of the election, and "therefore he says we shall have nothing whatever "to do with it." I went and inquired further into it, and found that my father had been what I called most grossly insulted by his own party. My father went home and was very unwell, it had a considerable effect upon him to think he should be so treated after all the service he had rendered, because my father lost a large sum of money by always being a party man; he had a very fine business. Mr. Hardy, the grocer, asked me if I thought that my father would act for Sir Samuel Bignold, I said, "No, I do not think he "will. I do not think I shall let him do that. I "shall certainly keep him quiet, because I do not "intend he shall take any part in the election, "certainly not for his party after the way they have "treated him." In the afternoon I went home, and my father sent for me (I live some distance from my father); he said, "Since you left me I have been "offered a fee of 1,000*l.* to take charge of Sir "Samuel Bignold's election;" and I said, "You can-"not do that, for unfortunately we are different here "to what is practised elsewhere, because an election "agent elsewhere is open to work for either party, "and here you have confined yourself to work for "your particular party, and you cannot manage the "election for Sir Samuel Bignold or for his friends, "but I am very much inclined to advise you to "accept a retainer as an election agent from Sir "Samuel Bignold not to interfere with your own

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"party, because they are sure to be at you before the "election is over." He told me afterwards he had considered himself retained not to take any part in the election, no mention was made of any money by him, and I believe not to him; before he came to that decision we consulted one whom we considered at that time one of the most influential men in Norwich, the late Mr. Richard Bullard, a personal friend of my father's, and he advised us (our own party treating us in this way) that we were perfectly justified in refraining from taking any part in the election, and allowing our party to lose, as they certainly would do if we did not interfere. My father was solicited day by day to take part in the election, but he refused, and I also refused, being asked several times to take a part in it. I voted and my father voted for Mr. Hammond early in the morning, as we usually do, but during the day we merely sat at home; my father was unwell, and I was with Mr. Bullard, and took no part in the matter whatever. I was occasionally asked during the day if I would interfere, but I would not, and Sir Samuel Bignold was returned. Some months afterwards my father said to me, "Bignold "has behaved very shabby, I have never had any-"thing from him, and received nothing from him in "any way." It must have been a year afterwards, but one day my father said, "There is a prospect of "another election, and Hardy talks about giving us a "cheque, of course he knows what that means, he "thinks, I suppose, he shall go in again, but while I "live he shall never go in again if I can help it." The end of it was my father received two cheques for 150*l.*, one a cheque for 100*l.* for himself, and one of 50*l.* for me.

40,665. From whom did he receive those cheques?—From Hardy.

40,666. Upon whose names were these cheques drawn?—I do not remember.

40,667. Where did you cash them?—I think it was at the East of England Bank, now called the National Provincial Corporation. I think I was in London at the time. My father afterwards told me that his cheque was presented at the bank and refused payment.

40,668. It was never paid?—Yes, it was paid; I do not know whether my father got the money or Hardy got it; I think Hardy got it and repaid my father.

40,669. You both got the cheques?—Yes.

40,670. You say those cheques were a retainer to you as the agent for Sir Samuel Bignold, though you did nothing?—No, it was to prevent us accepting a retainer on the other side, the same as you give a barrister a retainer so that he may not go against you.

40,671. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) That is not the meaning of a retainer; on the contrary you are bound to deliver a brief.—That is the simple fact.

40,672. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What it really comes to is simply this, that Mr. Wilde, senior, and yourself, received 150*l.* to do nothing?—Yes, for doing nothing.

40,673. To be passive?—Yes, and by our being passive Sir Samuel Bignold got in.

40,674. (*Mr. Biron.*) That is what you think?—Yes, I think so.

40,675. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) If you had canvassed you could have returned the other candidates?—I believe if my father, myself, and Mr. Bullard had taken the usual part in the election which we had taken before, Sir Samuel Bignold would not have been returned.

40,676. Could you have returned your own candidates if you had spent no money?—Yes.

40,677. Could you by your own personal activity without giving money have returned your own candidates?—Yes, I believe so with management.

40,678. Could you have done that in spite of the Tories spending money?—No.

40,679. In point of fact the cheapest thing they could do to win the election was to pay Mr. Wilde, senior, and yourself to do nothing?—Yes, as there was no money on either side.

40,680. They won the race by bribing the jockey, that is what it comes to?—Not so. I beg your pardon; we were election agents, it was our business, and I should have accepted a retainer to have worked for Sir Samuel Bignold if I had been offered one; it is my business as an election agent.

40,681. You cannot tell us anything about the operations on the other side at the last election?—No, only from what I saw by the poll I should have supposed there were 400 or 500 people bought.

40,682. Can you give us any information as to the mode in which it was done?—No, only by what I saw by the cards when they came up; I generally know when bribed men begin to vote.

40,683. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You have got a new class this time?—Yes, I know it, but there is a large number of the old class.

40,684. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What would you put as the number of those who polled this time, who would be open to corrupt practices?—Four hundred, I should think.

40,685. Would you say that at least that number were corrupted?—Yes, I believe so.

40,686. That would be independent of those who voted for a glass of beer?—Yes.

40,687. You say 400 represents the money class?—Yes; I have known them to go up for a shilling at the municipal elections.

40,688. What is your ground for arriving at that figure of 400?—The number of people that polled during the latter part of the day and the way in which they polled; for instance, if you would see 20 people from one committee room all polling for Stracey I think that is a safe indication that they were bought men, if they all went in a body; I think that is a safe indication that they had been bought.

40,689. Is there any other fact upon which you found your opinion?—No, only the large number of people who polled in the separate half hours, so different from what it is when there is no money.

40,690. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Will not beer at the last moment do it?—I do not think that; I do not think beer has much effect upon a municipal election.

40,691. I think you will find that it is a most efficacious thing?—There will never be any more bribery in Norwich.

40,692. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) I hope not. Is it surprising to you when men go to their dinners leaving their various occupations that they should go and vote 20 and 30 at a time together?—No, not in the dinner hour, but it is not usual at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

40,693. Between half-past 2 and the close of the poll you think that a number of Conservative plumpers indicates some foul play?—Yes, of course the reports came from the wards where they knew the whole of these individuals.

40,694. What influence on the polling is produced by that system, of which we have heard a good deal, of buying mobs at 2*s.* or half-a-crown a day and beer previous to the poll?—In the olden times there was a great deal of corruption in that way.

40,695. This time we have heard of it?—This time I should think it did not operate to any particular extent.

40,696. We know that a sum of 80*l.* has been spent in that way?—So I have read.

40,697. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you aware that a trick had been played upon some of the men down at some of the wards?—No, I never heard of it.

40,698. You were a great deal too wise a tactician to attempt anything of that sort?—Yes, I should think I was; it was nonsense.

40,699. You would know it would have a reaction?—Yes, undoubtedly.

40,700. No doubt it was very unwise.—Yes, no doubt.

40,701. Honesty is the best policy even in bribery?—Yes, I believe so.

40,702. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you aware of any money having been improperly spent at the last election?—No, not a penny.

40,703, On neither side?—No.

40,704. You did not become aware of it?—No.

40,705. Do you know anything of the transactions of Mr. Hardiment?—No.

40,706. Did you learn nothing about them?—Only what I saw in the papers.

40,707. Was the bribing done by Hardiment a complete surprise to you?—I understood there was to be bribery, but I did not hear anything about Hardiment.

40,708. What led you to that conclusion?—Mr. Coaks told me on the Saturday that he knew there was money down.

40,709. Did you hear any names mentioned as to any money being procured?—No, I should not think they would mention any names.

40,710. It is strange that a man should say he knows there is money coming down without knowing at all from what channel it is coming.

40,711. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did he tell you the origin of that was a letter that Sir William Russell had received?—No, he did not tell me; he only said he knew there was money down; I did not pay any attention to it because there is an erroneous supposition that the clubs send money down, and I do not believe a word of it.

40,712. You never got any from the clubs?—No, that was the only election I had to do with in 1857, when I was engaged in anything of that kind in Norwich.

40,713. You knew Mr. Kitton very well?—Yes, quite well.

40,714. Did you know those men who worked under Mr. Kitton?—No, not to name them, there was a great mass of people in each ward that we knew would be at his service.

40,715. Do you know Mr. Hulme?—Yes.

40,716. He has always been active at elections, has he not?—Yes, very.

40,717. Did you think he was likely to be one to be mixed up with irregular practices?—I should think he would be one of the men in the ward, without meaning to be offensive to him.

40,718. Do you know the Stockings in St. Stephen's?—I should not say that they would be likely to be mixed up with it. They are too careful and too respectable people.

40,719. Hardy?—I should think he has always been in it more or less.

40,720. You never knew anything of Hardiment?—No, never; I never heard of his name before in connexion with the election. I know him, of course.

40,721. Mr. Arthur Bignold has always taken a very active part in the elections?—Yes, he has.

40,722. His observations to you were strong observations?—Yes.

40,723. Was he very active at that election?—Yes, I believe he had been out all night when I saw him, and was then going home.

40,724. You say on that occasion you think there was as much spent in bribery by the Conservatives as by your side?—I should think a great deal more.

40,725. He was very active at that election?—Yes, he was.

40,726. Has he been active in all the other elections since then?—At Lord Bury's election he was not in England, I think he was at Spa then.

40,727. Were you in Norwich at the election in 1865; Waters' election?—No, I was not in Norwich. I was at Thetford.

40,728. You know nothing about the part he took with regard to Waters' election?—No, nothing whatever.

DANIEL TUFFIELD sworn and examined. *D. Tuffield.*

40,729. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

40,730. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

40,731. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,732. At what time in the day?—About half-past 9.

40,733. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

40,734. No one had asked you for it?—No one.

40,735. Did you get anything for voting?—I never see anyone.

40,736. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

40,737. Or the promise of anything?—No.

40,738. What did you do after you had voted?—Went to my work in the cricket ground.

THOMAS JOYCE sworn and examined. *T. Joyce.*

40,739. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time in the day did you vote at the last election?—About a quarter to 3.

40,740. What is your business?—A carpenter.

40,741. Where do you live?—Magdalen Street, St. Paul's.

40,742. Did anyone come to fetch you up to vote?—No.

40,743. Did you go up with anybody?—No, by myself.

40,744. Had you seen anybody before you went up?—Yes, Mr. Andrews canvassed me about a week previous.

40,745. What did he give you?—Nothing.

40,746. Did he not promise you anything?—No.

40,747. Are you sure Mr. Andrews did not promise you anything?—No, nothing at all.

40,748. Did he not tell you there was money going?—No.

40,749. And that he had been spending money?—No.

40,750. Did he not say anything about money to you?—No, not a word.

40,751. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Had he not given you anything before for keeping the peace and walking about?—No.

40,752. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you been at all engaged as one of the persons who had acted for Sir Henry Stracey during the days preceding the election at St. Andrew's Hall or the Corn Hall, or any other place?—No, I was at work in the country.

40,753. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

40,754. Did you get the promise of anything?—No.

40,755. Did your wife?—No.

40,756. Are you sure nothing was left at your house?—Yes, nothing at all.

ROBERT PEACHMAN sworn and examined. *R. Peachman.*

40,757. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your occupation?—A cordwainer.

40,758. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,759. At what time in the day?—I cannot say to a few minutes; it was after 2, I know.

40,760. Did you get anything for it?—No, not a penny.

40,761. Did you not try?—No.

40,762. Did you not hear there was some money going upon that day?—No, I did not give any hearing to it at all; I was walking about.

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40,763. Had you promised your vote?—No.
40,764. Have you ever voted before?—No.
40,765. Was anything promised you?—No.
40,766. Has anybody treated you since?—No.
40,767. Did anybody treat you upon that day?—No; I had not a pennyworth of anything that day but what I ordered for myself.
40,768. Nothing was given to you?—No, nothing at all.

T. Graver.

THOMAS GRAVER sworn and examined.

40,769. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you a publican?—Yes.
40,770. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.
40,771. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.
40,772. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.
40,773. Why did you not go up sooner than that?—I was ill at the time, and I could not walk.
40,774. Who took you up to vote?—I cannot tell the flyman's name, but I went up in a fly.
40,775. Do you know Cubitt?—Yes.
40,776. Did he come with a fly for you?—I do not know whether he was there or not, or whether he sent the fly. I went up in one, and he was in and out of mine during the day.
40,777. Standing beer to the voters?—I do not know whether he stood any more beer that day than others. He is in the habit of standing beer.
40,778. On that day did he stand beer?—I do not know.
40,779. You said just now you did not know whether he stood more that day than he did on other days. Did he pay for any beer for other men that day?—I am sure I cannot tell you.
40,780. Oh yes, you can.—No, I cannot.
40,781. He was in and out of your house that day?—I did not do any business myself, for I was not well.
40,782. Where were you?—I was at home.
40,783. Whereabouts in your house?—In the tap-room.
40,784. Cubitt was in and out of your house, you say?—Yes.
40,785. Was beer brought in to him in the tap-room?—I do not doubt but that there was beer brought in.
40,786. To him?—Yes, to him.
40,787. Which he paid for?—He paid for all he had.
40,788. How much was that?—It might be 1*s.* or 1*s.* 6*d.*
40,789. It might have been 10*s.* or 12*s.*?—I heard my wife say that she thought it might be 1*s.* or 1*s.* 6*d.*, and no more, that is what it would be at another time.
40,790. Did he give you any of it?—No, I did not drink any.
40,791. Did you get anything for voting?—No.
40,792. Or the promise of anything?—No.
40,793. Had you promised your vote?—I never was asked for it by any party. My intention always was, through the piece, to vote for Mr. Stracey, and I did so.

E. Head.

EDMUND HEAD sworn and examined.

40,794. (*Mr. Dowdeswell,*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey, did you not?—Yes.
40,795. At what time in the day did you vote?—I went at 10 o'clock, but it was so full then I left and went home.
40,796. Do you know a man of the name of Cubitt?—Yes, I know two Cubitts.
40,797. I mean David Cubitt?—Yes, I know him.
40,798. Were you with him the night before the election?—Not that I know of.
40,799. Not that you know of. I shall be obliged to refresh your memory presently if you do not speak. Did he not give you beer the night before the election to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I have no knowledge of that.
40,800. No knowledge of it; is that all you will say?—I do not believe I had anything of that man all the time.
40,801. You do not believe it?—No.
40,802. You might have had it, might you?—Not that I know of.
40,803. Is your memory very bad?—I was not asked to have any by that man.
40,804. Did you drink the night before?—I think I did go in and have a glass of beer.
40,805. Did Cubitt pay for it?—I paid for it.
40,806. Did not Cubitt pay for beer the night before the election?—I paid for what I had. I think I did go in, and have a glass of beer.
40,807. Did not Cubitt pay for beer you had the night before the election?—No.
40,808. Do you mean to swear that?—Oh yes, most decidedly.
40,809. Then why did you say you believed just now?—Believed what?
40,810. That Cubitt did not give you any beer?—He gave me no beer; I have not had any of David Cubitt to the best of my knowledge.
40,811. Is that all you will say, to the best of your knowledge?—That is all I can say at present.
40,812. Had anybody asked you for your vote?—Yes.
40,813. David Cubitt had asked you for your vote, had he not?—No, not that I know of.
40,814. Who asked you for your vote?—I will tell you who came canvassing; I think it was on the Friday previous to the election.
40,815. Who came?—I think Mr. Webb was one.
40,816. Who is he?—He lives up Magdalen Street.
40,817. For which side was he canvassing?—He was canvassing for Mr. Stracey.
40,818. Did he see you?—Yes; he and three more.
40,819. Did he ask you to give him your vote?—No.
40,820. He never spoke about your vote?—He asked me. Stop a minute; do not let me tell a story. He and the others came and canvassed me for Mr. Stracey.
40,821. What did you say?—I said, "I shall not promise my vote at all."
40,822. I thought you would not; you did not promise your vote until you saw Cubitt the night before?—I did not promise my vote to anyone.
40,823. Why did you not promise your vote?—Because I had not made up my mind who I should vote for positively.
40,824. When did you make up your mind?—I told the parties, "I shall not promise my vote; I shall let it stand over till Monday."
40,825. Why, if you had made up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey, did you say that?—I do not know that I had any particular reason, only I would not promise any man, not a direct promise.
40,826. Was it not that you were looking out for what you could get?—No, that was not my intention.
40,827. Then what was your intention?—My intention was that I would not promise any man my vote.
40,828. Was it that you might get anything that might turn up?—I did not stand for that; I went at 10 in the morning to vote, but could not.
40,829. Why did you refuse to give a promise?—I had made up my mind to myself on Monday morning to go and vote for Mr. Stracey.
40,830. What made you make up your mind to yourself?—I do not know that there is any particular reason.
40,831. Was it not at the bar of Cubitt's on the night

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before?—I did not promise any man not till the Monday morning that I went and voted.

40,832. I think we are satisfied about you.—I went and voted clean handed. I would wish to say a word as regards David Cubitt. I saw in the paper that he had stated I was the first he polled on the polling morning, and that he promised me a pint of beer after I voted. Now, if you will believe me, I did not see the man all the day.

40,833. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) We do not believe you. —I did not see the man all the day, therefore every word that he has said about me in the paper is positively false.

40,834. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I think your account of your voting is about as unsatisfactory an account as a man could possibly give. I think a pint of beer would have turned you, and I very much doubt whether Cubitt's beer did not turn you.—I did not see the man the whole of the polling day, if you believe me, therefore it is I wish to contradict what that man has said about me.

E. Stamp.

EDWARD STAMP sworn and examined.

40,835. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by occupation?—I work at the gasworks.

40,836. What were you doing on the day of election?—I was at work.

40,837. Till what time?—Till half-past 3.

40,838. Did you not leave before that?—No.

40,839. Then did you go and vote?—Yes.

40,840. For Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

40,841. Had you promised to vote for that party? —No.

40,842. Had you not been asked?—No.

40,843. Most of the men at the gasworks were on that side?—That I do not know.

40,844. You must know on which side your fellow workmen were?—No, I do not.

40,845. Do you mean to say all through the whole day you never talked about the election to anyone?—No.

40,846. You never mentioned the election to anybody?—No.

40,847. You did not tell anybody you were going to vote?—No.

40,848. You may go down, and you must not have your expenses; it is no use making the city pay the expenses of a man who will tell such outrageous falsehoods.—I have told you the truth.

F. Horth.

FREDERICK HORTH sworn and examined.

40,849. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your business? —A master shoemaker.

40,850. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

40,851. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,852. At what time?—About 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

40,853. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

40,854. Did anybody come and ask you for your vote at all?—No.

40,855. How many men do you employ?—Two.

40,856. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

40,857. Or the promise of anything?—No.

40,858. Have you been a voter before?—No.

40,859. You voted for principle?—Yes, I voted for Mr. Stracey.

J. Carter.

JOHN CARTER sworn and examined.

40,860. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

40,861. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,862. At what time in the day?—I think it was about half-past 2.

40,863. What had you been doing during the early part of the day?—I was at work.

40,864. Until your dinner hour?—Yes.

40,865. And after that did you vote?—Yes, after that I voted.

40,866. What did you do after you had voted?—Took a walk up the market.

40,867. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

40,868. Or the promise of anything?—I had no promise at all.

40,869. Did you get anything afterwards?—No.

40,870. Did you go to any public-houses?—Yes, in the course of the afternoon I might go in and have a glass.

40,871. You were not treated by anybody?—No, not by anybody.

40,872. Did you get anything for your vote directly or indirectly?—No, nothing at all.

S. Margetts.

STEPHEN MARGETTS sworn and examined.

40,873. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carpenter.

40,874. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

40,875. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,876. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

40,877. Why did you not vote earlier than that?—Because I was at work.

40,878. Where?—At Messrs. Richards and Watts'.

40,879. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

40,880. You voted of your own accord?—Yes.

40,881. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

40,882. Did you get the promise of anything?—No.

40,883. Neither money nor beer?—Nothing of either sort.

40,884. Have you ever voted before?—No.

40,885. What did you do after you had voted?—I went up the market and had a look round.

40,886. You did not get any beer then?—No, not from anybody.

J. Frost

JOHN FROST sworn and examined.

40,887. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

40,888. Do you recollect it?—Yes.

40,889. Do you remember it quite well?—Yes, quite well.

40,890. Do you know the Cubitts?—Yes.

40,891. How long were you at Thomas Cubitt's before you went up to vote?—About 10 minutes.

40,892. When you went up to the poll had you got anything in your hand?—No.

40,893. I am afraid you got what they call fresh? —No.

40,894. Are you sure of that?—Yes, I am sure of it.

40,895. You were perfectly sober?—Yes.

40,896. You were not at all forward in drink?—No.

40,897. Do you remember this, whether you had a sovereign in your hand in the street, and said, "There is some of the Tory money"?—Yes, I had

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a sovereign in the evening time, of my own money, and I might say so.

40,898. Who gave you the sovereign?—I worked for it.

40,899. What by voting?—No.

40,900. How did you earn it?—In my trade; I am a tailor.

40,901. Do you mean to say that you would call a sovereign earned in your trade some of the Tory money?—I was a little forward in drink.

40,902. I asked you whether you were, and you said no?—I understood you to say when I went to the poll.

40,903. I want to know whether you were a little forward in drink?—I was in the evening time.

40,904. Did you get forward in drink at Thomas Cubitt's?—No.

40,905. At what public-house was it that you indulged?—I was at several in the afternoon.

40,906. Amongst the rest were you at Thomas Cubitt's?—No, I was not in there half-an-hour all the day.

40,907. What took you into Thomas Cubitt's house just before going to vote?—That is the house I mostly use in the evening to take my glass of ale.

40,908. You exhibited a sovereign and said, "Here is some of the Stracey money"?—Yes.

40,909. Do you mean to say you did not get paid for your vote?—No, not one farthing, nor yet half a pint of ale, did I get for my vote.

40,910. I should believe your statement on the day, and not your oath now.—I have told you the truth.

W. Chapman.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN sworn and examined.

40,911. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

40,912. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,913. At what time in the day?—Just after 2.

40,914. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

40,915. To what public-house did you go?—I went to the "Ship."

40,916. Was there not money and beer going there for the voters?—Not a drop.

40,917. Did you not look for it?—I only had what I paid for.

40,918. I suppose you wanted your day's wages?—I daresay I could have put up with it.

40,919. I suppose you would have been very glad to have got five shillings for voting?—I was not asked.

40,920. You would have been very glad to get it?—Yes.

40,921. And you did not get it?—No.

J. Bates.

JOSHUA BATES sworn and examined.

40,922. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

40,923. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,924. At what time in the day?—Between 12 and 1.

40,925. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

40,926. Or the promise of anything?—No.

40,927. Or anything after you had voted?—No, not anything.

J. Ellgood.

JOHN ELLGOOD sworn and examined.

40,928. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A carter.

40,929. For whom do you work?—I work for myself what little I can do, but I cannot work to do anything hardly. I have not done anything of any account these three years, only what I can do with my pony and cart.

40,930. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

40,931. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

40,932. Did you not get treated to a little beer?—No, not a glass of anything.

40 933. I suppose you were looking out for it?—No.

40,934. Did you not hear of any beer going?—No.

40,935. Have you got nothing since the election?—No, not anything from anybody.

40,936. Have you ever voted before?—No, I have never voted before.

40,937. You say you got nothing for it this time?—Not a halfpenny.

40,938. Did you not try to get something for it?—No, I did not, and never asked for anything.

40,939. Did you not ask whether there was money going?—No.

40,940. You made no inquiries about it?—No, not at all.

W. Olley.

WILLIAM OLLEY sworn and examined.

40,941. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a coal merchant.

40,942. Are you in business on your own account?—Yes.

40,943. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

40,944. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,945. At what time in the day?—I went up twice, but the first time I could not get to it; about half-past 9 in the morning.

40,946. What time was it when you did vote?—About half-past 9.

40,947. I thought that was the time when you said you could not vote?—I went up the first time as soon as it was opened, and went back to breakfast.

40,948. You voted at half-past 9?—Yes, about that time.

40,949. Did you get anything for it?—No.

40,950. Or the promise of anything?—No, neither would I accept it, nor have I ever done so.

J. Coldham.

JOHN COLDHAM sworn and examined.

40,951. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your business?—A butcher. I keep a shop in St. George's.

40,952. Are you a master butcher?—Yes.

40,953. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

40,954. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,955. Had you been asked for your vote before?—No.

40,956. Had anybody been to the shop?—There was a call or two, but I never was in the way at the time.

40,957. Did anybody come on the day to take you up?—No.

40,958. Did anybody come and ask you to go up?—No.

40,959. What time in the day did you vote?—I think it was about 12 minutes after 8 in the morning; about 12 minutes after the books were opened.

40,960. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, certainly not, and did not expect it.

40,961. Nor the promise of anything?—No, certainly not.

THOMAS HOWLING sworn and examined. *T. Howling.*

40,962. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A carman.

40,963. What were you doing on the day of election?—At work.

40,964. For whom do you work?—The Great Eastern Railway Company.

40,965. What time did you leave your work?—Not till night.

40,966. Did you vote?—Yes.

40,967. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

40,968. At what hour did you vote?—About 10 minutes past 3, as near as I can tell, in the afternoon.

40,969. I thought you said you had not left your work all day; did you go back at once after voting?—Yes.

40,970. Who asked you to vote?—Nobody.

40,971. Did you get nothing for voting?—No.

40,972. Were you not treated by anyone?—No.

40,973. Did you not get any canvassing card?—Yes.

40,974. Were you at home then?—No.

40,975. Did not anybody come and ask you to vote?—No.

40,976. Have you had anything since?—No.

MARK DUNTHORN sworn and examined. *M. Dunthorn.*

40,977. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A boot and shoe maker.

40,978. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

40,979. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3.

40,980. Where were you before you voted?—I was in the "Queen" public-house.

40,981. Were you in any other public-house?—During the day, many.

40,982. Were you among others at the "Jack of Newbury"?—Not on the day of election.

40,983. I suppose you were waiting to see what you could get?—Waiting to see what I could get? I got nothing.

40,984. Were you waiting to see what you could get?—Was I waiting?

40,985. Yes.—I was waiting for nothing.

40,986. You were idling about in different public-houses?—I was idling about in the day, so I do many a day.

40,987. Why did you not vote in the morning?—There were three hours to vote, and I thought I could vote at any hour.

40,988. Did you not wait till the last hour in order to get something?—No.

40,989. Did you not try to get something?—I did not see anything to get.

40,990. Did you not want it?—I should have got it if I could, but I did not ask for it.

40,991. Did you not get a shilling?—No, not a farthing.

40,992. Did not anybody give you anything that day?—Yes.

40,993. Who was it?—I had some best ale that day.

40,994. Who stood it?—Mr. Herring, the grocer.

40,995. How much?—He stood a glass of ale for me and some more.

40,996. Round?—Round.

40,997. Where was that?—At the "Queen" public-house.

40,998. Did anybody else stand any beer?—No, not to me.

40,999. Did anybody give you any brandy?—I had some rum, not brandy.

41,000. Who stood you that?—Mr. Herring, the grocer, the man that stood the ale.

41,001. Did he ask you to vote for Stracey?—He asked me to vote for Tillett a plumper.

41,002. He gave you the brandy?—No, the rum.

41,003. How much did he give you?—Two pennyworth round. I had two pennyworth, and several more besides myself.

41,004. Was that all you got in the way of drink?—Yes.

41,005. How many did he give drink to?—He gave drink, I know, to four.

41,006. Was that all you got?—That is all I got as far as I know, unless you ask me some more.

41,007. I asked you whether that was all you got?—That is all I have got to say as far as I know.

41,008. What do you mean by saying if I asked you more?—That is all that I know of.

41,009. I ask you did you get nothing more besides that beer and rum?—No, nothing whatsomever.

WILLIAM PAXTON BALLS sworn and examined. *W. P. Balls.*

41,010. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your business?—An umbrella manufacturer.

41,011. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

41,012. Do you know Andrews?—No, I do not.

41,013. Are you sure you do not?—I do not.

41,014. You know whom I mean?—No, I do not.

41,015. Did you not see a man of the name of Andrews on the day of the election?—No, I did not. If I did I do not know him.

41,016. Did any man give you a sovereign?—No.

41,017. Did any man offer you a sovereign?—No.

41,018. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of it. Not a soul asked me for a vote on either side.

41,019. I did not say anything about voting, but did a man give you a sovereign on the day of the election?—No.

41,020. Was there no talk about a sovereign?—No.

41,021. At what time did you vote?—Ten o'clock.

41,022. Did anybody come to you that morning and ask you to vote?—Not a soul. I was never canvassed at all.

41,023. Did anybody speak to you about money?—No, not a soul.

41,024. Had you been asked for your vote?—No, never.

41,025. Neither before nor on the day of election?—No.

41,026. You were never canvassed?—No.

41,027. You made a promise of your vote?—I never made no promise to anyone.

41,028. Do you mean to say that you did not get a sovereign for your vote?—I did not.

41,029. Did you get nothing for your vote?—I did not, I assure you.

41,030. Neither in the shape of money or beer, or anything else?—Nothing of the sort.

41,031. Nor the promise of anything?—I never had the promise of anything.

FRANCIS METCALF sworn and examined. *F. Metcalf.*

41,032. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I work for a fish merchant in Yarmouth now. I am packer and clerk to him.

41,033. What is your qualification in Norwich, a freeman?—No, a ratepayer.

41,034. Is this the first time you have had a vote?—Yes.

41,035. For whom did you vote?—Nobody.

41,036. Was any offer made to you?—No, I was in Yarmouth all the time.

41,037. Do you know anything about this last election?—No, nothing at all, no further than what I have read about it.

41,038. Was any card left at your place?—Yes.

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41,039. Do you know whether anybody used that card?—No.

41,040. Do you know of anybody voting in your name?—No.

41,041. Were you in Yarmouth the whole time of the election, both before and after?—Yes, I was there till the day before Christmas.

41,042. Were you not here in the month of November at all?—No.

41,043. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Somebody knew you were away at Yarmouth, and voted in your name?—It might be.

41,044. Do you know anything about it?—No.

41,045. I suppose they knew you were at Yarmout, and got hold of your card and made use of it?—I think it is very likely. I could find the card at home now.

41,046. What are you?—I am a Conservative in principle.

41,047. Did you ask anybody to use your card?—No.

41,048. You know nothing about it?—No.

C. A. Blyth.

CALEB ANTHONY BLYTH sworn and examined.

41,049. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

41,050. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

41,051. At what time in the day?—About a quarter before 9.

41,052. Did you get anything for it?—No, nothing.

41,053. Or the promise of anything?—No, nor the promise of anything.

41,054. After you had polled, what did you do?—I tried to get voters for the benefit of Sir Henry Stracey.

41,055. Did you drive about?—In my own pony cart.

41,056. In no other vehicle?—No.

41,057. Where did you go in your own pony cart?—I went to several parts of the city.

41,058. Did you get up any voters?—Yes.

41,059. Did you give them anything?—No.

41,060. Nor promise them anything?—No.

41,061. Neither money nor beer?—No, nothing.

41,062. Did you go into the "Elm" tavern, in New Catton, that day?—Yes.

41,063. At what time was that?—It might be a quarter to 1, or it might be half-past 12; it was somewhere about that time.

41,064. While you were there did a gentleman drive up with a carriage and pair?—Not that I am aware of.

41,065. Did you go into a room at the "Elm" tavern with a gentleman?—No.

41,066. Did a gentleman come in while you were there?—I never see one.

41,067. Did anyone, while you were there, come and say he had 30*l.* on Stracey?—No.

41,068. Did anyone say he had anything on Stracey?—I never heard anyone say so.

41,069. How many men were there at the "Elm" tavern?—As near as I can tell, I daresay there were half a dozen in the room.

41,070. Did you ask them to vote?—Yes.

41,071. What did they say?—They said they were waiting for money.

41,072. What did you say to that?—I said it was of no use.

41,073. Did anybody else come in while this was being said?—No, I do not think there was.

41,074. Did anybody there offer these men 10*s.* each?—No, not in the room where I was.

41,075. Anywhere else at all did you hear that?—No.

41,076. Did you hear of any money being offered?—No, not any money at all; not while I was in the house.

41,077. Was any drink given to them?—No.

41,078. Did you give them any drink?—I had some myself, and what I had I paid for.

41,079. Did you give these men any drink?—No.

41,080. How long were you there?—I might be there about five minutes.

41,081. It was a little after 1 that you left there?—It was not 1; I was there about a quarter to 1, and I stayed there about five minutes.

41,082. Did you go there again at all that day?—No.

41,083. During that day, did anybody in your presence offer any men money?—Not in my presence; I never saw any.

41,084. What do you know about it?—I never heard anyone offer any money.

41,085. Did you hear of anybody having done it?—No.

41,086. Were you at the "Cross Keys" that day?—No.

41,087. Do you know a man of the name of Pratt?—I know several of the name of Pratt.

41,088. On that day did you not say to some five, six, or seven men, that if they would go and vote they might have the money afterwards by coming to you?—No.

41,089. Did anybody else in your presence say so?—No.

41,090. Was any arrangement made that the men should come to your house afterwards for the money for having for voted?—No.

41,091. Do you mean to say you know nothing about it?—I do not know anything about it.

41,092. Did any man come to you after the election for money for having voted?—No, not to me.

41,093. Nor to your house?—No.

41,094. You mean to say you know nothing about any bribery or any treating or anything of the kind on that day?—No, I know nothing of the kind.

41,095. What place do you keep?—I keep a corn shop.

41,096. Do you not keep a public-house?—My father does.

41,097. Is his name Caleb Anthony?—His name is Anthony.

G. Claxton.

GEORGE CLAXTON sworn and examined.

41,098. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your trade?—A furrier.

41,099. You have been rather an active partisan in in this city have you not?—Not that I am aware of.

41,100. Have you not taken an active interest in the contests, municipal and otherwise, in this city?—I have not taken any interrst in this election.

41,101. I said municipal and otherwise?—Yes, the last municipal election I did.

41,102. Did you take no interest in the parliamentary election?—No, none whatever.

41,103. Never at any time?—No, never.

41,104. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

41,105. For whom did you vote?—Russell and Tillett.

41,106. Were you at all active in the support of Russell and Tillett?—No.

41,107. You took no active part in any way?—No, none whatever.

41,108. You did not canvass for them?—No.

41,109. Do you know Mr. Gardiner?—Yes.

41,110. Did he take an active part?—Not that I am aware of.

41,111. Have you not said that he has taken an active part?—Not that I am aware of.

41,112. Do you mean to say you have not said that

Mr. Gardiner took an active part in the last election?—Not that I am aware of.

41,113. It is quite clear; if a man is telling the truth he would recollect it, and if a man is telling a falsehood that is the way he answers.—I am not telling a falsehood.

41,114. It is the way a man would try to evade.—I am not evading it.

41,115. It is the way a man shuffles.—I am not shuffling.

41,116. Did you say that Mr. Gardiner took an active part in the last election?—No, certainly not.

41,117. Do you know of Mr. Gardiner having spent any money on the day of the election?—Not a penny. I heard he spent 40*l.*, but to my knowledge I never knew it.

41,118. Who told you he spent 40*l.*?—It was town talk, and he said so himself, it was no secret.

41,119. Who was talking the town talk that Mr. Gardiner had spent 40*l.* on the day of the election?—Hundreds of people I heard repeat it, and I might repeat it.

41,120. Will you tell me one?—I believe I heard Newman of King Street repeat it, and Cullingford.

41,121. Did you hear how he spent it?—He spent it for the municipal election.

41,122. Not for the parliamentary election?—No, certainly not.

41,123. Was that in November?—Yes.

41,124. Did they say which way he had spent it?—He had spent it in a public-house, and gave it away indiscriminately; got drunk himself, and made other people tipsy, like a fool.

41,125. Just give me something a little more definite than town talk?—I heard Gardiner say that he had spent somewhere about 40*l.*

41,126. On the last municipal election?—Yes, and did not expect to get a penny of it back.

41,127. Did he say on which side he had spent it?—No.

41,128. Then you heard Gardiner himself say that he had spent 40*l.*?—Yes.

41,129. Why did you tell me it was town talk?—So it was.

41,130. You told me it was town talk; do you mean to say you did not intentionally try to mislead and to conceal from me that you knew of it from Gardiner himself?—It was town talk.

41,131. Did you see the cheque?—No, certainly not.

41,132. Have you ever said, though I do not suppose anybody would believe what you said, ——?—I believe there are several people who would believe me.

41,133. Did you ever say you had seen the cheque?—No.

41,134. Are you sure you did not?—I am sure of that.

41,135. Did you say you had seen the counterfoil?—No, and the man who has come forward and stated that is a liar.

41,136. If half a dozen say it they are all liars?—If half a dozen hundred come and say it they are liars.

41,137. You never said it?—I never saw it or said it.

41,138. Why did you not tell me in the first instance you had heard the man say it himself?—I was only repeating hearsay.

41,139. The man told you himself?—That was hearsay. I did not see it.

41,140. I was satisfied after your first answer or two that you were intending to tell a falsehood.—I have done nothing of the sort.

41,141. You may go down.—Thank you.

JAMES MOUNTAIN sworn and examined.

J. Mountain.

41,142. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What were you doing on the day of the election?—At work.

41,143. Where were you working?—At St. Paul's.

41,144. In whose employment?—Mr. Hindes.

41,145. When did you leave your employment?—At 11 o'clock.

41,146. When did you vote?—About a quarter before 12.

41,147. Did you then go back to your work?—Yes, between that and 1 o'clock.

41,148. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

41,149. Did you get some beer?—No.

41,150. At what public-house were you?—Mr. Molloy's.

41,151. Was anything offered you for you vote?—No.

41,152. Were you looking out for it?—No.

41,153. Have you had anything since?—No.

41,154. Had you been asked for your vote before?—Yes.

41,155. By whom?—By Mr. Fletcher of St. Paul's and, I think, Mr. Stracey.

41,156. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.

PETER SABBERTON sworn and examined.

P. Sabberton.

41,157. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

41,158. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

41,159. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

41,160. At what time in the day?—About a quarter past 3, as near as I can recollect.

41,161. What made you so late?—I do not know, I was walking about the city principally in the morning.

41,162. Waiting for what you could get?—No, I was not waiting for it.

41,163. You were looking out for it?—No, I was not.

41,164. Did you get anything?—Yes.

41,165. What was it?—1*l.*

41,166. From whom?—A man of the name of Hardiment.

41,167. Where did he pay you?—In St. Martin's; at the "Woolpack," I believe.

41,168. At what time in the day?—About 10 minutes before 3 or 3 o'clock. I cannot say to a few minutes.

41,169. Did you see anybody else paid there?—No, I cannot say I did. The man in front of me was refused, he had no ticket, and was not paid.

41,170. Did you get anything from Worledge?—No.

41,171. Were you offered anything from Worledge?—No, I never saw him on the election day, not to speak to him.

41,172. Who did you see at the "Woolpack" when you were paid?—I did not see anyone that I knew. I did not know Mr. Hardiment till he was shown to me last Thursday week. I should not have known the man again.

41,173. What induced you to go there?—I was in the market when I heard it spoken of. I was standing by the side of two or three others, and they were going into St. Martin's to see what was going on, and I followed.

41,174. Who were they?—I cannot say who they were, they went in at the front door and I went in at the back.

41,175. Did they say there was money going at the "Woolpack"?—No, I saw a back door open, and I went in.

THIRTIETH DAY.

13 Oct. 1869.

JOHN WILLIAM STAFF sworn and examined.

J. W. Staff.

41,176. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

41,177. What time did you go up and vote?—About half-past 3.

41,178. You had been in Warnes' public-house until you went up to vote, had you not?—Yes, I went in along with my father, and got a pint of beer.

41,179. They were treating all the people in Warnes', were they not?—No.

41,180. Did you not get treated amongst the rest of the people?—No.

41,181. Do you mean to say that you did not get any beer before you went up and voted?—No.

41,182. How came you to go up to vote at half-past 3 in the day?—I voted just at the time that suited.

41,183. What did you get for voting?—Nothing.

41,184. Do you mean to say that you did not get paid anything for voting?—No.

41,185. Did you get paid anything that day?—No.

41,186. You were looking out for a day's pay?—Yes, if I could have got it I should have took it.

41,187. Well, did not you get something?—No.

41,188. Did not Warnes give you some beer?—No.

41,189. Did he not say he would give you some beer?—No.

41,190. What made you go up and vote then, unless it was beer?—I was at work the first of the morning.

41,191. But you were not at work, were you, when you went to Warnes' public-house?—No; there was a lot of us there.

41,192. You had left off work long before you went up to vote?—Yes.

41,193. Now what did you get for your vote?—I did not get anything. I am very poor, and I wish I had got some.

41,194. Well, did not Warnes give you some beer?—No, not a drop.

41,195. Did anybody in Warnes' house?—No, not a drop.

41,196. There was a lot of beer going there, we have got evidence about that.—I never saw any.

41,197. Who was with you?—My father.

41,198. Did he ask you to go up and vote?—Yes. I went and voted along with my father.

41,199. Then whether he got anything or not you cannot tell us?—My father never got anything, I know, because we went and voted together.

41,200. What is your father's name?—John Staff.

41,201. Where did you live at the time of the election?—Beckham's Yard, St. James'.

41,202. Did you get into Maris' cart?—Yes, I got into a cart.

41,203. You recollect that?—Yes, I recollect that.

41,204. Now, were you not one of those men who were paid?—No.

41,205. You were much more hardly treated than the rest of them then. Did they not give you a shilling?—No, not a farthing.

41,206. (*Mr. Biron.*) Were you at Larkman's that day?—No.

41,207. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) They went up in Maris' cart?—I cannot swear it was Maris'. I do not know what cart you allude to.

41,208. Do you know a man of the name of Bacon?—No, I do not.

41,209. Did you see Mr. Bacon there that day?—I do not know him.

T. Plane.

THOMAS PLANE sworn and examined.

41,210. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoemaker.

41,211. Who do you work for?—Mr. Wellows in the market.

41,212. What were you doing on the day of the election?—I was working.

41,213. Were you working all day?—Up to dinner time. I had some ordered work.

41,214. What did you do after dinner?—I got my dinner and then gave my vote in.

41,215. Then I suppose you were loitering about the market?—No, I went to work.

41,216. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

41,217. Did you not try?—No.

41,218. Did nobody give you a glass of beer to induce you to vote?—Not a drop.

41,219. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

41,220. Did you not expect that there was money going for votes?—No, I did not expect anything.

41,221. I suppose you would have been very glad to have got it?—Well, I do not know about that exactly.

41,222. I suppose you would have liked your day's wages?—Yes, I should.

41,223. About half a sovereign would have suited your taste?—That would have suited very well.

41,224. That would have been about enough to have taken you to the poll at once, would it not?—Yes.

J. Stanley, jun.

JOSEPH STANLEY, junior, sworn and examined.

41,225. (*Mr. Biron.*) I believe you are a solicitor in practice in this city?—I am.

41,226. Did you take any part in the last election?—I took a very active part.

41,227. Under Mr. Chittock?—Under Mr. Chittock.

41,228. Were you given up the management of one of the wards?—No; I was given up the management of the third ward north. I must explain that Heigham third ward is a very extensive ward; in fact, it is the largest ward in the city. It forms an important part of the constituency, and in that constituency it has been divided into north and south. I took the north, and Mr. Buttifant took the south.

41,229. North Heigham?—Yes.

41,230. Is that the more respectable division of the two divisions, or not?—Well, I can hardly define that about the respectability of North Heigham. Some portions of it are very respectable, and other parts rather low.

41,231. There are a great many alleys, I suppose?—I beg your pardon, I should think you would not find a dozen alleys in North Heigham.

41,232. There are, at all events, a great many houses occupied by the poorer classes?—I don't know so much about that; the north part of Heigham is occupied now by shop assistants and people of that sort. They get some very nice houses for about 10*l.* a year, and you find a great many of that class of people there.

41,233. But in North Heigham there is a considerable number of the residuum, the men of the poorer class?—Exactly so.

41,234. Did you canvass that district?—Well, I think I might have canvassed half an hour; but I was not a canvasser before; my time was fully occupied in looking after the business at the committee room.

41,235. Were other men employed in canvassing whose returns reached you at the committee room?—No men were employed in canvassing, but several gentlemen volunteered to carry out the canvassing; no one was employed. When I talk about employing people I mean that they were doing it for a consideration.

41,236. Never mind about that; it is enough for me that there were men who did canvass, and who sent in their returns to you.—Certainly.

41,237. From those returns did you learn that there was a considerable number of voters in the district who were unwilling to promise?—Well, I looked upon

our canvass in North Heigham as being a myth from beginning to end. I did not place any reliance upon it at all, because the constituency was so very large, and matters were conducted in such a way that it would have been impossible for me, with the staff which I had, and those gentlemen who were willing to assist me, to place any reliance upon it. They had certain books to call upon certain voters in the different streets, and those books were sent in almost every night; but with the quantity of voters that were there I knew pretty well from the returns which were made to me that I should not be able to rely upon them.

41,238. After all, the canvass was so partial that you did not consider it any criterion?—Exactly so.

41,239. But did it come to your knowledge from what you heard from those gentlemen or otherwise that there were considerable numbers of men there who were anxious to get a day's pay, or to get money?—Decidedly not.

41,240. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How long have you been in Norwich?—Well, I am 25 years old, and I have been in Norwich about 25 years, for I have never been out of Norwich for a longer time than 12 months.

41,241. You know the place pretty well?—Oh yes, every street in Norwich.

41,242. Then your experience would not be confined at all to this election, because you know the people. Did it come to your knowledge in some way or another that there was a considerable number of men who were anxious to get a day's pay, or something, before they voted?—No. You ask me that question definitely, and I tell you, sir, decidedly not; and if any one had mentioned that subject to me, either directly or indirectly, I should have ordered him out of the room.

41,243. I really do not understand why there should be any indignation about it.—I do not mean that, but I tell you that I should have ordered him out of the committee-room, because I was legally engaged for Sir Henry Stracey, and any illegal act done by me would have compromised him; therefore I would not have been a party to it.

41,244. But being legally engaged does not stop all understanding. You have got your brains, and very good ones, I daresay, in spite of being engaged in the election, and you had a knowledge of the people?—You asked me whether it came to my knowledge that certain people wanted a day's pay, and I say, decidedly not.

41,245. I said, having regard to your own knowledge, and the information you got, were you not aware that there were a certain number of people who wanted a day's pay.?—No; I was not aware of that. But if you ask me my opinion, I believe that in Norwich there are considerable numbers, in fact, it is well known, and I cannot shut my eyes to the fact, that there are hundreds who could be bought. But at this election I did not believe that there would be any money stirring, and I had reasons for believing so, because I had private conversations with Mr. Chittock, and we chatted the matter over.

41,246. Well then, it would have been much better to have said that at once, because you knew perfectly well what I meant. However, let us go on. Who was acting under you on this committee?—Well, first of all I reported to the central committee room at the "Swan," to Mr. Chittock, that I should require so many clerks for the purpose of conducting the business down at my committee room, and I had, I think, about eight or ten. I had a fellow there by the name of Fuller, a great scamp. I had an individual by the name of Starkey, a gentleman by the name of Alger, and several other people, but they were all sent down from the central committee room. I did not engage one.

41,247. From the supercilious way in which you speak of them you seem to have been rather unfortunate; they were not a very good lot, according to your way of speaking of them?—I beg your pardon; you may form your own opinion as to that.

41,248. You have mentioned one, and you said he was a great scamp; and you mentioned the other names as if they were in the same category?—Well, you may form your own opinion as to that.

41,249. Was Heinrich there?—That foreign fellow, do you mean?

41,250. Yes.—Well, he was in no way engaged. He came down simply as a canvasser, and a very great nuisance he was, I assure you.

41,251. You gave him an appointment, I believe?—I never gave him any appointment at all.

41,252. He told us you gave him an important appointment; that you made him an overseer.—I will tell you if you like what appointment I think he held.

41,253. Did you employ that man; that is all I want to know?—No, certainly not.

41,254. Did he come to you afterwards, and ask to be paid for what he had done?—No. I may tell you that this man certainly came up to my office, and was there constantly, so much so that the fellow was a complete nuisance.

41,255. Did Heinrich make constant claims upon you for money?—Certainly not.

41,256. (*Mr. Biron.*) Has he not demanded 15*l.* of you?—Certainly not.

41,257. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is the statement of your former clerk, that he was coming to your place continually for money, entirely false?—I have read the statement of my former clerk.

41,258. That is a simple question, and you can answer it. Is that statement by your clerk, that he frequently came to your office to ask for money, untrue?—It is untrue.

41,259–60. Then why not give a straightforward answer to a straightforward question?—If you ask me a straightforward question I will do so.

41,261. (*Mr. Biron.*) What did he come to you for?—He came for this purpose; it appears that a firm in Norwich had placed him in the county court for a sum of 1*l.* 14*s.*, and he came to me, and asked me if I would lend him the money, which I refused to do. Now you have got at the whole gist of the affair.

41,262. Was that the only reason he had for coming to your office, as far as you know?—As far as I know. Really he never asked me for any money. I beg your pardon, after the North Norfolk election he made a claim for some 2*l.*; or 2*l.* 3*s.* for some expenses that he told me he had been put to. But I said he had no claim upon me at all, and the better plan would be to send me in an account, and if I found it correct I would send it to those gentlemen who were authorised to pay.

41,263. Beyond that county court business, and that claim of his respecting the North Norfolk election, do you mean to say he made no claim upon you?—Not for one farthing.

41,264. Did you go to any public-house on the night before the election?—Yes.

41,265. What was that house?—That was the "Tuns" inn.

41,266. Was that at your committee room?—No; at the committee room in South Heigham. Mine was North Heigham. Mine was at the "Bull and Butcher."

41,267. Was there any committee room in your division of North Heigham?—Only at the "Bull and Butcher," the place that has been so frequently before the Commissioners. But allow me to explain to you, because it may save you trouble, that although my committee room wes at a public-house which had the sign of the "Bull and Butcher," and which had been used as a beerhouse or as a public-house, it had not been so used for something like 18 months. It was completely empty; it belonged to Messrs Steward and Patteson, and being disengaged we had the sole control over it, and we furnished it ourselves.

41,268. At the "Bull and Butcher," do you mean to say, there was no beer drawn?—Oh no; it was closed until we took possession of it.

THIRTIETH DAY.

J. Stanley, jun.

13 Oct. 1869.

41,269. Was there any treating of any kind or sort at the "Tuns," as far as you know?—Decidedly not. I was at the "Tuns" very frequently on the day of the election, up and down the whole day, and I never saw anything.

41,270. On the night before was there no beer going?—That I cannot say; but there was no beer going for any purposes of the election, certainly not.

41,271. During the day of the election, were any reports brought to you about bribery?—Not one. About half-past two some gentleman came into the committee room and called me out, and there was the usual amount of whispering that there is always in election matters, as if the affairs were of all the importance in the world. He called me into the other room, and said, "If you will give me a sovereign I can get 20 men up." I was very indignant that he should have asked me such a question, and told him that if it was to save the election I would not give him 20 pence.

41,272. Do you know who it was made you that offer?—No; I have been trying to think it over since this inquiry, but I cannot for the life of me remember the name, because Heigham is very full of people, and I was completely infested with them; people were round me in all directions, and I could not tell the name of that individual.

41,273. Besides that instance, do you remember anything else which led you to imagine that bribery was going on?—Nothing whatever; that I will swear.

41,274. Was any demand made of you during the day by anybody for money?—No, not by one individual; not for one penny piece.

41,275. After the election was over was any claim made upon you?—Yes; a claim was made upon me by some individual by the name of Birch, some fellow I don't know. I saw him about on the day prior to the election driving some conveyances about, covered with Conservative bills. This individual called on me, I think it was on the Saturday, and said he had been very energetic in the election. I thanked him on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey, and then he wanted to know whether I would engage any conveyances for the election day. I said, "No;" but he said he should. I said, "Then you had better wait, and take a note," and I had that note copied by Mr. Leist, who was in the committee room, and that note was to the effect that if he engaged any conveyance it would be at his own expense, and that I should not hold myself liable in the slightest for it. That note was copied and given to him, and afterwards he charged for so many conveyances, but I then referred him to this note.

41,276. As I understand, he made a claim upon you for payment of those conveyances?—Yes, and I sent the claim down to Mr. Chittock, and Mr. Chittock, investigated it.

41,277. You refused to pay it?—Certainly.

41,278. What is the Christian name of this man Fuller you have spoken of?—Well, he is known by a great many aliases.

41,279. Is it Percy Fuller?—Yes, Percy Fuller; but he is known by a great many aliases.

41,280. Where is he now, do you know?—Well, I cannot tell you.

41,281. During the polling day was anything said in your hearing about Robert Bunn?—Decidedly not. I do not know the individual. I never heard his name until it was mentioned in this court.

41,282. You did not know him before?—I do not know him now.

41,283. Do you know Abel?—John Abel, do you mean?

41,284. Yes.—Oh yes, perfectly well.

41,285. Did he not come into your committee-room?—No; I will swear he did not.

41,286. Not during the day of the election?—Not during the day of the election, I will be upon my oath that he did not. I saw him, you know.

41,287. Now, has any claim been made upon you since the election by publicans for beer that they supplied?—No, not one penny piece, not a fraction.

41,288. No claim at all?—No claim at all.

41,289. Do you know of any treating that took place during the day of the election?—Not by anybody. I was under the impression, until the inquiry before Baron Martin, that this election was perfectly pure. I had no idea of anything to the contrary.

41,290. Did you furnish Mr. Chittock with the account of all the payments you had made in respect of this election?—Every penny piece, to the best of my knowledge. I had no reason for keeping it back.

41,291. Of course I only ask you the question. I presume you were repaid by him any amounts you disbursed, together with something for your professional services?—Certainly, as shown by the accounts.

41,292. Does the account Mr. Chittock furnished, the authorised account, contain all the items of your payments?—Yes; all the items of my payments, with, I think, one exception, and that exception was this: on the day of the election I was at the "Tuns," and I saw this organisation that you have heard about come out with a lot of flags and banners, kicking up a bother in the street, and I thought that our windows were not sufficiently secure. I then went down to the central committee room, and saw Mr. Chittock to tell him how we were situated at the "Tuns." I did this without consulting with any other person; but I found Mr. Chittock. I then saw Mr. Johnson, a leading Conservative in Norwich, and he said, "Well, I should say you should have some protection there." I said, "Well, Mr. Chittock is the agent for Sir Henry in this matter, and I had better see him." He said, "Well, take it upon yourself," and I took it upon myself, and I saw a man named Andrews, whose name you have had, and I said, "Andrews, there will be a "disturbance in St. Giles'; you had better send up "25 or 30 men to keep the peace in St. Giles';" and those men were sent there. After the election Andrews wanted his money, and Mr. Chittock said he had not ordered them; that Mr. Johnson ordered them, and he ought to take the responsibility of the matter. But it was such a trifling affair, some 4*l.* or 5*l.*, that I paid it myself. I wrote a cheque for it, and that is the only payment that I am aware of.

41,293. Was that the only payment you made?—Certainly; and I have told Mr. Chittock of that since the election; since this inquiry has been on.

41,294. Do I understand you to say that until the inquiry before Mr. Baron Martin you of your own knowledge knew nothing of any corrupt practice whatever at the last election?—Certainly, I mean to say that; and I will tell you, if you will just allow me to say, that my name has been used somewhat extensively in connexion with this affair, but in order to show you how my time was engaged during the day of the election I am in a position to say that I was watched by the other party, by a gentleman who was examined before you, and after the petition I was told by him, "Mr. Stanley, you were watched, and we saw nothing suspicious in your actions." That was by one of Mr. Coaks' clerks.

41,295. I understand you to say that on the day of the election you confined yourself almost entirely to your duties at the committee room?—At the committee room; I don't think I went out of my ward twice. I went down once to fetch from the seventh ward, in a conveyance, Mr. Charles Burton Daveney, a solicitor, and I also took his brother up to the poll. Those were the only two individuals.

41,296. With those exceptions, you were at the "Bull and Butcher" all day?—I was out and in, of course.

41,297. Did nothing attract your attention with regard to the names of the men who were polling late in the day?—Nothing whatever.

41,298. Or the way in which they polled?—

Nothing whatever. I can assure you that from a quarter past 3 to 4 o'clock my time was fully occupied with crowds of men coming round me to get their papers filled up, and to give them their numbers; there were crowds of them; I must have sent up 40 or 50 men.

41,299. Did it not strike you as rather extraordinary that there should be such a rush at the last?—No, it did not strike me as extraordinary, for this reason, the feeling in Norwich had been going on so much in favour of Sir Henry Stracey, that it reached the climax about 2, and if we could have kept the poll open for another hour we should have been in a majority of 1,000 instead of what we were, and without spending a farthing of money. I know that those men who came to me could not have received a farthing.

41,300. That might be your impression, but from the character which we have heard of the city we hardly agree with it.—It has also been stated that I was in the "Barn" tavern, but I never was in there but once, and that was two years since.

41,301. I think I have put it to you as broadly as I could, whether you knew of anything before the inquiry before Mr. Baron Martin, and you have told me your impression was that this election was perfectly pure?—Perfectly pure; no one was more astonished than myself at what came out there.

41,302. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you not aware of those large sums which were spent by Dawson?—No, I was not.

41,303. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you know Hardiment before then?—No; I have known him since because I have been concerned for him in several cases.

41,304. But did you know him before?—Never. I was not aware that there was such a man in Norwich.

41,305. Have you any notion where he got this money from?—No; the only notion that I have would be that it was from his own private purse, because I know that he keeps a banking account, and rather an extensive one.

41,306. Have you any idea who could have guaranteed him repayment for that advance of money?—Not the slightest.

41,307. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you no idea who could have suggested to him to do it?—No.

41,308. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you not know that Hardiment was bribed at the last election; at Waters' election?—I tell you I never knew there was a man in Norwich by the name of Hardiment; therefore I could not be aware that he was bribed.

41,309. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you anything to do with Waters' election?—Yes.

41,310. A good deal of money was going then, was there not?—I am not aware of it, though of course I was very young at that time.

41,311. You were quite ignorant of any money going on that occasion?—Quite ignorant.

41,312. Were you engaged for Mr. Waters?—I was engaged for the joint candidates, Goldsmid and Waters.

41,313. We hear that they separated.—Two days before the election.

41,314. After that, did you represent Waters?—I continued with Waters, under Mr. Atkinson.

41,315. You never had an idea that Waters was spending money in bribery?—No, that I can swear to. I was very young then, and they would not have trusted me much.

41,316. And I am afraid that your youth still continues to a certain extent. You are very well preserved.—Well, I am very glad of it, as far as that goes.

41,317. It is wonderfully well preserved.—Perhaps you will allow me to make one remark with reference to a statement made by the Chief Commissioner in some examination yesterday, asking whether I was not in the body of the hall on the day of the nomination? I feel it a duty to myself to explain that.

41,318. That is one thing which I forgot to ask you. Were you not in the body of the hall, amongst the roughs, on the day of the nomination?—Decidedly not.

41,319. Is the statement that you were down in the body of the hall untrue, because that is sworn to by a very respectable person?—I know all about it, but I was not in the body of the hall.

41,320. Will you undertake to swear that the statement that you were in the body of the hall is untrue?—That statement is not untrue.

41,321. Well, how came you, a respectable person, to be in the body of the hall amongst a lot of roughs?—I will explain it to you. I was leaving my residence in the morning, for the purpose of going down to the "Bull and Butcher," and in doing so I must go through the market place. The nomination was at 9 o'clock, and I saw a great quantity of people there, and as I had never had the pleasure of seeing a Norwich nomination, I determined to avail myself of the opportunity. I went up for the purpose of going into the magistrates' bench, but the policeman there had orders not to admit anyone unless they had a ticket from the under-sheriff. Of course I did not wish the fellow to do anything beyond his duty, and I said I will go in at the other door. I was perfectly well known to the policemen, and they made way for me. I then went into the hall, and, to my great surprise, I found a terrific barrier put up, and I jumped on to that, and got on next to the witness box, and I found I had got into the radical side of the hall.

41,322. Then it is not true that you were amongst a body of the supporters of Sir Henry Stracey upon that occasion, and acting to a certain extent in the conduct of them?—It is one of the grossest lies that has been told before you since you have been holding this inquiry.

41,323. You cannot say anything much stronger than that.—No, I cannot say very much more. I say it is one of the grossest lies that has been uttered.

41,324. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Perhaps human ingenuity cannot exceed it very well. I will take your answer.

JOHN LAWS sworn and examined.

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41,325. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

41,326. What is your business?—A fish salesman and game dealer.

41,327. A fish hawker?—No, a fish merchant and game dealer. I have a shop in the market.

41,328. Did you take an active interest, like Hunt and Smith, in the last election?—No.

41,329. Did you take an active interest in the election?—No.

41,330. What time did you vote?—About 20 minutes to 4 I reckon.

41,331. You are not an indifferent man, are you, in anything you undertake?—What do you mean by that, sir?

41,332. You are not indifferent about it?—If I choose to vote for a person I vote for him.

41,333. Of course you do make up your mind to vote for him.—Of course.

41,334. How was it you did not vote till near 4 o'clock?—I was at my shop in the morning.

41,335. Could you not get away?—I could, if I thought proper.

41,336. Why did you not?—I did not think there was any hurry about it. I mean't to vote, and I had about three quarters of a mile to go from my shop to vote.

41,337. Had you been asked for your vote?—No.

41,338. Then I cannot conceive why you did not vote before?—Because I did not leave my shop for that purpose.

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41,339. Did anybody give you anything for voting ?—No.

41,340. Or promise you anything ?—Or promise.

41,341. You are sure of that ?—I am sure of it.

41,342. Do you know Smith ?—No ; not that I know of.

41,343. The fowl dealer ?—No, I do not know him ; I have seen the man.

41,344. Do you know Hunt ?—No. I had no one come to solicit me at all.

41,345. You had not any conversation with them about it ?—Not at all.

H. Cooper.

HENRY COOPER sworn and examined.

41,345. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A shopkeeper and general dealer.

41,346. Where is your shop ?—In St. Paul's Church Street.

41,348. Who did you vote for ?—Mr. Stracey.

41,349. Did you promise your vote ?—No.

41,350. Were you asked for your vote ?—No.

41,351. Was this your first time of voting ?—No.

41,352. Have you always voted Tory before ?—No.

41,353. How did you vote the time before this ?—The last time I voted for young Ballard ; at the last election.

41,354. I suppose that was a municipal election ?—Yes.

41,355. Did you ever vote before for a member of parliament ?—No.

41,356. What did you get for voting this time ?—Nothing at all.

41,357. Have you had anything since ?—No.

41,358. Were you not treated on the day of the election ?—No.

41,359. Did nobody come to you about your vote ?—No.

41,360. Did you never mention to anyone which way you were going to vote ?—No.

41,361. When did you make up your mind to vote ?—As soon as I was up ; just after dinner. I had not been very well, and by that means I did not get up much before dinner time, and I voted in the afternoon.

41,362. Were you at any public-house that day ?—Yes, several.

41,363. I suppose you got some beer ?—Yes, I did.

41,364. Some Stracey beer ?—No, I did not ; it was all my own.

41,365. There was a good deal of Stracey beer going ?—Well, I never got none of it.

41,366. Were you not looking out for it ?—No.

41,367. Were you not trying what you could get for your vote ?—No.

41,368. Would you have taken anything for your vote ?—No.

41,369. Not even a day's wages ?—No ; I did not have no day's wages.

41,370. Not if they had offered it to you ?—I do not know that I should not have taken it if it had been offered.

J. Newton.

JAMES NEWTON sworn and examined.

41,371. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A shopkeeper.

41,372. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

41,373. For whom ?—Stracey.

41,374. What time in the day ?—Half-past 10.

41,375. Did you get anything for it ?—No.

41,376. Or the promise of anything ?—No, not a farthing.

J. Beck.

JOHN BECK sworn and examined.

41,377. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election ?—No.

41,378. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Tillett.

41,379. They tell me that you have been an out-and-out Tory ; is that so ?—No, not particular.

41,380. You always voted the other way ?—I have voted the other way.

41,381. How came you to vote blue this time ?—Well, my inclination led me to vote blue.

41,382. And what led your inclination ? Did anybody give you anything ?—That was my principles, just at that time ; no, not anything at all.

41,383. Are you sure nobody came and gave you something ?—Certainly not.

41,384. How came you to turn over ?—Dear me, you do turn over ; people vote which way they please.

41,385. But you had always voted the other way before ?—The gentleman that carried me up said I was to vote for Tillett and Russell, and I said, no, I would rather vote for one only, and that would be Mr. Tillett.

41,386. Did they not ask you to vote for Stracey ?—No.

41,387. Nobody came and asked you to vote for Stracey this time ?—Mr. Stracey had been round to mine but I did not see him, and these people picked me up on the road ; they were driving about, and I went along with them ; it was my wish to vote for Mr. Tillett only.

41,388. Did not they offer you anything ?—No, they did not.

41,389. You are quite sure about that ?—No, not anything at all.

41,390. It is an awkward thing to change your colour ?—If the other party had picked me up I should very likely have gone along with them, because I did not pay no regard to it.

41,391. Who took you up to the poll ; Sexton ?—I think the man's name who was driving was a man by the name of Savage, who lives in St. Giles', I think it was.

41,392. Have you been paid at former elections ?—I have had a trifle in my time.

41,393. Did they give you a trifle this time ?—Not anything at all.

41,394. Then you were badly off this election ?—Yes, quite so, indeed.

41,395. Did you get anything at Waters' election, the election of 1865 ?—I do not recollect I am sure.

41,396. The last election, you know. What did you get then ?—I am not sure.

41,397. Did you not get something four years ago ?—No ; I do not recollect getting anything.

41,398. When did you get something ?—Several years ago I did. I have had a trifle.

41,399. How many years ago ?—It may be five or six, or six or seven.

41,400. What did you get then ?—I am sure I am not able to say.

41,401. Was it such a trifle that you cannot recollect it ?—I never got but very little.

41,042. Was it a sovereign ?—Well, I might get a sovereign.

41,403. How many times have you had a sovereign ?—I am not able to say ; perhaps two or three times in the course of my living 30 years, I dare say.

41,404. Have you ever got more than a sovereign ?—No.

41,405. You never got a 5*l.* note ?—No.

41,406. Five pound notes were being given for votes. You recollect hearing that, do you not ?—No, I never got them.

41,407. You never got beyond a sovereign ?—No.

41,408. Have you ever got less than a sovereign ?—No. Of course this time I got not anything.

41,409. Are you sure that they did not give you a little beer ?—Oh dear me, I drank at different times all day long with different people, and paid for beer

myself. I do not know that I drank so much beer as I paid for.

41,410. You were generous in giving it away?—Oh yes. I will own that I drank beer.

41,411. Did anybody give you any beer on the day of the election?—I was drinking along with different people.

41,412. Did anybody give you any beer to vote?—No, no.

41,413. Did you get any of the Stracey beer?—No, not to the best of my knowledge. If I was along with a party I might.

ROBERT CHETTLEBURGH recalled and further examined.

41,414. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A gardener.

41,415. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

41,416. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

41,417. Had you promised that you would vote?—No, I would not promise anyone.

41,418. What made you so late?—I went in the forenoon, but there was so many people that I went away.

41,419. You were examined yesterday?—Yes.

41,420. Had you been drinking yesterday?—No, I never use myself to that.

41,421. Who took you up to the poll?—Not any one.

41,422. Were you not with a man of the name of Barker that day?—Yes, in the afternoon.

41,423. I think he offered you something to go?—He walked with me.

41,424. And he offered you some money and beer?—No.

41,425. Well, he treated you?—No.

41,426. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes, quite sure of it.

41,427. Did he not tell you where you could get something?—No.

41,428. Did you not tell Barker on the day of the election that you would not vote unless you got a pound?—No.

41,429. Had you no conversation with him?—There was no such thing mentioned.

41,430. What did you talk to Barker about?—I did not talk to him about anything particular. He saw me when I was going to vote, and he said, "Where are you off to;" I says, "I am now going to give my vote in."

41,431. Did he not talk about what was going to be paid for the vote?—No, I never requested no such thing.

41,432. But you know you wanted a pound for your vote?—No, that I did not.

41,433. Have you ever voted before?—No.

41,434. This was your first occasion?—Yes.

41,435. And you wanted to get something for it?—No, I did not want anything for it; I went with a free good will,

41,436. You would have been glad to get a sovereign for your vote?—No, I did not want one, nor yet never asked for one.

41,437. You would have taken it if you could have got it, would you not?—No, I would not, not upon an occasion like that; that is not my principle.

41,438. What did Wright say to you about money?—I was going past his, walking along with Barker, and Barker says, says he, "Here is another of our friends now going to vote;" and Mr. Wright says, "What, are you going to vote?" and I says, "Yes, sir." "Well," sas he, "make haste, or you will be too late," and I went away directly.

41,439. Did Wright give you anything?—Nothing at all, nor yet the promise of anything.

41,440. I suppose they gave you some beer?—Not a drop.

41,441. Did they give you anything afterwards?—Nothing at all.

41,442. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did not Barker take you to Wright's?—No.

41,443. Did you not go to Wright's with Barker?—No, we were going past Mr. Wright's when I was going to vote.

41,444. Don't you recollect Barker saying to Wright, "This man wants a pound for his vote?"—No, I never heard him mention that at all.

41,445. Did not Barker speak to Wright?—Only as we were going past he said, "Here is a friend of ours, Mr. Wright."

41,446. Did he not say that you wanted a pound for your vote?—No, no such thing was mentioned.

41,447. Did you go back to Wright's after you had voted?—No; I went into a public-house and got a pint of beer, and sat and drank that; and after I had drunk it I went straight off home.

41,448. Did you not go back into Wright's at all?—No; I never was into Mr. Wright's yard at all, not the whole day, I will be upon my oath.

41,449. Now, did you not go back to Wright's while Barker sat outside?—No, I did not.

41,450. Barker says you did.—Then he said wrong, for I went into a public-house and got a pint of beer. I drank that off, and after I had drank it I went straight off home, and never spoke to a soul.

41,451. He says he spoke to Wright, and Wright spoke to you.—I wish he was here to face me, but he is dead, I am sorry to say.

41,452. Then Wright said they did not give it until they voted, and then you went and voted and you went back. That is the statement.—That is quite wrong, I will be upon my solemn oath.

41,453. I only tell you what is said, but we shall not take it to be true unless it is proved.—That is the truth, so help me God.

CAREY HAYWARD sworn and examined.

41,454. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A mechanic.

41,455. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

41,456. For whom?—Stracey.

41,457. What time in the day?—Between 3 and 4.

41,458. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

41,459. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because it did not suit me. I went when it was convenient. I had my work to attend to.

41,460. What were you doing?—At work.

41,461. Where?—At Mr. Boulton's.

41,462. Up to the time you voted?—Up to near 2 o'clock.

41,463. Were you in any public-houses that day?—No not any.

41,464. Did you get any money or the promise of any?—No, not any.

41,465. Or any beer?—Not any beer at all.

ROBERT HALL sworn and examined.

41,466. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

41,467. What time did you go up?—Between 1 and 2.

41,468. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No.

41,469. Did anybody come to you and ask you to go up and vote?—No.

41,470. You went up without anybody asking you to do it?—I was not at home.

41,471. Did they see your wife?—Yes.

41,472. Did she say you would vote for them?—

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She did not say anything about it; she would not tell them. She did not know which way I was going to vote.

41,473. Were you in any public-houses that day?—No.

41,474. Where were you at work?—At Mr. William Claburn's, of Thorpe.

41,475. What were you at work at?—Painting.

41,476. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

41,477. Or the promise of anything?—No.

W. Newton.

WALTER NEWTON sworn and examined.

41,478. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A fish curer.

41,479. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

41,480. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—No.

41,481. Did you not promise it?—I did not.

41,482. Who did you go up to the poll with?—Nobody, I went up myself.

41,483. What time in the day?—About half-past 3. I was very busy that day in my business.

41,484. Is yours a large business?—Sometimes; there is more one day than others.

41,485. Whereabouts do you carry on your business?—In St. Paul's.

41,486. How far is that from the polling place?—Not above 50 yards.

41,487. Could you not find time to vote any earlier?—Yes, I could have done so if I had thought proper, but I thought that any time before 4 I was in time.

41,488, What led you to make up your mind to vote for Stracey?—Oh, I should do so to-morrow if he was put up.

41,489. Did you get anything for it?—No, nothing. I did not think about anything of the sort.

41,490. Have you always been on that side?—Yes.

41,491. Had you voted before?—I never voted before; that was my maiden vote.

41,492. Have you voted at the city elections?—No.

41,493. But you have always been a Tory, you say?—I have told you before that was my maiden vote, and if Sir Henry Stracey was to put up to-morrow I should vote for him.

41,494. You did not get any money or treating?—I never thought about it.

41,495. And have never had anything since?—No.

41,496. And no promise of any sort made to you?—No.

R. J. Beckham.

ROBERT JOHN BECKHAM sworn and examined.

414,97. (*Mr. Biron.*) For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

41,498. What time in the day?—About 11, or a little after.

41,499. Did you get anything for it?—No, not a farthing.

41,500. Or the promise of anything?—No.

W. Watts.

WILLIAM WATTS sworn and examined.

41,501. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your business?—A shopkeeper.

41,502. What shop do you keep?—A greengrocers'.

41,503. In what ward?—The seventh ward.

41,504. What time did you go up to the poll on the day of the election?—Near 3 o'clock, between 2 and 3.

41,505. Had you been asked for your vote before the day of the election?—Yes, I had been asked once.

41,506. Who asked you for your vote?—Some one on behalf of Mr. Stracey came to my house.

41,507. Did you promise your vote?—No.

41,508. You afterwards voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

41,509. Why did you not promise your vote when you were asked for it?—Because I had not made up my mind which way I should go, or whether I should vote at all, I did not know.

41,510. It was known long before you were canvassed that Sir Henry Stracey was standing for the city; what made you make up your mind in the interval?—I made up my mind all in a minute; I left my garden, and went down and voted directly.

41,511. What made you make up your mind to leave your garden so suddenly and go and vote; did anybody come to you and give you anything?—No, not even a drink of beer I had not, and no offer.

41,512. I cannot make out what made up your mind so suddenly?—Well, my business; I am sometimes at one place, and sometimes at another.

41,513. But you said you would not promise your vote because you had not made up your mind?—No, I would not promise my vote to no one.

41,514. Are you sure nothing was promised to your wife?—No, nothing, I am sure of that.

41,515. Are you sure nothing was promised to yourself?—I am sure of that, and I did not want nothing.

41,516. The operations of your mind are rather inscrutable to me. Are you sure you got nothing for voting?—Yes, I am sure I got nothing; I never asked for anything, and I did not wish for it.

G. Quantrill.

GEORGE QUANTRILL sworn and examined.

41,517–18. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A butcher and dealer.

41,519. Were you employed in any way at this election?—No, not at all.

41,520. Nor before the election?—Never.

41,521. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey, Baronet, of Rackheath Park.

41,522. What time in the day did you vote?—Between 2 and 3.

41,523. Did anybody ask you to vote?—Several people asked me.

41,524. Did you promise to vote?—I promised myself.

41,525. Had you promised that before the day of the poll?—I did so.

41,526. Had you ever voted before?—I never had the chance to vote before, and never will again.

41,527. Did you get anything for it?—No, I never had anything at all, I voted straight.

41,528. You have never had anything since?—No, and do not require none.

T. Goff.

THOMAS GOFF sworn and examined.

41,529. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A tailor.

41,530. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

41,531. I believe you got some money for it?—Yes, *5s.*

41,532. From whom did you get that?—Mr. Andrews, the landlord of the "Cirque Unique."

WILLIAM ADAMS sworn and examined.

41,533. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

41,534. At what time in the day?—The latter part of it, between 3 and 4.

41,535. Just before 4?—I will not be positive to a few minutes, but between 3 and 4 o'clock I voted.

41,536. Do you keep a public-house?—I did.

41,537. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I did.

41,538. Did anybody come and ask you to vote?—About a fortnight, or it might be 15 days, before, Mr. Stracey, the younger, and another person came, and solicited me for my vote, and I promised it.

41,539. You did?—I did, and I fulfilled that promise.

41,540. How came you to be so very tardy in performing your promise as only to vote a little before 4?—They were very tardy in coming forward to solicit me; I was never asked from that day until the day of the election; it suited my purpose, when I had done a day's labour, to go and oblige them and myself as well.

41,541. Publicans' business, we are told, in Norwich, is not a very active one on the day of the election. How came you not to be able to get up to vote until a little before 4?—I will not say a little before 4, it might be a little after 3.

41,542. Between 3 and 4?—That will do. It did not answer my purpose.

41,543. Was your purpose, that you might get something for it?—Certainly not; I never took a farthing in my life, nor don't want it. I would sooner give than take.

41,544. Very well, you are a generous man. Are you sure nobody was generous like yourself, and gave you anything that day?—No one asked me a single question as to giving, and nobody received anything from me in the way of taking.

41,545. There was no giving to you and no taking by you?—As I am here, a man before my Maker, no one ever asked a single question to say, "William Adams, will you take or give a bribe?" I would not, nor did I take it.

41,546. Did you take or receive any money for your vote upon that day?—Decidedly not.

41,547. Were you promised anything for your vote?—This is obliterating of my oath.

41,548. It is a simple question; yes or no.—No.

(*Mr. Biron.*) You are very drunk; go down.

WALTER WORLEDGE sworn and examined.

W. Worledge.

41,549. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shoe manufacturer.

41,550. I think you took a very active part in this last election?—Not such a very active part.

41,551. You took up a number of men to the poll, did you not?—I assisted in doing so.

41,552. With whom?—A man by the name of Cubitt.

41,553. Were you about the whole day?—I was three parts of the day with Mr. Cubitt.

41,554. Which of the Cubitts is that?—David Cubitt.

41,555. Is that the auctioneer?—No; the shoe manufacturer.

41,556. He was rather advanced in liquor that day, was he not?—Well, we had been having several glasses together during the day.

41,557. And I suppose you were with him treating voters?—No.

41,558. What public-houses did you go to?—I went to Mr. Warnes', the "Ship," in St. James'.

41,559. I think previously you had agreed with Cubitt to do what you could on the day of the election?—I had.

41,560. Which ward did you select?—The seventh ward, to which I belong.

41,561. What time in the day did you begin?—About 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

41,562. How much money had you in your pockets then?—I had 1*s.*, that was all.

41,563. At any time later on in the day did anybody give you any money?—Yes; I borrowed 2*s.* from Mr. Cubitt.

41,564. Is that all the money you dealt with that day?—That is all; and out of that 2*s.* I lent David Cubitt 1*s.*

41,565. That reduced your resources to a capital of 2*s.*?—1*s.*; that is all I had during the day.

41,566. What did you do with that?—I refreshed myself with it in different houses I went into.

41,567. Did you not give away any beer yourself?—To men that I knew, sitting round; I did not know whether they were voters or not. I asked several persons whether they had polled yet; they said, No; and I asked them to go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey, but I never intimidated them in any shape or form, or gave them any money.

41,568. Had you any carriage with you?—I was in Mr. Maris' cart during the day, when he went down to Warnes' after voters.

41,569. I suppose Cubitt was finding the beer then?—All that he spent during the day was what I supplied him with.

41,570. Was he not running up scores?—I never saw him run up scores. I gave him 6*s.* in the morning, part of a bill that I owed him, and a shilling in the afternoon that I had from his brother, and that is all that I saw Mr. Cubitt have.

41,571. How long were you with him during the day of the poll?—I should think three parts of the time during the election, from 11 to 4.

41,572. During that time he was spending a good deal of money?—No.

41,573. He has told us so.—Very likely, but I was astonished to see his evidence, and what an untruth he came and told, being that I was with him and saw his proceedings.

41,574. Don't you know that he was spending a lot of money?—Only the 6*s.*, that is all I saw him have.

41,575. Did he give glasses to voters?—He went in and spoke to different men; but what they were conversing about I do not know.

41,576. Some men you took up in a cart?—Yes; there were nine men at St. James', at Warnes'. I went in, and they asked me whether there was any money flying about; I said, "Not a farthing;" they said, "Your name is good here;" I said, "I don't know that; I have never been in the house before;" but I went in and asked the woman whether she would trust half-a-crown's worth of beer.

41,577. Was any money lent to you that day?—No, only the 2*s.* that I borrowed from Mr. Cubitt.

41,578. Did you run up a score any where that day?—No, not that I am aware of.

41,579. But if you run up a score you would have to pay it?—Only the score I ran up at Mrs. Warnes' for the voters.

41,580. Half a crown's worth there?—That is all.

41,581. That is all you did that day?—That is all.

41,582. That was for voters, of course?—Yes.

41,583. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) How many voters did you get up?—I think, if I am not greatly mistaken, there was about nine, but only six out of them, I think, polled.

41,584. Can you tell me their names?—I do not know any of them.

41,585. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is that all the money that you spent that day?—That is all the money I spent that day.

41,586. Did you get any other score?—No.

41,587. What did you do after the poll was closed?—I went home and went to bed; at least, about

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6 o'clock, I dare say, I went to bed; but I went home and got my tea, and after tea I went to bed, for I was tired; I had been up late the night before.

41,588. Did you yourself ever receive anything for voting?—No, not a farthing.

41,589. Was anything promised you?—No.

41,590. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) If I understand, you and Cubitt agreed on the Saturday night to do the best you could to get up voters?—I did not say anything of the sort to him.

41,590. I thought I understood you to say so. However, what time did you meet him on the morning of the election?—When I went to his brother Thomas' in the morning, his brother asked me if I had voted, and I said, "No, I have not voted;" he said, "I will go and poll you." I said, "I don't want you to do anything of the sort;" but he followed me down to the poll house, and asked me if I knew anyone who had not voted, and I told him, yes, a disabled man living at the top of the Gates, of the name of Scott, and we got a conveyance and took him down.

41,592. Where did you get your conveyance?—I don't know whose it was; it was not Maris' cart; I should know that.

41,593. Then some one lent you a conveyance?—Yes.

41,594. To go and get this man up?—Yes.

41,595. Was this the first voter you got up?—That was the first voter in the day.

41,596–7. Was he ill or lame?—He was lame; he could not walk.

41,598. You took him up?—Yes.

41,599. After you got him up, what did you do?—Went about to different houses inquiring whether there was any voters that had not voted, and persuading them to go and vote for Stracey.

41,600. Did you not find that they wanted something to drink?—Oh yes, several asked for drink, but I had nothing to give them.

41,601. Cubitt had something to give them?—He had only 6*s*.

41,602. Well, that is something, that would pay a great many gallons of beer?—I think he treated me more than anyone out of that, because I was with him.

41,603. Did you go to any public-house?—Yes.

41,604. What public house did you go to?—I went to the "Black Boy."

41,605. Was Cubitt with you there?—He was.

41,606. What next?—From there we went to Mr. Marshall's, and there we had a glass each.

41,607. Did you try to get up voters there?—Yes; but there was no one there to get up; we asked one or two.

41,608. At the first public did you get anybody up?—No; there were several men in the room, but they did not go up with us.

41,609. Did you try to get them up?—Yes.

41,610. Where did you go after that?—We went to a woman of the name of Hoggs, in Magdalen Street.

41,611. Did you get any up there?—No.

41,612. Where did you go then?—I went to the "Cross Keys" in Magdalen Street.

41,613. Did you find any voters there?—There were voters there, but they would not go with us, because I suppose we had nothing to give them.

41,614. Not even if you would stand a little beer?—They might have went if we had paid them.

41,615. They wanted money, did they?—Some of them.

41,616. How many were there there?—I think there were three men that I noticed who had not voted in the "Cross Keys" at the time I was there.

41,617. From there where did you go?—I can hardly say now where I went to. I went to several houses in the ward.

41,618. Did you find a number of men at those houses who wanted a little money?—They none of them expressed the wish of wanting money or beer there.

41,619. But you quite understood from their manner more than from what they said what they wanted?—I cannot tell by a man's inward appearance what he should want, not by looking at him.

41,620. You cannot by looking at him, but you can by speaking to him; did you find that they wanted a day's pay?—No one ever asked me for a day's pay.

41,621. Where did you get up those nine men?—At Mr. Warnes', in St. James'.

41,622. What time of the day was that?—I should think it must have been very close to 4.

41,624. Before that had you got up any voters?—Only Mr. Scott.

41,625. Only that one lame man that you spoke of?—That is all.

41,626. Had Cubitt left you before that?—Yes.

41,627. What time did Cubitt leave you?—I cannot exactly tell you what time he left me, but it was after dinner. I thought he went to Mr. Warnes' along with some gentleman in a carriage. He was gone about half an hour, and then he came back to William Warnes', and me and Cubitt went down to his father's in St. James' after these nine men.

41,628. You then got them from old Warnes', did you?—Yes.

W. L. Smith.

WILLIAM LEVRICK SMITH sworn and examined.

41,628. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

41,629. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

41,630. What time in the day?—About half-past 8 or a quarter to 9.

41,631. Are you a son of Samuel Smith?—I am.

41,632. Were you about with your father on the day of the polling?—I was.

41,633. Were you with him at the "Trumpet"?—I was.

41,634. Were you with your father the whole of the time he was at the "Trumpet"?—I should say I was, pretty well.

41,645. Did you hear a conversation in the course of the day about the men getting something for their votes?—Well, I did hear something of the sort.

41,646. Did you hear Hunt offer 5*l*. for the lot of them?—No, I did not.

41,647. Did you hear anybody offer anything for the lot?—No, I did not.

41,648. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I think you had better go down and consider this before to-morrow morning.

41,639. (*Mr. Biron.*) You are not beginning very well.—I am telling the truth.

41,640. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You had better consider it very carefully.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Thursday, 14th October 1869.

WILLIAM WILDE recalled and further examined.

41,640. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know a person of the name of Gowing, a farmer, at Trowse?—Yes.

41,641. He was very active during the last election, was he not?—He was.

41,642. Did he say anything to you respecting what he had done on the election day?—Yes, shortly after the election I said, "If you don't mind you'll get into "a mess. I understand you are up to your neck in "it," and he said, "Oh, no; I was not. I had nothing to do with it. I took up people," but he never acknowledged to me that he had spent any money, only that he was very busy all the day taking up voters, and he said he had a letter from Sir Henry Stracey thanking him for his exertions, just after the election.

41,643. You spoke to him about being in a mess, you say. Did not he come to you about being in a mess?—No.

41,644. Had he been summoned before the election judge at that time?—No. I did not see him. I was not in Norwich between the time that he was summoned and the time that he appeared.

41,645. Was that all the conversation you had with him?—I do not remember any other. I have often talked to him about it.

41,646. Did not you tell him what you had heard?—I told him I had heard that he had been very busy indeed.

41,647. Being busy would not get him into a mess?—I told him I had heard he had been buying, but he never acknowledged, but always denied it to me.

41,648. He did not say that he had done anything of the kind?—Not in the least he did not. I always suspected that he did, and challenged him with it.

41,649. That was the origin of your observation?—Yes.

41,650. Did not you say upon that, "I have heard so and so"?—I said, "I have heard a great deal about it, and I have no doubt you spent a lot of money." He said, "I did not; I had not got any. I got people up, but I did not pay any." I did not believe it.

41,651. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What led you to think he had been spending money?—Because I heard he was about all day, and that he was taking people up in his phaeton, and because I did not know that he had any particular influence to take people up, unless it was through money.

41,652. Did you hear from anybody that he did pay anything?—No. I heard no distinct charge made against him, only a general rumour.

41,653. You knew that he had been at the "Trumpet"?—Only as I saw it in the paper afterwards.

41,654. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) He told you that he had taken people up?—Yes. He told me he took up a very large number of people to the poll, and his man, who was with him, also told me he took a large number up. I think they used two or three sets of horses.

41,655. Did he say what time in the morning he began?—No, he did not. He was at it all day he said.

41,656. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Had you learnt that he had been treating any of the men at any public-house?—No.

41,657. Has it been the practice here to give money to the publicans in order to keep people together?—I never heard of that practice.

41,658. I mean, giving small sums for beer, to be distributed among them?—I never heard of it.

41,659. Have not you heard of publicans afterwards making claims for services of that kind?—No. I generally find that men congregated in public-houses, and they were sure to be picked up in gangs there.

41,660. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) That is the mode in which it has been done hitherto?—Not generally. In general it has been in the streets; people have been waiting in the streets and near the polling place.

41,661. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Without any go-between with the voter and the briber?—No; separate and individual bargains.

41,662. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) No gang system?—No, excepting sometimes at the municipal election; not at the parliamentary election.

41,663. There has been a system of ganging at municipal elections?—Oh, yes; not as you generally understand ganging, but I mean, a lot of them keep together in a public-house, and one would say, "There are 10 of us, if you like to give us anything."

41,664. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Does the publican get anything?—Nothing but for what is spent in drink.

41,665. Nothing but what they spend of their own?—That is all.

41,666. Have you ever known any case in which a new candidate coming down here was required to satisfy any outstanding claims against the party he was supposed to represent?—No; I never heard of anything of the kind. I do not think I ever heard of anything of the kind.

WILLIAM COPLEY sworn and examined.

W. Copley.

41,667. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A maltster.

41,668. For whom did you vote at this last election?—Mr. Brown.

41,669. Are you in his employment?—Yes, I am in his service.

41,670. You always have worked for him?—Yes, for the last 15 years, in the winter season.

41,671. He is a Conservative?—That I cannot say.

41,672. You voted the same way as he did?—I voted the way my mind carried me.

41,673. I suppose Mr. Brown asked you?—No. He never asked me no such thing.

41,674. You said you voted for Mr. Brown?—No.

41,675. You said so just now?—No.

41,676. You certainly said that you voted for Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown is your master, and he is a Conservative?—I work for Mr. Brown, the maltster, in the winter season, in the malthouse.

41,677. You voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

41,678. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

41,679. Were you asked by anyone for your vote?—No.

41,680. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

41,681. Was anything promised to you?—No.

41,682. Did the people in Mr. Brown's employment generally vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—That I cannot say; I don't know whether they did.

41,683. There are a great number of men in his employment?—That I cannot say. I don't know.

41,684. Do not you know how many men he employs?—He may employ 17 or 18 altogether, I dare say.

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41,685. You have been amongst them for some years?—I have worked for him during the last 15 years in the winter season.

41,686. Do not you know which way the men voted?—Some of them voted the same as I did, but there are many I cannot say anything about.

41,687. Were you asked by Mr. Brown or the manager to vote?—No.

41,688. Were you not asked by anybody?—No.

41,689. Were you at work on the day of the election?—Yes.

41,690. Till when?—I had a lot of work to do in the malt-house that day.

41,691. Did you go back to your work after you had voted?—Yes. It is a single man working where I am. I was obliged to go back because there was no else.

C. E. Lewis.

CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS sworn and examined.

41,692. (*Mr. Biron.*) I believe you are a solicitor in practice in London?—I am.

41,693. And you are the brother of the late Mr. W. D. Lewis, the Equity Queen's Counsel?—I am.

41,694. I believe he was a candidate for the representation of this city in the year 1860?—He was.

41,695. In conjunction with Mr. Forlonge?—Yes.

41,696. Do you know where Mr. Forlonge is now?—I do not. I neither know nor have heard, except that I have got an impression upon my mind that soon after the year 1860 he went back to Australia. That is my impression, but I cannot tell you even how I have gathered it. I have not seen him, or had any communication with him, since the year 1860.

41,697. Were you consulted by your brother before he commenced his candidature?—I was. I may state that I have here, if the Commissioners desire to see them, original letters from him before he came down and after he came down. I have found the original letters.

41,698. We are obliged to you. Perhaps we may want to look at them.—I found them all in a bundle of papers with the accounts, and I brought them down with me.

41,699. You say that you were consulted by your brother before his candidature?—Yes.

41,700. Afterwards, when he determined to stand, did you become his agent?—I did; the agent for the two.

41,701. The agent for your brother and Mr. Forlonge?—Yes.

41,702. Before they commenced their candidature had you consultations with Mr. Forlonge as well as with your brother?—No. The sequence of events in the exact dates were these: my brother came down here on the 17th of March. I had a letter from him dated the 18th, in which he referred to the possible candidature of Mr. Forlonge, and expressed his intention not to stand alone. He asked me to come down the next day, and I believe that I came down on the night of the 19th. When I came down I found my brother at a committee room somewhere in the city; and Mr. Forlonge had just arrived, and was announcing his determination to stand. I was introduced to Mr. Forlonge, and then took up the matter for the two jointly; but I had no consultation with Mr. Forlonge before he determined to stand.

41,703. That was at the very commencement of their candidature?—Quite so.

41,704. Did you get any instructions from them as to the mode in which the election was to be conducted?—I did—first from my brother in London anticipating his standing; then down here, and from them jointly.

41,705. What was the substance of those instructions?—The instructions were most distinctly to conduct the election, not only without any illegitimate expenditure, but on the strictest possible rule as regarded legal expenditure; not in point of fact to be led into any extravagance. Perhaps it is germain to the subject if you will allow me to interpose here the observation that I was very much against my brother standing for this city, and I wrote a private letter urging him not to stand for reasons connected with the past history of the place, and particularly with the last election; I put it as a matter between him and me as brothers, that he should not come without me.

41,706. No doubt that led him to write to you at once when he determined to stand?—Yes.

41,707. You have told us what instructions you had from the candidates. I presume you were very soon put into communication with the leaders of the party here?—Yes. I knew one or two of them personally—for instance, Sir Samuel Bignold, Mr. Patteson, Mr. Johnson, and several of the leading Conservatives here.

41,708. Did you communicate this resolve of your brother's and Mr. Forlonge's, that the election should be conducted on strictly pure principles?—I should not like to answer that question categorically; but so far as every communication from first to last went, there could not be upon their mind any other impression than a fixed resolve on my part that that should be the mode of carrying on the election.

41,709. They knew of the steps you were taking from time to time?—Certainly.

41,710. Did any suggestion come from those leading men that more money would have to be spent?—No.

41,711. Or was any pressure put upon you to spend money?—No. I may tell you, especially with regard to Mr. Patteson; I can speak with regard to him undoubtedly, because it had a very strong impression upon my mind. His feeling upon the conduct of that election approached intense nervousness with regard to the expenditure; and it was a continual subject of conversation between him and my brother upon that very point, that it was essential that the city should be saved from the disgrace which attached to the election of 1859. I speak of Mr. Patteson, not omitting the other gentlemen, but because I knew him so much better than some of the other gentlemen. I frequently came across him, and we very often had open and very free conversation on the subject.

41,712. But during the process of the candidature you would meet these gentlemen from time to time at committee rooms and so on?—Daily.

41,713. Was it stated publicly, and was it well known to them, that your brother and Mr. Forlonge were determined to have a pure election?—Unquestionably. They could not have any other impression of any sort whatever.

41,714. Was there time for any personal canvass?—I think there was a good deal of personal canvassing done, but you will see by the dates that there could not be a vast deal. My brother got down on the evening of the 17th, I think it was; it was on a Saturday that he left, a quarter to 2 on some Saturday; the almanack will, therefore, tell you the exact day; and the polling day was on the 29th, so that there could not be a vast amount of canvassing.

41,715. There were not more than 10 or 12 working days?—Not more than that certainly.

41,716. You told me there was a canvass?—A partial canvass.

41,717. During the progress of that canvass did you hear of any feeling, I do not mean on the part of the leaders, but on the part of the rank and file, that money would be needed to carry the election on your side?—No, I have no impression left on my mind of that sort until a conversation which took place, I think, the night before the nomination. I did not hear that it came from the ranks of the constituency as far as my recollection goes (I am speaking of nine years ago), but I have a very strong impression upon my mind, because my brother died a short time after the election, and I believe it was the physical pain he underwent at the election which brought on his last sad illness. There was nothing of that sort expressed on the part of the lower orders of the constituency.

It appeared that all parties were setting to work to try and fight it out as a party matter, purely in order to test their strength.

41,718. You told me that things went on upon that footing till the night or the day before the nomination?—Yes.

41,719. What occurred then?—We had the canvass returns moderately well made up as far as my experience went, and it was quite evident that we were to be beaten by two or three hundred. I was told plainly that unless money was to be spent we were sure to be beaten. I was told that in so many words, and that 400*l.* or 500*l.* (that was the sum mentioned) would make a very great difference, and would probably win the election.

41,720. Do you carry in your mind who it was who told you that?—I will tell you exactly what happened. I recollect the room in the "Rampant Horse Hotel," where it took place. I am staying there, and I identified the room this morning. I know two persons who were present, and I am inclined to think noboby else was present; they were Mr. Kitton, and I think the youngest Mr. Bignold, I don't know his christian name; but I know those two gentlemen were present, besides my brother, Mr. Forlonge, and myself. We were told, and it was evidently intended to convey to us strongly their impression as to the prospects of success without, and the prospects of success with an expenditure of money of that character.

41,721. Did you gather that it was their desire that money should be spent?—I do not think it would be fair to put it in that way. "It is no use your going "on unless you spend this additional money. You "will make a good fight of it, but you will be "beaten."

41,722. It would not be right to press you any further as to that conversation—I do not think it went beyond that.

41,723. It would not be right to press you any further than the impression it left upon your mind. I will just ask you this. I feel that it is a formal question. Did your brother, Mr, Lewis, or Mr. Forlonge, or either of them consent to the expenditure of money for that purpose?—We went through what was really a form of retiring from the room, Mr. Forlonge, my brother, and myself, simply for the purpose of arranging the form of the reply rather than the substance of it. We went out, and after a few minutes we went back and said that we expressly determined to carry out the arrangement upon which they became candidates, and would not spend a farthing.

41,724. I expected that answer. After that I presume no pressure was put upon them?—Not the remotest. I do not think the subject was ever mentioned afterwards.

41,725. You went to the poll, and you were beaten by 300 or 400, as you anticipated?—400 was the number.

41,726. At all events your opinion of your position was substantially correct?—It was.

41,727. The majority against you, I take from what you have told us, was not materially larger than what you anticipated, although perhaps a little larger?—My impression is that I thought personally that we might be beaten by 250. The majority was larger than I expected.

41,728. I think you told me that you have with you some documents connected with it. Can you tell me what the joint expenditure of those two gentlemen was?—They paid 1,434*l.* exactly.

41,729. Between them?—Between them.

41,730. Are the items set forth in that paper you have, which looks like a balance sheet?—This is an extract from my own ledger. I happened to find it pinned to the papers; the published election auditor's account of my brother and Mr. Forlonge's election expenses.

41,731. Does the election auditor's account contain all the items that go to make up the 1,434*l.*?—There is a difference of 35*l.* This is 1,399*l.* I have been endeavouring to account for the discrepancy, and I think I can account for it to a penny. This is my list of bills sent in to the election auditor, my original draft. Of course the document would be in the possession of the late Mr. Charles Evans, the chancellor of Norwich. He was the election auditor. If you will kindly turn to the last page but one you will find two items marked in red ink, No. 83. (*A paper is handed to the Commissioners.*)

41,732. One is "Band and procession"?—Yes, 15*l.*

41,733. The next is "Petty cash expenses at head office"?—Yes. I have been comparing them with the published accounts, and I do not find either of these items in the published account.

41,734. Probably he conceived that he ought to disallow the band and procession?—I cannot find the letter, but I have the strongest impression that I had a letter from him. They are paid, you will see.

41,735. Yes.—As far as a man can swear to such a thing at this distance of time I have no doubt that I sent him the bills and the receipts. He had compunctions about passing the "Band and procession" item, and he therefore said he could not publish it; but I had paid it, and I had returned it to him. That is the original draft of my list, and it will account for 30*l.* "Band and procession, 15*l.* Petty cash expenses at head office, 15*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*" I cannot conceive why the other was struck out.

41,736. There is still a difference of 5*l.*, is there not?—Yes. I can explain it; my ledger account will show it.

41,737. There is "4*l.* not paid" against the items, I see, which reduces it further?—You will find an item, "July 16th, Buttifant, 5*l.*" I think that makes up exactly the difference within a few shillings, and I will explain to you how that happened. In the election auditor's published account you will find a bill of Mr. Buttifant's, which is marked "Disputed." That is in the printed list, and that is 12*l.* 15*s.* That is among the amounts claimed and not allowed. On the 16th of July I paid him 5*l.*, which is after the time I sent in my account. I hold in my hand a letter from Mr. Buttifant, dated the 19th of July, which is as follows:—"I regret exceedingly in having to "write to you respecting my account for payment at "the last election, but I cannot submit to the 12*l.* 15*s.* "being deducted, and have to request the favour of "your cheque for the amount in a post or two. "Yours very respectfully, J. Buttifant." Upon that I went into the matter afresh, and rather than have a dispute on the subject, I paid the money out of my own pocket. You will see that I paid 1,449*l.*, and I only received 1,434*l.* That was a payment out of my own pocket to pay a man who thought he was badly treated. I did not want to have a correspondence with a gentleman who said he was entitled to 12*l.* 15*s.* beyond what he had received.

41,738. Besides the expenditure of money shown on these accounts, are you aware of any sums having been directly or indirectly by your brother or Mr. Forlonge?—Speaking for myself, not one farthing; speaking as far as a man can negatively as to other persons, I do not believe one farthing was paid by any human being.

41,739. You have told me already that your brother, at all events, left himself entirely in your hands?—Yes; and the very last payment I credit him with I received from his executors. Every farthing of the expenditure was paid by me, and no one else. I was down here, and did not leave the place from the time I came, and all the cheques I had were from my own London bankers. I distributed the whole of the money, and paid all the bills through myself and the election auditor. I drew no distinction between legitimate and illegitimate expenditure. I returned every farthing.

41,740. I think you have given me all we want about the expenditure on your own side. I may just ask you this, can you give me the names of the gentlemen who acted under you at that time?—Yes.

41,741. Are they shown by these accounts?—The

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professional gentlemen were young Mr. Gilman, Mr. Arthur Preston, the late Mr. Roger Kerrison; he condescended, if I may use the expression, to act as my brother's agent, receiving a nominal fee. He did give his name, and condescended to receive 20 guineas, or something of that sort. I don't know whether Mr. Blake or Mr. Holmes were professional men. The lists are all here. You will find all the names.

41,742. I asked that rather with a view of laying the foundation for this question. Was Mr. Kitton employed under you?—No, not in the least. He was neither employed directly or indirectly, nor remunerated in any way.

41,743. As far as you know, no money passed through his hands?—I am certain he did not. I don't know whether he is alive or dead.

41,744. He is dead.—If he is dead, I would rather not say anything; if he was alive, I would say something.

41,745. That is enough for us. No money passed through his hands, as far as you know?—I am certain that no money beyond the 1,434*l.*, nor otherwise in any shape or form.

41746. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Had you any reason to suppose that there was any illegitimate expenditure by Mr. Kitton independently of you?—No, I have not the least reason to suppose it, and do not believe it.

41,747. (*Mr. Biron.*) Have you any reason to believe that there was any expenditure out of private subscriptions?—No, neither for legitimate nor illegitimate purposes. I do not know what a private gentleman might have done in paying anything for fly hire, or anything of that sort; but as far as my knowledge and belief go, I have not the least idea that any gentleman was 5*l.* out of pocket, either willingly or unwillingly.

41,748. I take it that that opinion is confirmed by the return of the poll corresponding substantially with the result of the canvass?—Oh, yes. I have no reason whatever to think from the course of the poll that there was anything to excite my suspicion. We worked gradually behind. We were fighting a losing game all day. There was, however, no change in the poll at any part of the day that excited my attention and I was an experienced electioneerer at that time.

41,749. You were full of it at that time?—Yes; I have since given it up.

41,750. With regard to your opponents at that election, did anything come to your knowledge, or attract your attention to lead you to believe that there were any corrupt practices on the part of your opponents?—No; on the contrary, Mr. Tillett, I think, was mayor at that time, and nothing could be more outspoken, I know, than his own public declarations, I believe, at that time as to the necessity of clearing the city from the scandal which had come upon it; and I know that communications passed between Mr. Patteson and himself with reference to a possible compromise to prevent persons being led one by one on the day of the election, unwittingly or unwillingly, so that there could be no possibility of an illegal expenditure. That was actually talked about very strongly up to the day before the nomination.

41,751. To sum it up, every precaution was taken on both sides to secure a pure election in 1860, and those apprehensions were successful?—I know every precaution was taken on my side. I have every reason to believe that there were *bonâ fide* intentions on the other, and that there were preparations equivalent with the intentions, and that they were successful. I have no doubt whatever that that was the result.

41,752. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We need not trouble you any further except to thank you for the very clear and explicit manner in which you have given evidence.—I hope the Commissioners will remember, that as soon as I saw the names of the Commissioners in the House of Commons address, I wrote a letter saying, that if at any time they required to have any information as to the election of 1860, I should be happy to come forward and furnish it.

(*Mr. Biron.*) We are much indebted for your courtesy.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I wish we had experienced the same readiness on all hands. Our labours here would have been lighter than they have been, and it would have been much better for the city.

R. N. Bacon.

RICHARD NOVERRE BACON sworn and examined.

41,753. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you take an active part in the election of 1860, when Sir William Russell, and Mr. Warner, and Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Forlonge were the candidates?—I took this part in it; that I was on the financial committee. That is the active part I took in it, and I went on at the express wish of Sir William Russell, although I was a stranger to him, having expressed an opinion at the private meeting when he first came down, that elections ought to be conducted at a much cheaper rate than they had been—not at the rate mentioned by a gentleman whose name I forget—namely, 2,000*l.*

41,754. Were you the chairman of that committee?—Yes.

41,755. Did the whole of your expenditure therefore come under your supervision?—Yes. When I say the expenditure, the accounts did come under my supervision, and the general discussion as to what was to be done did come under my supervision.

41,756. Have you got those accounts in your possession still?—I have got those which were given to me, and which I believe to be true; the estimate and the expenditure.

41,757. Was that estimate made before the election?—Yes; it was before the election, and it was in consequence of our wishing to have what the cost would probably be. At the bottom of that estimate I wrote this at the time: "The finance committee receive the "above as a fair maximum estimate of the proper and "legal expenses necessary to be incurred in carrying "out the election of Mr. Warner and Sir William "Russell."

41,758. What was the amount of that?—1,003*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* There is a pencil mark at the side of account, of 431*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* I do not quite recollect what that was now. You will see if you look at it here, that in order that there might be no mistake about this I put my signature at the foot of each of the pages at the time. (*The estimate is handed to the Commissioners.*)

41,759. It is in a very business-like form.—Here is a list of persons employed, and here is also the actual expenditure, which came apparently to 1,196*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* (*handing two documents*).

41,760. This, which you handed to me first, was made in anticipation of the election?—Yes.

41,761. Was this, which you have just handed in, after the actual expenditnre?—That was given to me after the actual expenditure, and you will see that there are two lines, one being the claims as sent in, and the other what was paid after certain deductions. You will see some alterations.

41,762. I see one is in black and the other in red ink?—Yes, and the other paper is a list of the persons employed and the payments made to them. I should state that it was expressly understood that it was to be done at as cheap a rate as possible. Mr. Bugg (now Mr. Coaks) then undertook to be the gratuitous agent, and it was understood that everybody should act if he could gratuitously.

41,763. Do I understand that the estimated expenditure was 1,003*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*, and the actual expenditure 1,196*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*?—I believe so. Yes, I think that was about the thing, and I believe it was understood that one of the reasons of the increased cost was that the writ was delayed two or three days longer than was expected, and parties were employed consequently those two or three days and were obliged to be paid. I think that was it.

41,764. I think you are correct, because I see an item of 431*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* (which is the item in pencil

that you mentioned) carried out in this other account?—I do not recollect what that item was.

41,765. You see here, in this actual expenditure there is an item of 431*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, which corresponds with the item in pencil?—Yes.

41,766. If you look at the estimated expenditure in respect of that, you will find it was 61*l.* 11*s.* It is possible, therefore, that the employment of these "clerks, messengers, and other persons" for a few extra days swelled the amount up to 461*l.* That 431*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* was most likely the item of 61*l.* 11*s.* in the estimated expenditure swelled to 431*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* by the extra days of their employment?—That I cannot say.

41,767. Does that appear to be so on the face of that account?—It is so long back that I cannot say.

41,768. However, the result is that your estimated expenditure differed from the actual expenditure by a very small sum?—A very small sum.

41,769. Did you know of any other payment whatever having been made on account of this election other than that which is shown by these accounts?—I know that an application was made to the committee for the payment of 200*l.* and some odd pounds, 20*l.* or 30*l.* for what was called "watching." I recollect that at the very first meeting of the committee, as it was intended that the election should be a pure one as far as we were concerned, and as it was to be done at the cheapest possible rate, I recollect that the first understanding was that there should be no watching. That was a system that was begun, I believe, in Warner and Peto's election. A number of men were employed to watch persons who were suspected of being bribers. It was determined that it should not be at, I think, the very last meeting or nearly so, of the committee. I think there were only five present with myself, and two of the gentlemen were for paying it—who they were I don't know,—and I gave my vote against paying it on the ground that it was settled that there were not to be any watchers. Subsequently—I don't know whether I had written to him about the accounts; I cannot recollect, and I cannot find any other letter, but by accident I found this letter (*handing a letter*) put together with those papers, from Sir William Russell to me, relative to that very subject.

41,770. This is the letter: "47, Albemarle Street, "June 9th, 1860. My dear Bacon, Warner, Bugg, "and I went over the accounts together yesterday, "and decided on the following arrangements. We "are determined to pay *nothing* that is not first sanctioned by the finance committee, in accordance with "our original arrangements. The account you "brought up to me was for 1,172*l.*, all of which you "approved excepting 52*l.* to paid canvassers. Now "I quite agree with you that this sum *ought not* to "be paid, but if the finance committee on reconsidering the matter choose to admit it, why we will then "pay it. There is also, Bugg says, 116*l.* more for "watchers, which, he says, the finance committee "refuse to allow, and Warner and I certainly will "not pay unless the finance committee tell us they "consider we *ought* so to do. Will you, therefore, "learn their decision on these two sums of 52*l.* and "116*l.* Warner and I wish also to pay Wilde and "Bugg for their services, and therefore we wish you "to ask the finance committee to add 200*l.* to the "accounts, 100*l.* for Wilde and 100*l.* for Bugg. "These sums and every farthing that we pay must "appear in the published election auditor's accounts, "as I will not pay one shilling but what is fairly and "honestly published in accordance with the law. If "the finance committee agree to ask us to pay the "52*l.* for paid canvassers (which I do not approve) "and the 116*l.* for paid watchers, it must be on the "distinct understanding that they as well as the 100*l.* "to Wilde and 100*l.* to Bugg are published openly "in the election auditor's accounts with the other "items of the account. The account you have at "present allowed in the accounts is 1,120*l.*, then "Wilde and Bugg 200*l.*, 1,320*l.* If you choose to "allow these sums it will be—paid canvassers, 52*l.*; "paid watchers, 116*l.*; total, 1,488*l.* You had better "mention to Bugg and Wilde as to the 100*l.* each. "Will you be so kind as to let me have an answer "soon. Although I said I would not be responsible "for more than 500*l.*, as the amount is not very large "I shall share it equally with Warner, as I do not "like being under money obligations to anyone. You "must accept my most sincere thanks for the trouble "you have taken in the matter, and believe me, yours "very truly, WILLIAM RUSSELL." Do you recollect which of these sums, which are disputed here, were paid?—I believe the canvassers were paid, for this reason. It was argued that they were professional men, some of them, and that they had agreed to give their services at a much greater reduction of terms than ever before. That is my general recollection. I won't be quite sure, but I believe it was so agreed, and they were certainly paid, because I think you will find in the list of persons the term "canvassers" there.

41,771. I see the heading here is "canvassers?"—That is only a small amount. We had nothing to do with who were engaged. I cannot say who they were; but I was to take care that no money was improperly spent.

41,772. That sum to canvassers was ultimately paid?—I believe it was paid, but the other was not paid. Sir William Russell afterwards wrote to me and said he had been written to for the money, and what was he to do. I gave him the same answer as I did before, that the committee decided that it was not to be paid; and, subsequently, some very long time after, he wrote again to me. I do not know whether he told me, but I suspect he did—I cannot find the letter, but I think he told me—that he understood Mr. Warner's share had been paid by Mr. Warner's brother in Mr. Warner's absence abroad, and what was he to do. My answer to him was this, in substance: "If you ask me as the chairman of your committee, "I still say, looking at it in that light, that the com-"mittee decided it was not to be paid. If you ask me "as a gentleman, as a man of honour towards your "colleague, that is your affair, not mine." He afterwards paid it.

41,773. Were those paid "watchers" men who were employed for the purpose of watching the other side?—For the purpose of watching the other side, to see after persons who were rather suspected of being engaged, probably, in illegal acts.

41,774. If they were employed you would have had the means of ascertaining whether there had been any illegal practice, most probably, upon the other side?—Well, I apprehend we should, perhaps, have been; perhaps so, but I have always looked upon "watchers" as in some respects being persons employed merely because they were connexions, more or less some of them, or relations of voters.

41,775. That was the ground of their being employed?—That was the ground of their being employed.

41,776. You objected to it upon principle?—I have always been against it, all my life.

41,777. Do you know of any other sum having been paid on account of that election by either candidates?—No, I do not. I do not believe there has been, unless there was one figure, the sum which I was ordered to pay to Mr. Wilde. I sent him a cheque, which was afterwards returned to Mr. Bugg, just before the publication of the accounts; therefore I do not know, but I apprehend it was paid in another way. I do not know any further; I afterwards heard that. For that reason you will not find Mr. Wilde's name in the account for the receipt of 100*l.*

41,778. You do not know whether the 100*l.* mentioned in that letter was paid to Mr. Wilde or not?—A cheque was sent, because I wrote a cheque for it at the committee. We had not had an answer from him, and I wrote the cheque in the committee room at the time, at Mr. Bugg's office, and it was enclosed and sent to Mr. Wilde: but I understood from Mr. Bugg afterwards that it had been returned previous to the

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accounts being sent to the chancellor; and it was sent, if I recollect rightly, to the chancellor. It was returned to the chancellor, I think; I am not sure.

41,779. Do you know of any payments being made by other persons on account of the election in any way?—Not a farthing that I know of.

41,780. There had been, had there not, at previous elections payments made by independent persons for election purposes?—That I cannot say of my own knowledge, because I never took what is called "an active part" in the election except in my humble capacity as an editor of a newspaper. I have never taken any other active part.

41,781. You have heard that as a matter of report?—Oh yes; but I believe that had been always confined to some 300 or 400 scamps. I do not believe the body of the freemen are corrupt.

41,782. Are you aware of any payment of that kind having been made at that election?—I do not believe there were; I know of none, most certainly.

41,783. Did you receive at any time afterwards any claims against the candidates in respect of refreshments supplied or sums paid?—No, I have never had any application at all.

41,784. Do you know of any having been made upon the candidates?—I do not know of any except that of which I told you.

41,785. Then, as far as you are aware, no practice of an improper kind prevailed on your side at that election?—I believe not; neither do I think that there was on the other side. I think it was what might be called one of the purest elections ever fought at Norwich, except, perhaps, that of Harbord and Martin against Stormont and Scarlett.

41,786. Now with regard to the other side, you had paid "watchers," it seems, because the "watchers" were paid?—They were paid subsequently. The management of that part did not rest with the financial committee at all.

41,787. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) With whom did the getting of these "watchers" rest?—The managers would be Mr. Coaks (then Mr. Bugg) and I think Mr. Wilde, senior, was the manager of the canvassing and that part of it. I presume they would take the management of that, but I don't know of my own knowledge.

41,788. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know yourself of any illegal practice being committed on the other side?—No, I do not. I believe that they did not commit any illegal practice.

41,789. You, I suppose, took an active part comparatively in the election?—No; all I did was to look after what I had undertaken to do: look after the money.

41,790. I suppose you heard generally about it?—It was a very fairly fought election on both sides.

41,791. You took the trouble to ascertain how the matter had been conducted?—Yes. We understood at the time that Messrs. Lewis and Forlonge did not mean to spend any money improperly.

41,792. Was there anything whatever, in any report or otherwise, which led you to distrust that promise?—No; there was no report that led me to discuss that question at all, as far as bribery is concerned.

41,793. So far as your own recollection is concerned you believe that was a perfectly fair election on the part of your opponents?—I believe it was.

41,794. Did you take any part in the election of 1865?—No.

41,795. That would be Waters' election?—Yes.

41,796. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Nor in the election of 1868?—All I did in 1868 was this, I expressed my opinion about that election generally. I was at the first meeting at Sir William Foster's, and at that first meeting it was determined to await for a time. And then we had another meeting, which was not a public meeting, and at that meeting it was determined to take Sir William Russell in preference to Mr. Warner, who was considered as the extreme—the Radical candidate, while Sir William Russell was originally the candidate of the "moderate men," as they are called; and we did not think that Sir William Russell had done anything to forfeit his position. I was afterwards, just before the election, at a meeting at Mr. Bugg's office, at which I and some four other gentlemen who were present, did not agree with the coalition, because we thought that Sir William Russell ought to stand by himself. And we expressed our opinion that we should support Sir William Russell alone. As I was situated I thought it right to state, that although I should certainly not vote for Mr. Tillett, yet I would take no steps whatever against his election. That is the only part I have taken as an individual.

41,797. Do you know of anything which was in the nature of a corrupt practice, committed on the side of the Liberals at the last election?—No; I do not know anything of the sort. I disagreed with the organisation committee. I did not think that was a fair thing, because it might lead to intimidation when you get a sort of union of that kind, and I was against it.

41,798. Independently of that organisation, do you know anything which in your opinion could savour of illegality?—No; I took no part in it, because I expressly avoided it. As I was situated I did not choose to take any active part against Mr. Tillett.

J. Skippon.

JAMES SKIPPON sworn and examined.

41,799. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were you manager of the fourth ward?—Yes.

41,800. You represented Mr. Tillett, did you not?—I did.

41,801. Who requested you to act in the capacity of ward manager?—Mr. Stevens.

41,802. You took a fee for that?—Yes, 10 guineas.

41,803. Did you vote?—I did.

41,804. Can you tell me of any corrupt practices that came to your knowledge during the day of the poll?—I heard that there were several men at the "Trumpet," and I sent a man, I think, of the name of Grimshaw, to see whether he could withdraw those men, they being voters in the fourth ward.

41,805. What instructions did you give to that man?—To see if he could withdraw them. I think he took the wife of one of the men; I cannot recollect his name. I was in great trouble at that time, endeavouring to get up voters.

41,806. Was he instructed to delay them by any artifice?—No.

41,807. Or to make any offer to them?—No; I had no instructions to do anything of that kind.

41,808. Did any specific information reach you that day as to what was going on at the "Trumpet"?—No.

41,809. You only generally heard that they were buying?—Yes; I knew they were buying.

41,810. How did you know that?—By the change in the polling.

41,811. That was only a matter of inference?—That is all. I had nothing else to guide me, because I did not leave the room till I voted.

41,812. At what time did you vote?—At 20 minutes to 4.

41,813. And then I suppose you observed men coming up to the poll in great numbers to vote on the other side?—From my experience I knew that there was bribery going on.

41,814. Have you had great experience in elections?—Yes, I have been engaged in every election since 1847.

41,815. Always on the Liberal side?—I have always been a Radical.

41,816. Do you know of any corrupt practices having been employed on behalf of Mr. Tillett?—None whatever; I do not believe that there was a sixpence given.

41,817. Do you believe that nothing was spent beyond the amount returned in the published account of expenses?—Not a penny.

41,818. Are you aware of anything that took place in the interest of your side at the "Marquis of Granby" or any other public-houses?—No; because my room was next to the Guildhall, in a lower part of the city.

41,819. Then you knew nothing of what had taken place in that public-house?—Not until some time before the petition. I knew that something had taken place to lose the election.

41,820. Are you aware of any treating having taken place on your side?—None whatever.

41,821. Are you aware of any volunteers having spent smalls sums to get up voters?—No, I know nothing of that but what I have read in the public papers.

41,822. Have you heard of any claims for services of that kind?—No, none.

HENRY SHARPE sworn and examined. *H. Sharpe.*

41,823. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A licensed hawker and shopkeeper.

41,824. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

41,825. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

41,826. At what time in the day?—At about 5 or 6 minutes to 4.

41,827. How came you to put off voting till then?—I did not think of voting at all.

41,828. What made you vote at last?—Because I got something for voting.

41,829. What did you get?—I got 5*s*.

41,830. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Self, the butcher.

41,831. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know of anybody else to whom he gave money?—No, I do not.

CHARLES KENT sworn and examined. *C. Kent.*

41,832. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

41,833. What were you engaged as at that time?—Nothing.

41,834. Do you keep a public-house?—Yes.

41,835. What is the sign?—The "Bull," in St. Paul's.

41,836. What time in the day did you vote?—I think a little after 2.

41,837. What were you about till then?—I could not get out before.

41,838. Why not?—I could not leave my business; my wife was not at home.

41,839. Did nobody else look after your business?—No, only myself.

41,840. Were there a good number of people in your house that morning?—No more than on any other day.

41.841 Did anbybody come and ask you to go up, and vote?—No.

41,842. Had you been asked for your vote before?—No.

41,843. Did anybody give anything to you for your vote?—No, not a farthing.

41,844. Or the promise of anything?—No; and I never was asked for my vote that day.

41,845. Was any money spent in your house that day in giving away beer?—No.

41,846. Not to anybody?—Not to anybody.

41,847. Did any number of voters congregate in your house that day?—Not that I know of.

TIMOTHY WIDDOWS sworn and examined. *T. Widdows.*

41,848. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am one of the bedesmen of the Norwich Cathedral.

41,849. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

41,850. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No.

41,851. Were you not canvassed at all?—No, only by a note and card inside.

41,852. At what time did you vote?—About 10 o'clock.

41,853. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not a farthing.

41,854. Did you try to get anything?—No.

41,855. Did you get anything before for voting?—No.

41,856. Did you not get even a glass of beer?—No; only what I bought myself.

GEORGE NELSON sworn and examined. *G. Nelson.*

41,857. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A hairdresser.

41,858. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

41,859. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

41,860. At what time in the day?—At a quarter before 3.

41,861. Did you get anything for it?—No.

41,862. Or the promise of anything?—No.

41,863. Why did you not vote earlier in the day?—Because my business employed me in the morning. I had not time to go before.

ROBERT DUNN sworn and examined. *R. Dunn.*

41,864. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A shopkeeper.

41,865. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

41,866. For whom?—For Russell and Stracey.

41,867. Who asked you to vote?—No one asked me to vote. I never was solicited by any one.

41,868. What made you divide your vote between the blue and purple?—If Mr. Warner had come forward I should have voted for him; but as he did not come forward, I thought propor to vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

41,869. You preferred Sir Henry Stracey to Mr. Tillett?—Yes.

41,870. Did you get anything for voting?—No, not a farthing.

41,871. Were you promised anything?—Not a farthing.

41,872. Have you had anything since?—No.

CHARLES SKIPPER sworn and examined. *C. Skipper.*

41,873. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

41,874. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

41,875. At what time?—At a quarter to 4.

41,876. What did you get for it?—Nothing,

41,877. Just think over it a little; what was it that you got?—Not anything.

41,878. How came you to vote if you got nothing for it?—I do not know. I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

41,879. There was some reason or another, let us have it?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

41,880. I know you did, but I want to know why; you had some reason or another. You would not have that manner that you have unless there was something

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behind that you do not like to say publicly?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

41,881. So you have told us. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because I was busy after a job.

41,882. Where?—At Trowse.

41,883. When did you get back into the city?—I left my job at half-past 3, and was back again at a few minutes after 4.

41,884. Did anybody ask you to vote?—No.

41,885. Not before that day?—No.

41,886. Or on the day?—No.

41,887. Did you get the promise of anything?—No.

41,888. Did you get anything after you had voted?—No.

41,889. Did you hear that something had been left at your house for you?—No.

(*Mr. Biron.*) You had better wait in court, and think the matter over. I am sure there is something behind.

J. Minns.

JESSE MINNS sworn and examined.

41,890. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Were you one of the ward managers at the last election?—Yes.

41,891. In which ward?—The seventh.

41,892. On which side?—On behalf of Sir William Russell.

41,893. Did you exert yourself in the first place in canvassing?—No, not at all.

41,894. Did you only attend then in the ward room?—In the ward room, from the time of its opening till after the election was over,

41,895. On the polling day?—Yes.

41,896. Did you go out at all?—No, not at all.

41,897. Did you take up voters, or anything of that kind?—No, not in any way,

41,898. Then you only know what passed in the ward room?—That is all.

41,899. Were you paid?—Yes.

41,900. Did you vote?—Yes. I was not paid until the 10th of February, and I made no engagement for payment; but I was paid.

41,901. What are you by business?—I am a dresser. I finish manufactured goods.

41,902. Do you know of any improper payments having been made, or suggested to be made in your ward room that day?—I never heard of any one. I never thought of one myself, and never heard it suggested.

41,903. Do you know of any money having been provided in your ward for the purpose of paying voters?—Certainly not.

41,904. Or for the purpose of providing refreshment or beer to voters?—No; I have my instructions in my pocket, and I carried them out strictly, and to the letter.

41,905. Let me see your instructions, if you please. (*A printed paper is handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*)

41,906. You say you carried out these instructions to the letter?—I did I assure you, even to the restriction of a glass of ale in the room, so far as my side was concerned, in every form and shape.

41,907. In the course of the day was any information given to you respecting anything occurring on the other side?—No official report was brought to me.

41,908. Was any information given to you by any person that there was any bribery, or anything of that sort going on on the other side?—I only heard it from parties coming into the room, because I did not leave the room myself. I heard it mentioned by Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Womersley, and two or three others that came in between 12 and 1 o'clock. Sir William Russell, and Mr. Jacob Henry Tillett appeared in the room between 12 and 1 o'clock. I am certain it was between 12 and 1, because a very little after 1 I provided a person to sit in my chair while I went home and took my dinner, and I got back as quickly as I could, and I think it would be between 12 and 1 that Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett were in the room. I only heard it from Mr. Womersley and Mr. Harper, and they communicated the same thing to Mr. Tillett.

41,909. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you aware of any money having been offered by your side?—Not a farthing in any way.

R. Cann.

REUBEN CANN sworn and examined.

41,910. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a publican?—Yes.

41,911. You keep a public-house in Cowgate Street?—Yes.

41,912. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

41,913. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.

41,914. To whom had you promised it?—Some one came round and canvassed me.

41,915. Who was it?—I think it was Mr. Gedge. I told him I did not know whether I should vote at all, but if I did I would vote that side. My people had voted that side for the last 30 years; my father did.

41,916. What time did you vote?—Between 3 and 4.

41,917. Who did you go up to the poll with?—My father and two or three friends of my father's, tenants of my father's.

41,918. Your house was pretty full on that day, was it not?—Not fuller than usual.

41,919. Do you know that a great number of voters got together there drinking?—There were more non-voters than voters.

41,920. But there were a good many voters?—There were several voters came in and out during the day.

41,921. Who was treating them?—They treated themselves, and they made anyone treat them that came in.

41,922. Do you not know that they were being treated by the Stracey party?—I cannot say whether they were being treated by the Stracey party or any others; they got treated by anybody that came in, whether they were Stracey's or Tillett's party.

41,923. Was there anybody who came in and ordered beer for voters?—No.

41,924. Are you sure of that?—There was now and then half a gallon of beer ordered, but I cannot say who ordered it.

41,925. Your customers do not usually order half a gallon of beer?—Yes, that is a regular thing; they will come in and order half a gallon of beer, and serve it to all the people round.

41,926. Do you know the names of any of those people who ordered half gallons of beer?—I cannot give you their names; they came in and ordered and paid for it, and that was all I wanted. I did not take notice who ordered it or who paid for it. When they came in they did not stop above five minutes perhaps: they got half a gallon of beer and then went away.

41,927. Do you know who those people were?—I believe that Mr. Maris for one bought a shilling's worth or so.

41,928. Can you mention anyone else?—I think that Mr. Cubitt came in and stood a couple of shillings or so.

41,929. Which Cubitt was that?—David Cubitt.

41,930. Do you remember the name of anyone else who came?—No.

41,931. Was any score paid to you afterwards?—No.

41,932. Was everything paid for in cash that day?—Yes.

41,933. Did you see either of the Worledges that day?—No, I do not know only one Worledge, and him I only know by just seeing him. I know more of him since the election, by his having been pointed out to me.

41,934. Did you see Hardiment that day?—No.

41,935. Or Dr. Allen ?—No.

41,936. Did you see any of the committee or ward men about your place ?—I do not know who is a committee man or anything of that kind.

41,937. Did you receive anything yourself ?—No.

41,938. Was any promise made to you ?—No ; my people always voted that way, and I voted that way myself. My family always voted that way.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN EARL sworn and examined.

W. B. Earl.

41,939. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A shopkeeper.

41,940. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

41,941. At what time in the day ?—At about a quarter to 11.

41,942. For whom did you vote ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

41,943. Did you get anything for it ?—No.

41,944. Or the promise of anything ?—Not anything at all.

41,945. After you had voted did you go to any public-houses ?—Yes.

41,946. Where ?—I went to one or two.

41,947. Did you go to the "Golden Dog ?"—Yes.

41,948. Were there any voters collected there ?—Not that I am aware of.

41,949. Were there men collected there ?—There were several.

41,950. Men that you knew ?—No, I do not know anyone that was there.

41,951. Do you not know whether they were voters or not ?—I never asked. I did not go for that purpose ; I went for a glass of stout.

41,952. Do you not know that the men who were there were voters ?—No.

41,953. Did you say anything to them about voting ?—No.

41,954. Or did anyone in your presence ?—Not that I am aware of. I did not hear it.

41,955. Was any beer paid for by anybody ?—No, not to my knowledge.

41,956. Did you stand any beer ?—No, not one drop.

41,957. Did you give any of them any money ?—No.

41,958. Did you receive any money that day from anybody to use ?—Not one farthing.

41,959. Do you know young Wiseman ?—I do.

41,960. Did he give you anything ?—No.

41,961. Did he tell you about his own proceedings that day ?—No.

41,962. Has he never told you since ?—No, never.

41,963. Have you had any conversation with him since with regard to what he did on the day of the election ?—No.

41,964. How long did you stay at the "Golden Dog ?"—Well, perhaps a quarter of an hour.

41,965. What did you do afterwards ?—After I left the "Golden Dog" I walked about the city.

41,966. Did you go to other public-houses ?—Yes.

41,967. On that day did you hear anywhere any talk about voters who were waiting for money ?—No.

41,968. Did you see any money given ?—No.

41,969. Or did you hear of it ?—No.

41,970. Or of any treating ?—No, I did not.

41,971. You heard nothing of either bribery or treating ?—No, I did not.

41,972. And you saw nothing ?—I did not.

CHARLES CARR sworn and examined.

C. Carr.

41,973. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time in the day did you vote at the last election ?—At about half-past 1.

41,974. For whom did you vote ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

41,975. Had you promised your vote beforehand ?—No, I did not.

41,976. Had you not been asked for it ?—Not by any canvassers.

41,977. But had you been asked for it by anybody else ?—I had been asked by a friend of mine to vote for Tillett and Russell.

41,978. Who was your friend ?—There were two or three friends. I keep a public-house.

41,979. And did you promise them your vote ?—Certainly not.

41,980. What answer did you give them ?—Just at that time the permissive bill was on, and I had a mind to know which of the party was in favour of it, and I found that Sir Henry Stracey replied to certain questions that were put to him according to my ideas.

41,981. The permissive bill was the turning point of your politics ?—Not altogether, it was simply because I thought that Sir Henry Stracey was a man who the Norwich people ought to support, living in the neighbourhood and that sort of thing.

41,982. Did anybody give or promise to give you anything if you would vote ?—No.

41,983. Or for voting after you had voted ?—No, certainly not.

41,984. Had you a number of voters in your house that day ?—There was several people in the house.

41,985. Did you not hear the men saying they wanted a day's pay ?—No.

41,986. None of them ?—No.

41,987. Did you hear anything said about the election among the men who were there ?—I heard them speaking about the election.

41,988. But were they talking about wanting some money for their votes ?—No, I did not hear anything of that sort.

41,989. Was any beer given away to people in your house that day by a certain class of people who came in ?—To the best of my knowledge there was not. I took the money as I drew the beer behind the bar, glasses of beer and so on.

41,990. Was it the better class of tradesmen who came into your house and ordered beer for the lower class of voters ?—No.

41,991. Had you any score run up on that day ?—To the best of my knowledge none.

WILLIAM CRITTEN sworn and examined.

W. Critten.

41,992. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A musician.

41,993. Did you give your services to either party ?—No.

41,994. Were you not in either of the bands ?—No, they would not allow me.

41,995. Were you employed to parade the streets ?—No.

41,996. You had nothing to do with Inspector Clarke ?—No.

41,997. For whom did you vote ?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

41,998. Did you promise your vote ?—No.

41,999. Had you not been asked for it ?—No, I was out in the country at the time.

42,000. What were you doing all the day of the poll ?—I was tired and went home ; I had been out all night.

42,001. You are a night musician are you ?—Yes.

42,002. Did you get anything for your vote ?—No.

42,003. Were you promised anything ?—No.

42,004. Did you not render your services in any way to your party ?—No.

42,005. Have you had anything since ?—No.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

W. L. Smith.

14 Oct. 1869.

WILLIAM LEVRICK SMITH recalled and further examined.

42,006. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told us yesterday that you were at the "Trumpet" in company with your father, and that you heard something said in the market room about money?—I was not in the market room when that was mentioned.

42,007. But you did hear something said about money for voting?—Two or three parties told me of it.

42,008. Who were they?—I am sure I cannot tell you the names.

42,009. Can you not tell me the name of one of them?—No, I cannot recollect their names.

42,010. Where did you hear this?—In the bar.

42,011. Were you in the market room at all that day?—Yes, several times.

42,012. Did you see Hunt there?—I did.

42,013. And your father?—Yes, I saw my father.

42,014. Did you see Hunt and your father go to the bagatelle room?—Yes, I did.

42,015. Did you go there with them?—I did.

42,016. At what time in the day was that?—I am sure I cannot tell; it was after dinner I know.

42,017. Did you see Hunt do anything there?—I saw him give money to two or three parties.

42,018. To whom?—I am sure I cannot tell you their names exactly. I could recollect one or two of them I daresay.

42,019. Was Callow one?—Yes.

42,020. Was Henry Taylor one?—That I cannot say.

42,021. I think you could tell us the names of these men if you were to try?—No; I do not think I could.

42,022. Do you know Taylor?—Yes, I know him.

42,023. Did you see him in the house that day?—Yes.

42,024. Did you see him up in the little room that day?—I cannot say whether he was there or not.

42,025. Did you see Smith the painter there, George Smith?—Yes, I saw him there.

42,026. Did you see him get any money?—No, I did not.

42,027. Did you yourself offer him any money?—Very likely I might.

42,028. 7*s.* 6*d.* was it not?—I believe I did, and he refused to take it.

42,029. Do you remember who was the first man paid in the little room?—Callow, I believe.

42,030. Who paid him?—Hunt.

42,031. Was your father there at the time?—I believe he was.

42,032. What did he do when Hunt was paying the men?—I did not see him do anything; he was too far gone in drink to do anything.

42,033. Do you mean that he did not know what was going on?—No, he did not; he was too far in drink for that.

42,034. What time in the day was it that he got so very drunk?—The forepart of the day, I should say.

42,035. When Callow was paid, I believe you went up to the poll with him, to see that he voted?—I did.

42,036. Do you know who Callow rents his house from?—My father.

42,037. Do you know whether any of the other men who were there were tenants of your father's?—Yes, one or two.

42,038. Who were they?—There was Cracknell there. Hunt is a tenant of my father's.

42,039. And Cracknell is a tenant of your father's also?—Yes.

42,040. Did Cracknell take down the names of the men who were paid?—I did not see him do it.

42,041. Do you know whether any of the other men were tenants of your father's?—None, I believe.

42,042. Only Callow, Cracknell, and Hunt?—I think that is all.

42,043. Were you there by the little room later in the day?—I was there at all times in the day.

42,044. Did you see Michael Gilbert, Robert Parker, and Bygrave there?—I cannot say I know the gentlemen.

42,045. Did anybody, while you were there, try to go into the room?—I never saw them.

42,046. Did you slam the door in the face of anybody who tried to get in there?—I did not to the best of my knowledge.

42,047. I would rather you did not use that phrase.—I do not think I did.

42,048. Did you see anybody else do it?—No, I did not.

42,049. Do you know where Hunt got this money from?—I do not know. He got it out of his pocket.

42,050. Did you see Fuller hand him any money?—No, I did not.

42,051. Or Fuller's brother?—No.

42,052. Do you know George Gowing?—Perfectly well.

42,053. Was he at the "Trumpet" that day?—I never saw him.

42,054. You did not see him there during any part of the day?—No, I did not.

42,055. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you see young Mr. Stracey come there shortly before they went up into the bagatelle room?—No; I saw the old gentleman there. I saw Sir Henry Stracey there.

42,056. Have you heard from Hardiment or your father of anything having been said to them that day either by Mr. Stracey, or by anybody else, respecting the payment of money?—No; they never tell me their business.

42,057. Do you know Fisher, the grocer?—Yes, by sight.

42,058. Did you see him come into the "Trumpet" that afternoon?—I did not.

42,059. Did you see him there?—I did not.

42,060. Or Parker, the grocer?—No, I did not.

42,061. Do you know Mr. Garnham?—No, I do not.

42,062. You know the two Browes?—Yes.

42,063. Did you offer them any money that day?—No.

42,064. Did you hear them offered any money?—No.

42,065. They were in the "Trumpet" that day, were they not?—I did not see them.

42,066. Did you see them outside the "Trumpet?"—Yes, I did.

42,067. Did you see anybody speaking to them outside the "Trumpet?"—I saw a lot of people speaking together, but I did not take notice of that.

42,068. Did you see Hunt speaking to them at all?—No, I did not.

J. Nichols.

JOHN NICHOLS sworn and examined.

42,069. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A carpenter.

42,070. What were you doing on the day of the election?—I was at work at Crown Point.

42,071. Were you at work all day?—Yes, from breakfast time.

42,072. In whose employment were you?—In Mr. Horace Lacey's.

42,073. Did you vote?—I did not vote.

42,074. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

42,075. Was any money offered to you?—Yes; I was offered my day's work, my day's pay.

42,076. By whom was that offer made to you?—By Mr. Lacey.

42,077. Where were you when that offer was made to you?—At Crown Point.

42,078. At work?—Yes.

42,079. Were there other men in his employment at the same time?—Yes.

42,080. And was the same offer made to them?—Yes.

42,081. How many of them were there?—I cannot say how many.

42,082. Were there a dozen?—Possibly; there was a great quantity at work there.

42,083. More than a dozen?—A great quantity, more than a dozen.

42,084. Did he make that offer to them all?—I cannot say how many he made the offer to.

42,085. Did any of them accept his offer?—Yes.

42,086. Tell me the names of any men who did take their day's wages?—There are two of them I can speak to.

42,087. What are their names?—Charles Cousins and George Willimot.

42,088. Can you tell me the names of any others?—I believe there was more, but I cannot speak to any more; those I have named are the only ones I am positive of.

42,089. Do you know which of the men who were employed with you were voters?—I know several of them were voters.

42,090. Can you furnish us with their names?—I cannot say what other men voted.

42,091. What was the name of the gentleman who made the offer of a day's wages?—Mr. Horace Lacey.

42,092. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where does he carry on business?—In Bridge Street.

42,093. Now be good enough to sit down, and try if you can remember the names of all the workmen in that employment, and also where they live; and if you can remember them, put them down on paper and hand them to us.—I will do so.

JAMES FITT sworn and examined. *J. Fitt.*

42,094. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,095. For whom?—For Tillett and Russell.

42,096. At what time?—About 3 o'clock; I cannot say exactly the time.

42,097. Why did you not vote before?—Because my business laid out, and I was out.

42,098. Out of the city?—No, I was out about the city, carting furniture or anything I am employed to do.

42,099. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

42,100. Or the promise of anything?—No.

42,101. Did you take up any men to vote?—Yes, my brother went with me.

42,102. Did you not take up any men in your cart to vote?—No, they did not vote that went along with me. I went and voted in Magdalen Street, at Mr. Sutton's, and they went to St. Mary's. I do not know whether they voted or not.

42,103. Who were they?—I do not know; they were all strangers.

42,104. Did they vote for Tillett and Russell?—I do not know.

42,105. Did you say anything to them about their votes?—No.

42,106. Did you give them anything?—No; I had nothing to give them.

42,107. Or treat them?—No.

ROBERT SPRUCE sworn and examined. *R. Spruce.*

42,108. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

42,109. What is your business?—A brush maker.

42,110. Why did you not vote earlier in the day?—I did not know that it made any difference when I voted.

42,111. What were you doing all the morning?—I was at home in my own house.

42,112. At your own work?—No.

42,113. What were you doing?—I was doing a little job that I had to do at home at my own house.

42,114. Did anybody come and fetch you up to the poll?—No.

42,115. Had anybody asked you for your vote before the day of the polling?—There was a party came round in the evening.

42,116. How long was that before the poll?—That was at 8 o'clock the night before.

42,117. On which side were they?—Sir Henry Stracey's.

42,118. Did you promise them your vote?—Yes, I promised them.

42,119. Who were the people who came round?—I do not know who the canvassers were.

42,120. Did they offer you anything?—No.

42,121. Or give you anything?—No.

42,122. Did they promise you anything?—No.

42,123. Did anybody offer or promise you anything?—No.

GEORGE CUSHING sworn and examined. *G. Cushing.*

42,124. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A labourer.

42,125. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Tillett.

42,126. At what time in the day?—Between 1 and 2 o'clock in the day, or about half past 1.

42,127. It was later.—Was it after 2 o'clock?

42,128. After 3. How came you to vote only for Mr. Tillett?—I do not know. It was my wish to vote for Mr. Tillett.

42,129. How was it that you did not give a vote for Sir William Russell as well as for Mr. Tillett?—I do not know, I am sure. I had a mind to give it all to Mr. Tillett.

42,130. Do you know a person of the name of Sexton?—No.

42,131. Do you not recollect having a conversation that day with a person named Sexton, about voting?—No.

42,132. Had you any talk that day with anyone about voting?—I talked to a good many people that day.

42,133. Were you not asked to go and plump for Tillett?—I do not recollect anything about that at all.

42,134. Were you not bribed at this election?—No.

42,135. You have taken money before?—Well, I cannot recollect; it is so long back. I am sure I never got anything at this.

42,136. You got a trifle at Waters' election, did you not?—I cannot recollect.

42,137. Do you not recollect whether you got any at the last election?—I am pretty sure I got none at the last election.

42,138. You were looking after it?—I did not see any.

42,139. You would have been glad to get it?—It would have been acceptable if I had had it.

42,140. What was your price?—A shilling would have been acceptable.

42,141. How much would have induced you to give your vote?—I had not only one paper.

42,142. On former occasions you voted for the purple?—I have voted for both parties. It all depends on where my bread lies.

42,143. And whether you can get money for voting?—No, I do not stand for that.

42,144. But you were looking out for it this time?—If I did it was of no use, for I did not get any. I might look.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

14 Oct. 1869.

W. Weeds.

William Weeds sworn and examined.

42,145. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A carpenter.

42,146. A master carpenter?—Yes.

42,147. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,148. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

42,149. At what time?—At 10 minutes to 2.

42,150. Did you get anything for voting?—Not anything.

42,151. Or the promise of anything?—No.

42,152. Did you give anybody anything to vote?—No.

42,153. Or promise anything?—No.

42,154. Did you give any beer or anything of that sort?—No.

W. Groom.

William Groom sworn an examined.

42,155. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A pointsman at the railway.

42,156. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,157. What was your time that day?—I was off duty that day.

42,158. Then you were entirely free, were you?—Yes. I work one day and one night, so I was off that day.

42,159. How was it that you did not go up to vote till near 4 o'clock in the day?—Because I had got to go to bed.

42,160. What time did you go to bed that morning?—I went to bed at half after 1.

42,161. Then you got up before 4 in the day?—I was up all night, and did not go to bed till half after 1.

42,162. What time did you get up?—About 5.

42,163. Five in the morning?—No, 5 at night. I had to go on duty at 6.

42,164. You voted?—Yes, I voted about 11 o'clock.

42,165. Did anybody promise you anything to vote?—No.

42,166. Or give you anything?—No.

42,167. You voted of your own will?—Yes.

42,168. Did anybody take you up to the poll?—A man named Sotherton took me.

42,169. What did he say to you?—He asked me if I was going to vote. I said, "Yes." He said, "Come along with me, and I will go with you."

42,170. Did he take you up in a conveyance?—He and I walked together. We had not far to go.

42,171. Did he give you a drop of beer?—No, not a drop.

42,172. What is he?—He keeps a public-house.

42,173. Did you go to his public-house after you had voted?—No; I live close against him. He asked me whether I would go, and I said Yes.

42,174. Did he tell you you should have a drop if you would drop in?—No, I voted and went into the market, and he went home.

J. Nichols.

John Nichols recalled and further examined.

42,175. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you belong to the Tillett party?—No.

42,176. Have you any opinion about that?—No, I have no opinion about it whatever.

42,177. Which way should you have voted if you had gone to the poll?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

42,178. Had you ever voted before?—No.

42,179. How did it happen that you did not vote?—I had not a vote.

42,180. When did you first mention this matter about a day's wages?—I mentioned it several times.

42,181. Did you mention it at or about the time it occurred?—Yes.

B. Herring.

Benjamin Herring sworn and examined.

42,182. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A grocer.

42,183. Did you take any part in canvassing at this election?—Yes, I did.

42,184. For Mr. Tillett?—For Mr. Tillett.

42,185. Did you make any promise to any voter in order to obtain his vote?—No, not any.

42,186. Did you treat any voter?—I will first explain that if you will allow me, and that is my reason for wishing to appear here. It is from seeing what I saw in the newspapers yesterday, in the case of Mark Dunthorn. I with another friend went to a house on the Stamp Cross for a glass of ale, and when I was there, one of these, which there are two or three in family, two was there I think that day, came to me and acknowledged me as knowing him ever since he was very small, and so I did the whole three, and he said, "Which shall stand a glass of ale, you or I?" and I said I did not care I would. I thought he being a shoemaker I could better afford it than he could, and I said I would, and I threw down 1½*d.*, and he had 1½*d.* of rum, and on my doing that another brother came and said, "You had better serve us both alike," and I said I had no objection, and I gave another 1½*d.*, and he had 1½*d.* of rum, and after that he congratulated me on the success of Mr. Tillett and said he was very pleased that such a man had come forward, and as that was his first time of coming forward he said he should support him, and he asked me to go into a room where the two wives and their brothers were sitting, I said, "I do not particularly want to go in," but he persuaded me and I went just to the door, and they in the same manner congratulated me on the success of Mr. Tillett, and I said, "Go and vote and have done with it," and that is all I said, and I came out and left them.

42,187. You mean to say that this treating which you practised was done on the ground of old acquaintance?—Yes.

42,188. And that it had no reference to obtaining votes for Mr. Tillett?—Not the slightest; in fact he would have treated me if I would have accepted it.

C. Cropley.

Charles Cropley sworn and examined.

42,189. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A boot and shoe maker.

42,190. On your own account?—Yes.

42,191. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,192. For whom?—For Mr. Stracey.

42,193. At what time in the day?—About half-past 3 as nigh as I can say.

42,194. How came you to be so late?—I had work that I was obliged to finish before I could go.

42,195. Had you promised to vote for him?—No.

42,196. Had you ever voted at former elections?—Yes.

42,197. Which way?—Tory.

42,198. Did you get anything for voting this time?—No.

42,199. Or the promise of anything?—No.

HENRY DUNN sworn and examined.

42,200. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

42,201. At what time in the day?—I voted the first thing after dinner, between 2 and 3.

42,202. What is your business?—A shopkeeper.

42,203. What shop do you keep?—Meat and vegetables.

42,204. Did you promise your vote before the election day?—No, I did not promise anyone my vote.

42,205. Did anybody ask you for it?—There were some gentlemen came and asked for it, but I did not promise it to no one not till the day I voted.

42,206. Had you made up your mind which way you would vote?—Yes; I had made up my mind to give it to Sir Henry Stracey.

42,207. When you were asked for your vote why did you not say which way you were going to vote?—I did not promise to vote for anyone.

42,208. Why?—I did not know who the gentlemen were.

42,209. But why did you hesitate to promise your vote if you had made up your mind already which way you intended to vote?—I made up my mind to give my vote to Sir Henry Stracey.

42,210. Then why, having made up your mind to give your vote to Sir Henry Stracey, did you not say so, instead of shuffling about it?—There was no shuffling at all.

42,211. Were you looking out for what you could get?—No.

42,212. Then why did you not give a plain answer, that you were going to vote for Sir Henry Stracey; you were not ashamed of it, were you?—No.

42,213. Give me a reason for that, if you can; were you not looking out for what might turn up on the election day?—No, I did not think anything about that.

42,214. Had you ever voted before?—No.

42,215. Had you ever had a vote before?—No.

42,216. You say you had made up your mind that you would vote for Sir Henry Stracey; why did you not say how you were going to vote when you were asked for your vote?—That was not the day the gentlemen came round.

42,217. They asked you which way you were going to vote?—I do not know who the gentlemen were. I said I should vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

42,218. Did you say so?—Yes.

42,219. You told me just now that you did not promise your vote to anybody?—I said Sir Henry Stracey.

42,220. Then in fact you did promise your vote; is that what I am to understand?—I said I should vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

42,221. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

42,222. Were you promised anything for your vote?—No.

JEREMIAH CAMPLING sworn and examined.

42,223. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A licensed victualler.

42,224. Do you know a man by the name of William Lovick?—Living in St. Miles'?

42,225. He lives in Bridge Street; do you know him?—No, I do not think I do.

42,226. Do you not?—No.

42,227. Do you know any man of that name?—I know a man named Lovett in Borough Close.

42,228. Do you recollect his making a statement about his having received some money?—No.

42,229. Did he say that his wife had?—There is a man Lovett lives in St. Paul's, who told me he did not vote till a certain time in the day; he did not know whether his wife had got anything.

42,230. Did he not say that she had something?—No. I understood him to say that Mr. Gedge called to see his wife. I do not think there was anything else passed between us.

42,231. Did he not tell you that his wife had money?—No, he did not, though I thought she had.

42,232. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did he say that she told him to go and vote and it was all right?—No, I do not think that occurred.

42,233. Or anything of that sort?—No, I do not think that anything of that sort occurred.

42,234. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you get anything for for voting?—No, I voted at five minutes past 8.

42,235. For Tillett and Russell?—Yes.

42,236. Did you get anything for it?—No, I should think not.

JAMES DUNN sworn and examined.

42,237. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a rag merchant now, a marine store dealer.

42,238. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,239. At what time in the day?—At about half-past 8 in the morning.

42,240. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

42,241. Did you get anything for it?—Certainly not.

42,242. Or were you promised anything?—Certainly not.

42,243. What did you do after you had voted?—I done all I could to forward Sir Henry Stracey's return.

42,244. You went about getting up voters?—Yes, I asked friends.

42,245. Did you succeed in getting up any?—Yes.

42,246. How many?—It might be about 20.

42,247. What time in the day did you get them up?—At various times.

42,248. How did you persuade them to go and vote?—In an honest way.

42,249. How?—I asked them simply to go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

42,250. And they went at once?—Some of them did.

42,251. What did you give to those who were not so ready?—I never gave one farthing, neither direct nor indirect.

42,252. That will cover the money at all events; now, how about beer?—Not one drop; not one glass of beer.

42,253. Were you about with young Wiseman on that day?—No.

42,254. Or with Green, of London Street?—No.

FREDERICK TUCK sworn and examined.

42,255. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

42,256. What are you?—A master shoemaker.

42,257. How many men do you employ?—Three.

42,258. On your own account?—Yes.

42,259. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

42,260. Or the promise of anything?—No.

42,261. Did you take up any voters?—No.

42,262. Did your men vote for Sir Henry Stracey;—I do not know.

42,263. You did not ask them to vote?—No.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

R. Southgate.

14 Oct. 1869.

ROBERT SOUTHGATE sworn and examined.

42,264. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A baker.

42,265. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

42,266. At what time?—At 3 o'clock.

42,267. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.

42,268. Had you voted before?—No.

42,269. Did you receive anything for voting?—No.

42,270. Was any offer made to you?—No.

42,271. Did any money pass through your hands in order that you might get men to vote?—No.

42,272. Did you treat any one to vote?—No.

42,273. Did you induce your men to vote?—No. I went in the morning between 8 and 9, but there were so many people about that I could not stay longer, and I had not an oppnrtunity of going again till the afternoon.

R. Sutton.

ROBERT SUTTON sworn and examined.

42,274. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a picture frame manufacturer.

42,275. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,276. For whom?—Russell and Tillett.

42,277. At what time in the day?—Between 9 and 10 o'clock.

42,278. Did you get anything for it?—No.

42,279. Or the promise of anything?—No.

J. Loveday.

JAMES LOVEDAY sworn and examined.

42,280. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time in the day did you vote?—At half past 3.

42,281. What is your business?—I am a master shoemaker. I keep a shoemaker's shop.

42,282. Why did you not vote before?—Because I was busy at home in my own business.

42,283. Had you promised your vote?—No.

42,284. What made you so late in voting?—Well, I was so busy at home about my own business or else I should have voted before.

42,285. The polling place was close to you, why did you not go up and vote before; can you assign any reason for it?—No; only my business.

42,286. Did anybody come to you to ask for your vote?—No.

42,287. Did you go up entirely of your own free will?—Yes.

42,288. Did anybody promise you anything?—No.

42,289. Or give you anything?—No; I had nothing given me, nothing at all.

M. Tyrrell.

MARK TYRRELL sworn and examined.

42,290. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,291. What are you by trade?—A carpenter.

42,292. Were you asked by anybody to vote?—Young Mr. Stracey came to me in the evening before the election and asked me for my vote, but I did not promise I would vote for him.

42,293. Did you say you would not vote against him?—I said I did not know hardly the way I should vote.

42,294. How was that?—I had not made up my mind. We do not always make up our minds in a minute or two.

42,295. When did you make up your mind?—During the day.

42,296. Did any one come to you during the day?—No one.

42,297. Was no offer made to you during the day to induce you to change your mind?—No; none at all.

42,298. Did anybody treat you that day?—No one at all.

42,299. Have you received anything since?—No.

42,300. Did you ever vote before?—No.

42,301. I suppose you expected to get something?—No, I did not; neither did I wish for anything.

42,302. Did you look out for it?—No, not the slightest.

T. Snelling.

THOMAS SNELLING sworn and examined.

42,303. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,304. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,305. At what time in the day?—About 3.

42,306. Did you get anything for it?—No.

42,307. Or the promise of anything?—No.

42,308. Why did you not vote before 3?—Because I had a job to do and could not get it done before.

42,309. What was the job?—Shoemaking.

42,310. All the shoemakers were busy that day?—Yes.

S. Fuller.

STEPHEN FULLER sworn and examined.

42,311. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Does your brother keep the "Trumpet"?—No.

42,312. Are you any relation of his?—No, none at all.

42,313. What are you by business?—A hatter and clothier.

42,314. Do you keep a shop?—No.

42,315. How are you a hatter and clothier if you do not keep a shop?—I make them up for sale.

42,316. Does a hatter make up clothes?—No, I buy the clothes up.

42,317. Were you so busy that you could not go and vote before the after part of the day?—I promised my vote for Sir Henry Stracey, and I thought it did not signify when I went to vote.

42,318. When had you promised your vote?—Two or three days before the election.

42,319. To whom?—Young Mr. Stracey and the Reverend Mr. Cooke.

42,320. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

42,321. Or the promise of anything?—No.

D. Maggs.

DANIEL MAGGS sworn and examined.

42,322. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A harness-maker.

42,323. What were you doing on the day of the election?—I went to work.

42,324. Where were you working?—At home.

42,325. Do you always work at home?—No.

42,326. At what time did you vote?—About a quarter before 3.

42,327. What did you get for it?—Nothing at all.

42,328. I suppose you were looking about after it?—No, I was not.

42,329. Did you not get any beer?—No.

42,330. Did they not give you something afterwards for it?—No.

42,331. You know there was a little money going?—I never heard of any and never see nothing.

42,332. I suppose you would have been glad enough to get it?—I did not care about any.

42,333. You did not want any ?—No.

42,334. You did not ask for any ?—No, not a farthing.

42,335. Is this your first time of voting ?—Yes.

42,336. Had you promised your vote to anyone ?—No.

42,337. Had you not told anybody how you were going to vote ?—No.

42,338. You kept you own council completely ?—Yes.

42,339. And then at 3 o'clock you made up your mind ?—A quarter before 3.

42,340. Never having mentioned the subject to anyone ?—No.

42,341. Your statement is wholly unworthy of credit.—I have told you the truth.

HENRY NORTON sworn and examined.

H. Norton.

42,342. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ?—A shopkeeper.

42,343. What sort of a shop do you keep ?—Goods in a general way; greengroceries and almost everything.

42,344. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

42,345. For whom ?—Russell and Stracey.

42,346. What time in the day ?—About 12.

42,347. Did you get anything for it ?—No.

42,348. Or the promise of anything ?—No, certainly not.

42,349. I suppose you wanted to keep Mr. Tillett out if possible; was that it ?—I did not pay any regard to that, I voted for whom I pleased.

42,350. How came you to vote for a Tory and a Liberal ?—That was my hobby.

JOSEPH ROBERT SMITH sworn and examined.

J. R. Smith.

42,351. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You voted for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election ?—Yes.

42,352. What did you get for it ?—Nothing.

42,353. Townsend gave you some money ?—No, nothing. I never had a farthing.

42,354. At what time did you vote ?—Between 3 and 4.

44,355. What were you doing all day ?—I was walking about; walking about in the market place. I had nothing to do at the time.

42,356. What public-houses did you go to ?—I never went to no public-house.

42,357. Were you not in any public-house that day ?—Yes, I went into one against the hall in the market-place. I went in there with my brother in the middle of the day and had a glass of beer along with him.

42,358. Do you know Townsend ?—Yes, I know him.

42,359. Did he not give you some money ?—No, I never see him on the election day at all.

42,360. Did Townsend send you some money ?—No.

42,361. Did he give your wife some money ?—No.

42,362. Did anybody give you any money ?—No.

42,363. Or promise you any ?—No.

42,364. Why did you not vote before a quarter to 4 o'clock ?—I was walking about the market-place and did not go home.

42,365. It did not require you to go home to go up to vote ?—It is close to my house, the polling place.

42,366. That is the very reason why you should go and vote ?—I did not think about it.

42,367. Were you not looking out for what you could get ?—No.

42,368. Would you not have taken anything if it had been offered to you ?—I had nothing to do, and I would not say that I would not have done so.

42,369. Were you not looking out for what you could get ?—I did not look out and did not ask it of anyone.

42,370. I will not put it that you were looking after it, but you were ready to take it if it had been offered to you ?—Yes, but they would not give me anything where I was. I was walking about the market-place.

42,370*a*. Did anybody offer you anything ?—No.

42,371. Not some beer ?—No.

42,372. Did you get no beer at all that day ?—No.

42,373. Not in the after part of the day ?—No.

42,374. What made you vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Well, I do not know particularly what made me.

42,375. I thought you did not. I think I can tell you.—I do not think you can.

42,376. What was it ?—Nothing. I was not offered anything, nor promised anything, and had not a drop of anything.

42,377. Have you had anything since ?—I have had nothing since.

42,378. Nor your wife ?—Nothing.

42,379. You cannot give me any reason whatever why you voted for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I went home of course at that time, and then I went and voted.

42,380. Did you hear anything from your wife which induced you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—No, nothing at all.

42,381. How did going home induce you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I went home at that time to have a piece of dinner, and the polling place being close to my house I went to the poll and voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

42,382. Did anybody give you dinner ?—No.

42,383. How did you make up your mind at a quarter to 4 to vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—It was the first vote I ever had, and thinks I, I may as well go and vote for somebody, and I went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

42,384. At last you thought as you could get nothing from either side you would go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—Yes.

42,385. Had you been employed about the city by Ambrose Andrews ?—No.

42,366. Had you been paid for going about with the band or watching at the hall ?—No.

42,387. Not some day before the election ?—No.

42,388. Did your brother or any relation come to you ?—No, I never saw anyone.

42,389. It is a very unsatisfactory account of yourself.—I have told you the truth.

WILLIAM WOODHOUSE sworn and examined.

W. Woodhouse.

42,390. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your occupation ?—I am a little master shoemaker.

42,391. For whom did you vote ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,392. How many men do you employ ?—Two and one lad.

42,393. What did you get for your vote ?—Nothing.

42,394. Did you ever vote before ?—No.

42,395. Did you promise your vote ?—No, I only promised one, and that was to Sir Henry Stracey's son. I promised to vote for his father.

42,396. Have you had anything for it since ?—No, nothing.

42,397. When was that promise made ?—On the Friday before the election.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

14 Oct. 1869.

W. Fisher.

WILLIAM FISHER sworn and examined.

42,398. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a builder.

42,399. In business on your own account?—No, I am superintending a job now in the Prince of Wales' Road.

42,400. As foreman?—Yes.

42,401. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,402. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,403. At what time in the day?—About a quarter to 4.

42,404. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

42,405. Or the promise of anything?—No, I got no promise. I was not even asked for my vote.

W. Rose.

WILLIAM ROSE sworn and examined.

42,406. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) At what time in the day did you vote?—Half past 2.

42,407. What is your business?—A baker.

42,408. Are you a master or journeyman baker?—Journeyman.

42,409. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

42,410. Had you been canvassed?—No.

42,411. Had no one before that asked you for your vote?—No.

42,412. Why did you not vote a little earlier?—I was at work till past 1, and then I got my dinner before I went to vote.

42,413. Did anybody give you anything for that vote?—No.

42,414. Was no offer made to you of anything?—No.

42,415. You voted quite independently?—Yes.

42,416. Which way did your master vote?—I do not think he voted at all.

C. Skipper.

CHARLES SKIPPER recalled and further examined.

42,417. (*Mr. Biron.*) What was your reason for voting?—I was busy after a job. I could not leave it until I had finished it.

42,418. You told me you did not vote until close upon 4?—A quarter to 4.

42,419. How did you come to vote then?—I got away from my job as soon as I got it done.

42,420. Had you promised your vote?—No, no one had been to me.

42,421. Why did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I thought I would vote that way, there is no reason in it.

42,422. There is no reason at all in it?—No.

42,423. Do you mean to say you had nothing on your mind at all of any description to influence you?—I made up my mind to vote at once for Sir Henry Stracey.

42,424. When did you make up your mind?—When I was busy after my work.

42,425. Did anybody promise you anything for it?—No.

42,426. No job?—No.

42,427. No money?—No.

42,428. I hope what you tell me is the truth.—It is the truth.

42,429. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where had you been looking out for a job?—Nowhere; I had a job already.

42,430. (*Mr. Biron.*) You have a most extraordinary manner with you. Why would you not answer my questions in the morning?—I did not understand you.

E. Willer.

ELIJAH WILLER sworn and examined.

42,431. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your occupation?—A shoemaker.

42,432. Are you a workman or master?—A workman.

42,433. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,434. At what time in the day?—Between 2 and 3.

42,435. Did you get anything for it?—No.

42,436. Did you not try?—No.

42,437. Did you not hear that there was some money about?—Yes, of course I did, but I had none, and did not think anything about it.

42,438. I suppose you were looking out for it?—No, I was at work up to 2 o'clock, before I left home.

42,439. You were anxious to get your day's work paid for voting?—No, I did not want it. I could earn my day's work very decently.

42,440. Did you not want to be paid for your day's work?—No.

42,441. Was anything paid you for your vote?—No; I never see anything of the kind.

42,442. Were you treated?—No; at my own expense I was.

42,443. Did they not give you any Stracey beer?—No, not a glass.

42,444. Did you get any Tillett beer?—No, I did not go nigh him.

42,445. Was there anything going which you could get?—No.

42,446. Have you had nothing paid you since?—No, not a drink from that party except what I have paid for myself.

42,447. Have you been employed by the Stracey party at all?—No.

GEORGE HIPPERSON sworn and examined.

42,448. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A brushmaker.

42,449. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,450. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,451. At what time in the day?—About half-past 2 or 3.

42,452. Why did you not vote earlier?—Because my business would not allow me. I could not get away. I was at work all day, and that was the time I came from dinner.

42,453. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

42,454. Or the promise of anything?—No.

42,455. No beer and no money?—No.

W. Dunthorn.

WILLIAM DUNTHORN sworn and examined.

42,456. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

42,457. What are you by business?—A silk weaver.

42,458. What were you doing on the morning of the election?—I was at work; not in the silk weaving line, because I had none to do, but I was at work for Mr. Rudd, the builder.

42,459. What were you doing for the builder?—Putting on the roof of a house, the tiles.

42,460. How came you to vote so late as you did in the day?—I could not afford to lose my time.

42,461. Were you looking out to be paid for your time if you went to vote?—No.

42,462. Did they pay you for your time to go and

vote at last?—No, I never received a fraction or farthing, or yet the worth of a grain of sand for my vote. I voted independent, like a man.

42,463. Did you not get anything?—No.

42,464. Did you get the promise of anything?—No.

42,465. No beer?—No.

42,466. Not a drop?—No.

JAMES BARBER sworn and examined.

J. Barber.

42,467. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your occupation?—I am a master shoemaker.

42,468. How many men do you employ?—Sometimes I give out work for men. I work for myself, and give out work occasionally.

42,469. You have no regular workmen?—I do not work for any shop.

42,470. Have you no regular workmen?—No, but I employ some sometimes.

42,471. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,472. Had you promised your vote?—I promised my vote, and I went and voted.

42,473. Whom did you promise?—Mr. Stracey.

42,474. Did he come to your place and ask you for your vote?—He came and asked me for my vote.

42,475. How long before the election day?—The night before.

42,476. Did you get any money paid you?—No.

42,477. Have you ever had any money paid you at election times?—I never had a farthing, and never took nothing.

42,478. Have you had anything since?—No, I never had anything at all.

WILLIAM SADD, junior, sworn and examined.

W. Sadd, jun.

42,479. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you a solicitor in practice in this city?—Yes, I am.

42,480. Were you one of the ward managers on the part of Mr. Tillett at the last election?—Yes, I was.

42,481. Which was your ward?—The seventh.

42,482. What were your duties?—My duties were simply to call gentlemen together; to organise and canvass, and to receive their reports, and to send them up to the central committee room.

42,483. And on the polling day, I presume, to check the voters as the returns came in, and find out who had voted and who had not?—We had tickets that came from the different polling places, and they were marked off in a room adjoining the committee room.

42,484. On the polling day, what was your duty?—Simply to see that the return was correctly made to the central committee room.

42,485. That would be after these returns were checked they were brought to you?—They were checked in the adjoining room and brought back; the numbers would be cast to ascertain what the numbers were, and then the numbers would be sent up to the central committee room.

42,486. Were the returns of the canvass brought in to you from time to time before the polling day?—Yes, they were.

42,487. Having reference to the returns on the polling day, did anything arise to create a suspicion in your mind as to unfair practices?—It was bare suspicion. I had no actual knowledge, judging from the result of the canvass and my own personal observations, that there were persons who would give no decided promise or say what they would do; and on reference to an old poll book, I found that there were Conservatives on previous occasions who had voted Liberal, but I had no knowledge of corrupt practices beyond that.

42,488. Within your own knowledge is there anything which enables you now to form an opinion whether corrupt practices were resorted to at the last election?—Simply from what I have seen in the reports.

42,489. That is as to what took place before Mr. Baron Martin?—Yes.

42,490. Can you give us any information which will assist us at all in our inquiry?—No, I cannot. My duties were simply confined to the committee room, as I have said before, to organise and canvass, and to make returns to the central committee room.

HORACE BLYTH sworn and examined.

H. Blyth.

42,491. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,492. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,493. What is your duty at the railway?—To see after cattle.

42,494. I do not suppose there was a great deal to do on the Tuesday?—No, our busiest time is the latter part of the week, Fridays and Saturdays.

42,495. The election day was neither of those; how was it you came to vote so late?—I did not know that it made any difference what time I voted. I thought I could vote at what time I liked.

42,496. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

42,497. Or the promise of anything?—No.

42,498. Did anybody give you any beer, or anything of that kind?—No.

42,499. Did anybody offer you any beer?—No.

EDWARD WILDE sworn and examined.

E. Wilde.

42,500. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by occupation?—A garret master in the shoemaking way.

42,501. Do you employ any men?—Not at the present time; it is rather a slack time for my business.

42,502. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,503. Did you promise your vote?—No.

42,504. Were you never asked for it?—No.

42,505. Did no one come to your place with a card?—No.

42,506. Did you ever vote before?—No.

42,507. Did you ever tell anybody how you were going to vote?—No.

42,508. When did you make up your mind to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I was cutting out some work and went and voted for Sir Henry Stracey, and came back again to my work, and worked till 11 o'clock at night.

42,509. You never said anything to anybody about it?—No.

42,510. You have never mentioned it either before or after?—No.

42,511. Your story is wholly untrue.—I have told you the truth.

42,512. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did your wife get anything?—No.

42,513. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you had anything since?—No.

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W. Webster.

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WILLIAM WEBSTER sworn and examined.

42,514. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,515. For whom?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

42,516. At what time in the day?—Between 3 and 4; I cannot say to a few minutes.

42,517. Did you get anything for it?—No.

42,518. Why did you not vote before then?—I was at work.

42,519. What are you?—I work at a coachmaker's shop.

42,520. Could you not have got away for 5 minutes to vote?—I daresay I could, if I thought proper.

42,521. Why did you not think it proper to go up before 3?—I worked up as late as I could, because I wanted to earn as much as I could.

42,522. You are paid by time?—Yes.

42,523. Did you get anything for voting?—No, nothing.

42,524. Or the promise of anything?—No, not anything at all.

J. Middleton, jun.

JOHN MIDDLETON, junior, sworn and examined.

42,525. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your business?—A publican.

42,526. I suppose there was no voter in your house the day of the election?—I was not in my house on the day of the election.

42,527. Where were you?—I was in Botolph Street, Magdalen Street.

42,528. What were you doing?—At my own trade, silk weaving; working at my own employment. I am a silk weaver by trade.

42,529. Why did you go up to poll so late in the day?—On account of being at the magistrates' hall, after my transfer. I did not leave there till 20 minutes past 3 in the afternoon.

42,530. There was plenty of time to go and vote in the morning?—Yes, that is true, but I had to go and see my friends to get a character to obtain this house.

42,531. Did anybody ask you to go up at last?—No, no one.

42,532. You had been canvassed?—Yes.

42,533. By whom had you been canvassed?—By one of the young Mr. Straceys, and by the minister of the parish of St. Saviour's.

42,534. When you were asked, what did you say?—I told them I should not promise.

42,535. Why did you say that?—Because my mind was not clearly made up who I should support upon the occasion.

42,536. It seems an extraordinary thing in Norwich that a man cannot make up his mind which way to vote.—My mind was pretty well made up.

42,537. Have you got any mind at all to make up?—Very little, I do not trouble at all about politics.

42,538. Was your mind to get anything that might turn up?—No, that was not my mind; I never had anything in my life, and I have been a voter in this city 20 years.

42,539. Did you get anything at the last election?—No, not a penny, and was not offered anything.

42,540. Nobody in Norwich seems to be able to make up his mind.—I should have voted in the early part of the day if my business had not called me away. I could not leave the magistrates' hall till the business was concluded.

42,541. Did you get the promise of anything?—No, nobody offered me anything.

42,542. I suppose if anybody had offered you anything you would have taken it?—No one offered me anything.

J. Deane.

JAMES DEANE sworn and examined.

42,543. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by occupation?—I am a shoe manufacturer by occupation. I live upon my property.

42,544. You were manager of the sixth ward?—Yes, on behalf of Mr. Tillett I was.

42,545. Did you receive any remuneration for your services in that capacity?—No, I was a volunteer.

42,546. You received nothing afterwards?—No.

42,547. You voted, I presume, for Mr. Tillett and Sir William Russell?—Yes.

42,548. During the time you were manager in that ward did you take any part in canvassing?—I canvassed two only in the ward; it was my business as manager rather to receive the returns from those who were canvassers.

42,549. From those reports that came before you did you learn that there were persons hanging about for bribes?—There were some few reports of that kind, but not many.

42,550. When you heard of such cases, did you give any instructions to keep them for your side?—No.

42,551. Did you sanction any expenditure of money in order to retain those votes?—No.

42,552. Are you cognisant of any money having been spent by your side for the purpose of corrupt practices?—No.

42,553. Are you aware of any claims being afterwards sent in for any services rendered of that kind?—None whatever.

42,554. Where were you during the day of the poll?—At the committee room of the "Greyhound."

42,555. Exclusively?—Yes.

42,556. You did not go out at all?—Except when I went out to poll. I beg your pardon, I went once to one of the polling places; there was some little complaint about not having a sufficient quantity of check cards; a man went to take two or three bundles in a hurry, and I went to correct the matter and bring some back again.

42,557. Did you go to any public-houses to look up voters?—No.

42,558. Upon no account?—No.

42,559. During the day, did you receive any reports to the effect that the other side were bribing voters?—In the after part of the day there were some reports of that kind.

42,560. Did you receive no specific information, either of persons or places?—Of persons the information was rather more specific, but nothing sufficiently direct to enable one to say that such and such a one was bought, and such and such a one was the purchaser.

42,561. Was any name mentioned to you of a person or persons engaged in bribing voters on the other side?—As being suspected, there was.

42,562. Who were they?—Mr. George Gowing was mentioned as one.

42,563. The farmer?—Yes; he was named to me as being round one of the polling places in particular in the latter part of the day, entering into conversation with different individuals, and after a short conversation he would put his hand in a sort of dealing style, as though the bargain was struck, and at once lead them away to the polling place.

42,564. Did you hear the names of anyone else?—Mr. Henry Morgan was mentioned in one case only, and that was the evidence given by a female, Miss Murrell, who stated that she saw Mr. Henry Morgan talking with a voter, and after a little conversation he put his hand in his pocket and took it out again, and touched the voter's hand, and led him to the poll.

42,565. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) That was a matter that was investigated before Mr. Baron Martin?—I do not remember that it came before Baron Martin.

42,566. Were those all the names mentioned to you?

—Yes, those were all the names of those mentioned to me who were supposed to have been engaged in the act of bribery. The name of Mr. John Youngman was mentioned as being active in making a noise at one of the polling places, near the Church; he was seemingly there for the purpose of prompting the drunken voters, lest they should forget for whom they were to record their votes; he would keep shouting "Plump for Stracey. Now my lads, plump for Stracey."

42,567. When you were at the poll, did you see much drunkenness?—I was not at the poll more than three minutes, that was at the third ward, because I voted as a freeholder.

42,568. I suppose that was a tolerably quiet ward?—One would suppose there would be as many corrupt voters there as anywhere else. I drove down quickly there and back again. So far as I could see from the window the parties being driven to and fro in Ber Street I came to the conclusion that the great bulk of them were drunk. I cannot tell that of course, but there was a rollicking and spreeishness about them which indicated they were rather drunken than sober.

42,569. You think there was more beer drunk than usual?—Yes, certainly.

42,570. Do you know of any money having been spent on either side at this election for corrupt practices?—No, I know nothing positive beyond what I have read in the evidence.

42,571. Neither money, promises, nor favour went through you for the purpose of securing votes?—Most decidedly not. I would like to explain that matter of Mr. Youngman. Youngman gave evidence on Monday to the effect of my having promised valuable consideration to obtain the vote of one John Fulcher, and that was I believe five pigs, as I read it in the paper.

42,572. (*Mr. Biron.*) We treated it as rubbish.—I rather gathered that. The explanation is, so far as my name is concerned, that it is an unmitigated falsehood; but when I went to him to canvass him for his vote I was overseer of the parish and collector of rates, and I had had great difficulty in getting the rates from him. I pleaded with him on behalf of Mr. Tillett, as being the working man's champion, who was pledged to get the rates reduced; and my friend Mr. Restieaux said, "Ah, my boy, make up your mind "to vote for Tillett and get your rates reduced; here "is lots of fodder, and you will soon have some pigs, "and you will go on swimmingly." I checked him, and said, "Mr. Restieaux, we are not here to talk about pigs, but to talk about votes," and I left the man.

William Hague sworn and examined. *W. Hague.*

42,573. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—An iron and brass moulder.

42,574. Where do you work?—At Barnard and Bishop's.

42,575. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,576. For whom?—I voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

42,577. At what time in the day?—About half-past 11 or a quarter to 12.

42,578. Did you get anything for it?—No.

42,579. Or the promise of anything?—No, nor yet did I get anything; not a farthing.

42,580. Was not anything said to you about getting a day's work, or having your day's work paid for?—No; the shop was closed, so none of us could earn anything.

42,581. Did none of you get paid, although the shop was closed?—I am not aware of anyone getting paid; I did not.

42,582. Did you hear of anybody else getting paid for their day's work?—No.

42,583. Did you get any beer?—No, only what I bought.

42,584. No beer and no money?—No.

42,585. Nothing of any kind or sort either directly or indirectly?—No, not any.

Thomas Russen sworn and examined. *T. Russen.*

42,586. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) In whose employment are you?—Messrs. Barnard and Bishop's.

42,587. Were you in the employment of Messrs. Barnard and Bishop at the time of the election?—Yes.

42,588. All of your men voted for Stracey, did you not?—I had no vote at all.

42,589. All the men that had votes voted for Stracey, did they not?—For what I know.

42,590. You heard it talked about?—It was said that they voted for Mr. Stracey.

42,591. Were you one of the men that went up to the nomination?—Yes.

42,592. Who was your captain?—Well, I do not know.

42,593. Was it some one you did not know?—I cannot say now, I can assure you.

42,594. Did you go up in a body?—Yes, we all went together.

42,595. How many of you?—I cannot say how many of us there were went away.

42,596. How many men are there in the entire works?—I do not know.

42,597. A hundred?—I do not know how many there are.

42,598. How many men had Barnard and Bishop in their workshops last November?—I should say there were more than 100 in all their shops.

42,599. How many of you went up to the nomination?—I cannot say how many there was.

42,600. Were there so many that you cannot tell me?—I cannot tell you how many there was.

42,601. There was a good number, I suppose?—Yes, a goodish many.

42,602. Eighty or 90?—I cannot say how many there was.

42,603. You can tell me about. I am told there are 1,000 men in Barnard and Bishop's employment?—I cannot say how many.

42,604. Were there 300 or 400?—No.

42,605. 200 or 300?—No.

42,606. One hundred?—No.

42,607. Eighty?—No.

42,608. Sixty?—There might be 60.

42,609. Who headed them?—I cannot say who did head them.

42,610. Do you know a man of the name of Frank Amiss?—Yes.

42,611. Was he there?—Yes.

42,612. Did he not go at the head of you?—I cannot say that Mr. Amiss was at the head of us.

42,613. You can tell us?—No, I cannot.

42,614. Did he tell you where to go to?—I heard it from the other men.

42,615. I shall be obliged to refresh your memory in a very unpleasant way if you do not mind. I am determined to get the truth. You need not be afraid of Messrs. Barnard and Bishop; they cannot put you in gaol, and we can.—I do not think anything about that.

42,616. Who told you where to go?—The men told me where to go to.

42,617. You say you all went up in a body?—Some of us did; we did not all go in a body.

42,618. Where did you meet?—In the market.

42,619. At the "Eagle" tavern?—No, in the market.

42,620. Did you go to the "Eagle" tavern before you went to the hall?—No.

42,621. Did you go afterwards?—No.

42,622. Did some of the men go to the "Eagle"?—I cannot say. After I came out of the market I

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T. Russen.

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came straight away, and did not go into a public-house at all.

42,623. What did you get for going up ?—2*s.* 3*d.*

42,624. 2*s.* and some beer or 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—2*s.* 3*d.* is all I got.

42,625. You got your money for your beer separate from the 2*s.*?—I got 2*s.* 3*d.*, and that included the whole of it.

42,626. Did you not get 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—No, 2*s.* 3*d.*

42,627. Some of the men only got 2*s.*, did they not ?—No ; I cannot say that.

42,628. Did not some of the men have beer, and did not those men that had beer only get 2*s.* ?—I believe that is right.

42,629. Who was it paid you the 2*s.* 3*d.* ?—Mr. Amiss.

42,630. What position does he occupy in your master's employment ?—Smith.

42,631. Is he the head smith ?—I cannot say.

42,632. Does he superintend the men, or does he work like the other men ?—He does not superintend any men to the best of my knowledge.

42,633. You did not vote ?—I had not a vote.

42,634. Have you not heard that the men who had votes were paid something on the election day ?—No.

42,635. Have you not heard that ?—No.

42,636. Do you know that they had some beer ?—No.

42,637. Not on the election day ?—No.

42,638. Were Barnard and Bishop's works open on the election day ?—Yes.

42,639. Were you at work all the election day ?—No, I was not.

42,640. How long did you work upon the election day ?—I do not think we went to work at all.

42,641. You got your 2*s.* 3*d.* ?—Not upon the election day.

42,642. Were there any men at work on the election day ?—I do not think the men were at work on the election day to the best of my knowledge.

F. Amiss.

FRANK AMISS sworn and examined.

42,643. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade ?—A whitesmith.

42,644. In whose employment ? — Barnard and Bishop's.

42,645. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

42,646. For whom ?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,647. What did you get for it ?—Nothing at all.

42,648. Were you engaged to retain the services of the workmen for the nomination day ?—No ; I never was engaged in my life.

42,649. What did you do at the election ?—I asked some of the men whether they would go up that day.

42,650. What did you offer them ?—I did not offer them anything at the time.

42,651. What did you give them afterwards ?—I reluctantly gave them, I think, 3*s.*, or something like that.

42,652. To how many of them did you give 3*s.* ?—I suppose about 20.

42,653. Were there any more you gave money to ?—No.

42,654. What did you pay them that for ?—I had no intention of giving them anything, but they worried me pretty well to death afterwards, and I was obliged to give it to them.

42,655. What did you give them that money for ?—It was, of course, for the nomination. I asked them to go, and they said other parties were paying ; that Mr. Colman's men were paid, and they demanded something off of me, and I refused to give it, but they worried me so about it that I felt bound to give it.

42,656. Did they go to the nomination ?—I do not know. I did not go myself.

42,657. Who were they ?—I cannot remember the names.

42,658. They were all in the same works ?—Yes.

42,659. Could you make out a list of them ?—Many of them have left the works, but I could tell you many of them.

42,660. You must tell us all of them.—I cannot remember.

42,661. You sent in a bill to someone else ?—No.

42,662. Did you send in no charge ?—No.

42,663. Did you never apply for payment of that ?—No.

42,664. You know you are telling a great falsehood.

42,665. (*Mr. Biron.*) How much are your weekly earnings ?

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You will compel me to send you to gaol till Saturday morning if you do not tell the truth. We shall have Messrs. Barnard and Bishop on their oaths. It is far better for you to tell the simple truth, otherwise you will be indicted for perjury. If they come up and prove to the contrary, you will be sent off immediately to gaol.—My standing wages are 22*s.*, but I sometimes earn 30*s.*

42,666. Do you mean to tell me you paid 3*l.* in money to these men ? Now where did you get it from ?—I had it in my own money, but I got paid back again.

42,667. Who paid it back to you ?—I applied to Messrs. Barnard and Bishop for it.

42,668. And they paid you ?—Yes.

42,669. Now then, go into the dock, and sit there while we send for Messrs. Barnard and Bishop, your employers.

42,670. (*Mr. Biron.*) Was it more than 3*l.* ?—I do not know what the sum was. I never kept any account.

J. Gibbons.

JOHN GIBBONS sworn and examined.

42,671. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you ? — An engineer.

42,672. For whom do you work ?—Messrs. Barnard and Bishop.

42,673. Were you working there at the time of this last election ?—Yes.

42,674. For whom did you vote ? — Sir Henry Stracey.

42,675. Did you get anything for it ?—No.

42,676. Or the promise of anything ?—No.

42,677. Did you come up on the nomination day to the hall ?—No, certainly not.

42,678. Were you asked to go to the hall on the nomination day ?—No.

42,679. Were you at work on the nomination day ?—Yes.

42,680. On the day of the poll were you at work ?—No.

42,681. The place was shut up was it not ?—Yes.

42,682. Did you draw your salary or wages on the day of the poll ?—No, certainly not.

42,683. Was anybody paid ?—I was not paid.

42,684. Was any beer allowed ?—I never see any, not a drop.

42,685. Not on the nomination day ?—No, if there was any allowed I was not there, so I never see it.

42,686. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You know your employers are coming here directly, and they will be on their oaths ?—That does not make any difference to me.

42,687. (*Mr. Biron.*) After the election was there any supper, or any entertainment given to the men ?—Yes.

42,688. When was that ?—On the Saturday night ; I could not tell you the date exactly.

42,689. The invitations had gone out before the election ?—No, I never knew anything about it till five or six weeks after the election. I believe it was quite five or six weeks afterwards.

42,690. Had Barnard and Bishop, or either of them canvassed the men in their employ ?—No.

42,691. Did they speak to you about voting?—Never in my life.

42,692. Did Sir Henry Stracey come down to the works?—Yes.

42,693. Was he introduced by the proprietors?—I do not know who he was introduced by, he came down and spoke to us, and addressed us as a lot of working men.

42,694. Messrs. Barnard and Bishop were there, were they not?—I do not think Mr. Barnard was there.

42,695. Mr. Bishop was?—Yes, I think he was, but I could not swear to it.

42,696. Did not the men at your works pretty nearly all vote for Stracey?—No, I know a good many where I am at work voted the other way. I know several of them who voted the other way, and not for Stracey.

42,697. A good many more voted for Stracey than against him?—Yes, I believe there were more voted for Stracey than there were voted the other way.

42,698. Did those who voted the other way go to the supper?—I could not say.

42,699. It was a Tory supper to celebrate the return of Stracey?—I believe it was a sort of Tory supper.

William Webb sworn and examined.

W. Webb.

42,700. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were very active in canvassing, were you not, at the last election?—I did on the Thursday night canvass. Two or three gentlemen called on me, and I went round with them some part of the parish.

42,701. Did you only canvass on Thursday night?—Yes, that is all.

42,702. Did you not canvass on any other day?—No.

42,703. Where did you canvass?—I canvassed St. Paul's, Magdalen Street. I took a list round.

42,704. Do you know the Cubitts?—Yes, I know the two Cubitts, the brewers.

42,705. Were they with you?—No.

42,706. Neither of them?—No, neither.

42,707. Not at any time when you were canvassing?—No.

42,708. Did you go round with young Mr. Stracey at all?—No, he was to have come on Thursday afternoon, but he was otherwise engaged and could not come, and one or two gentlemen called upon me and I went with them.

42,709. Who were those gentlemen?—Mr. Breese of Messrs. Morgan the brewers was one, and Mr. Andrews the whitesmith was another.

42,710. On the election day did you go to the voters to get them up?—Those that promised me on the Thursday went and voted.

42,711. You went to those that promised you on the Thursday?—A few.

42,712 Did you find on the Thursday night that there were some people who would not promise?—There is always that.

42,713. Did you go to them as well?—I merely picked out those that I knew were Conservatives. I did not go to some of the others. I passed their doors, and they were angry because I passed them.

42,714. Did you go to those that would not promise?—Yes, a few of them, because I did not know the new electors. I did not know how they were going to vote.

42,715. Did you find that they still hung fire?—Some of them said they did not know which way they were going to vote.

42,716. They said they should not lose their day's pay?—I never heard one of them say a word about a day's pay.

42,717. Did they refer to money?—No, they never asked for a farthing, all they said was that they had not made up their minds.

42,718. You understood what they meant by that?—There is a lot of that always. We laugh that off.

42,719. You understood it?—Yes, one would understand it.

42,720. Understanding it, when you got a man of that kind you knew how to treat him?—I left him.

42,721. Did you offer or give him anything?—No, I left him.

42,722. Did you not give any man anything to vote?—No, not a farthing.

42,723. Any beer?—No, nor yet any beer.

42,724. Are you sure of that?—Yes, I am positive. I am on my oath.

42,725. Was Cubitt with you when you were getting them up?—No, neither of them.

42,726. Did you go with them on the election day?—I saw them in the forenoon.

42,727. Did you go with them for the purpose of getting up voters?—No, I did not.

42,728. They were active in your part?—Yes, I went down to the committee after I had got up my friends and took out several of the names from the register of people that had removed, and sent a conveyance after them.

42,729. Are you sure you did not tell anybody that if they voted for Stracey it should be all right?—No, I did not; I dare not do it.

42,730. You are a pretty staunch man?—I like my party. I did what I could for Sir Henry Stracey.

42,731. I suppose a few shillings does not stand in your way?—I never had any, and never asked for any.

42,732. But you have it of your own?—I have nothing to spare for electioneering matters.

42,733. Did you not spend a few shillings of your own?—I think I spent about 1*s.* that day. I never used but only one public-house in the day.

42,733*a*. Are you sure you did not spend more?—Yes, I am sure.

William Gaze sworn and examined.

W. Gaze.

42,734. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by occupation?—A tailor.

42,735. Do you work on your own account?—Yes.

42,736. Did you promise your vote to anyone at the last election?—No.

42,737. Were you not solicited?—No.

42,738. By no one?—No.

42,739. Have you ever voted before?—No.

42,740. For whom did you vote this time?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,741. At what hour in the day?—Two o'clock.

42,742. Did you get anything for it?—No.

42,743. Were you promised anything?—No.

42,744. Has anything been paid you since?—No.

42,745. Did you get up any people to vote?—No.

42,746. Did you take no part at all in the election beyond voting yourself?—No, not the least.

42,747. Did not your political friends treat you to some beer on the day of the poll?—No.

42,748. You had no chance of that?—I did not wish it. I did not see any. Whether there was any chance or no I did not require it.

42,749. You knew there was a good deal about?—No.

42,750. How soon did you hear of it afterwards?—I think it was the next day; I do not think I heard anything that day.

42,751. Did you go back to your work after voting?—No, I went to a friend's, where I frequently go, and did not know no more than I did before I came out.

42,752. It was only afterwards you learned what a chance there had been for entertainment?—That is all.

42,753. Are you a Tory by opinion?—Yes.

42,754. Have you always been?—Well, in my heart certainly.

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R. Nichols.

RICHARD NICHOLS sworn and examined.

42,755. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A shopkeeper.

42,756. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,757. What shop do you keep?—A pork shop, and I sell vegetables and the like.

42,758. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,759. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

42,760. At what time in the day?—I believe it was between 11 and 12.

42,761. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

42,762. Or the promise of anything?—No.

42,763. Did you take any part in getting up voters afterwards?—No.

R. Spark.

ROBERT SPARK sworn and examined.

42,764. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What is your business?—A master lastmaker.

42,765. Where is your workshop?—In the "Cat and Fiddle" yard.

42,766. How many men have you in your employment?—I have only one hand now.

42,767. When had you none?—It is a long time since I had none.

42,768. Is he a grown up hand?—No, he is quite a young hand.

42,769. Very young, is he not?—Yes, he is young.

42,770. What happens to be his name?—His name is Rose.

42,771. For whom do you work?—I work for all manner of ones.

42,772. Do you not work for any particular firm?—Yes, I work for a good many firms in the city, two or three firms.

42,773. You voted at the last election?—Yes.

42,774. Very late, did you not?—About 3 o'clock.

42,775. I call that very late. Why did you not vote before 3 in the day?—I do not know that I had any particular reason, but I did not vote before 3. I was very unwell at the time.

42,776. Did you think you ought to be paid for your day's work?—No, I never thought any such thing.

42,777. Where were you all the morning?—I was out in the morning; I never went out till 9 in the morning.

42,778. Where did you go then?—I went to my mother-in-law's.

42,779. Did your mother-in-law persuade you to vote?—No.

42,780. Had you been asked for your vote before?—No, only by them that canvassed round.

42,781. What answer did you give to them that came round?—I never promised at all.

42,782. Why did you not?—I had no reason. I did not promise.

42,783. Why?—I do not know that I had any reason at all why I did not promise.

42,784. Have you any political principles at all?—Conservative principles.

42,785. If you are a Conservative, why did you not promise your vote?—I do not know. I did not promise anyone, and never do.

42,786. You would not promise in order that you might see what you could get?—No, I never sought no such a thing as that.

42,787. Did you not look out for what you could get?—No, I never looked out for anything.

42,788. Did anyone come and offer you anything?—No.

42,789. Did your wife get anything?—Not that I am aware.

42,790. She told you to go and vote for Stracey, did she not?—No; I think I went up of my own accord.

42,791. Perhaps you did not ask your wife whether she got anything?—No, I never asked such a thing as that.

42,792. Did she happen to tell you that she did?—No.

42,793. Did anybody give you anything?—No.

42,794. Did anybody promise you anything?—No, not a single farthing.

42,795. We have not had what public-houses you went to?—I went to no public at all.

42,796. None at all that day?—I only went in to Mr. Spink's for a three-halfpenny glass of gin just before dinner.

42,797. Did anybody offer you a glass of gin afterwards?—No, nobody; that is all I had all day.

42,798. Did you get anything promised you in the shape of drink?—No, not anything at all.

A. McFarling.

ARTHUR MCFARLING sworn and examined.

42,799. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your occupation?—A publican.

42,800. In what part of the city?—Stamp Cross, Magdalen Street.

42,801. Did you take any busy part in the last election?—No.

42,802. Did you canvass at all?—No.

42,803. Were there voters in your house?—Yes, there were voters in my house.

42,804. They were drinking there the greater part of the day?—There were different ones in and out the whole day.

42,805. Who was treating them?—Two gentlemen came in, one by the name of Lemon, and one by the name of Herring.

42,806. What did they order?—One or two, or it might be three glasses of ale, and a small glass of rum.

42,807. Do you know where those gentlemen live?—I have since heard that one lives in St. Magdalen Street, and the other in St. James'.

42,808. Did they give you any directions further than ordering the beer?—No; they paid for what they ordered.

42,809. Did they run up any score?—No.

42,810. Did anyone on that day?—No.

42,811. Had you anything whatever to do with getting up voters on that day?—No.

42,812. Did you receive anything yourself?—No.

42,813. Have you received anything since?—No.

42,814. Has any money been paid to you since?—No.

42,815. Had you anything to do with hiring people for parading the streets before or at the time of the election?—No.

42,816. Do you know anything about it?—No.

42,817. Did you not know that people were hired for that purpose?—I heard it, but I had nothing whatever to do with it.

42,818. Who is your brewer?—Messrs. Seaman and Grimmer.

42,819. Did they canvass you?—No.

42,820. Did anybody canvass you?—Yes.

42,821. Who?—One of the young Mr. Straceys came to my house, and several more gentlemen.

42,822. Did you promise to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

42,823. And you kept your promise?—Yes.

J. Mackley.

JACOB MACKLEY sworn and examined.

42,824. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a carpenter.

42,825. Are you the son of the landlord of the "Woolpack"?—Yes.

42,826. Were you at the "Woolpack" on the day of the election?—Yes, some part of the day.

42,827. Did you see Hardiment there?—Yes.

42,828. Did you see him pay any men there?—Yes, two or three.

42,829. Can you give me the names of those who you saw him pay?—Yes, I think I can; one's name is Hudson, and another's name is Goodman.

42,830. What Hudson was it?—He lives in St. Miles' and keeps a public-house I think.

42,831. Very well; who else?—I cannot say; there is two I know. I can recollect two, Hudson and Goodman, and I think, Mr. Gazely. I think I saw him take a pound off Mr. Hardiment; that is all that I can recollect.

42,832. That was all you saw?—Yes, that is all I saw.

42,833. There were a good many men at the "Woolpack," were there not?—Some part of the day there was.

42,834. And a good many there while Hardiment was there?—Yes, there were several upstairs then.

42,835. Where were you when you saw these men that you have mentioned get the money?—I was upon the stairs just when he was paying them three, and I came downstairs again; but there was others in the club-room at the same time, but I never saw them.

42,836. Do you know where Hardiment got the money?—No, that I do not.

42,837. Did you hear him say anything about paying the men?—No.

42,838. You merely saw him doing it?—Yes.

42,839. Did you tell anybody after the election day that you had seen this?—No, and never was asked any question not until now.

42,840. You went away at time of the petition?—Yes.

42,841. How was that?—Why they sent me away, or else I should not have went.

42,842. Who sent you away?—Mr. Dawson.

42,843. Had you said anything to anybody about what you knew?—No.

42,844. How long did Hardiment stay that day?—That I cannot say, for there was a side door where he went in and out. I was chiefly downstairs in the bar waiting on the customers the chief of the day.

42,845. You told me there were men there on the landing while he was paying?—Yes, there were three when I went up.

42,846. Can you give me the names of any of those men?—Yes, those three that I have told you.

42,847. Nobody else?—No, that is all I saw.

42,848. Did you see Bradbury there?—No, not upstairs; I saw him downstairs.

42,849. Is there a door at the bottom of the stairs that leads up?—Yes.

42,850. Was he there at that time?—No, I saw him in the bar, sitting there, when Mr. Harper came in.

42,851. Was he present when you saw these men paid?—Who is that?

42,852. Bradbury?—I cannot say whether he was downstairs at the time; there was only the three I have mentioned up with Mr. Hardiment.

42,853. You are not a voter?—No.

42,854. You are not of age yet, are you?—No.

42,855. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Bradbury is a pretty frequent customer at your father's, is he not?—Yes, generally he comes into ours.

42,856. I suppose he is not above taking 7*s.* 6*d.* or a sovereign, is he?—No, I do not think he is above that if anybody will give it to him.

42,857. You and I quite agree about that; you have only got to give him the chance?—That is all.

42,858. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) He was there on the day of the election, was he not?—Oh yes, he was there.

42,859. Always outside the door, was he not?—No, I saw him in the bar once or twice.

42,860. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you recollect, after Hardiment had gone, whether your father gave some money to any men?—No, I never heard him say anything about it.

42,861. There were some men came in after Hardiment had gone, were there not?—No, I do not recollect anyone coming in. I was busy downstairs the chief of the time; there were several in and out all day, and I was very busy; of course I was doing all I could for my father's benefit.

42,862. Of course you were; but don't you recollect whether your father paid any men?—No, I have never heard him say so. I have heard him say he never spent a halfpenny all day for bribing.

42,863. Pretty well everybody there knew what was going on upstairs?—That I don't know; there were several downstairs and several upstairs.

42,864. But the men went up and down again?—Yes, they went up and down; they went through the other door, they did not come through the bar, all of them, some of them might.

42,865. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you see Vines there?—Yes.

42,866. What did he get?—That I do not know. I did not see him go upstairs at all. I saw him against the bar when Mr. Harper came. Mr. Harper is of the opposite party.

42,867. You would have been very much surprised, would you not, if Vines had not got something?—That I don't know, I am sure.

42,868. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) If he could get it?—If he could get it I daresay he would take it, the same as the rest of them.

JAMES THOMPSON sworn and examined.

J. Thompson.

42,869. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A weaver.

42,870. You voted for Stracey at the last election?—Yes.

42,871. Where were you all the day?—I was at home until after dinner.

42,872. What were you doing at home?—At work.

42,873. Have you got a hand mill, or what?—A hand mill.

42,874. What time did you dine?—Between 1 and 2.

42,875. Then where did you go to after dinner?—I went for a little walk.

42,876. To see what would turn up?—I went for a little walk and fell in a house for a glass of ale.

42,877. Did nobody give you a glass of ale?—No, I paid for it out of my own pocket.

42,878. Did you not get any beer given you?—No.

42,879. Where did you get your glass?—At Mr. Mackley's house.

42,880. The "Woolpack"?—The "Woolpack;" in St. Mary's.

42,881. What did Hardiment give you?—He gave me a pound.

JAMES MATTHIAS WOOD sworn and examined.

J. M. Wood.

42,882. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your occupation?—A boot cutter.

42,883. Do you work for yourself?—No.

42,884. Do you employ other men?—No.

42,885. You are a journeyman?—Yes.

42,886. For whom did you vote?—Stracey and Russell.

42,887. How came it that you divided your vote?—I don't know, sir, it was my opinion, that is all.

42,888. Then you were of both opinions?—Just so.

42,889. You are both a Conservative and a Liberal, are you?—Well, that is how I thought proper to vote, to the best of my judgment.

42,890. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

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J. M. Wood.

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42,891. Had you been asked for your vote?—Yes.

42,892. By which side?—By Mr. Tillett's side, I believe.

42,893. Were you asked by anyone else?—No.

42,894. You were asked by Tillett, and you voted for Russell and Stracey?—Yes.

42,895. Had you any particular reason for that?—No, not particular.

42,896. Was any promise made to you?—No.

42,897. Were you treated with any beer on that day?—No.

42,898. Did you get any afterwards?—No.

L. Loveday.

LEWIS LOVEDAY sworn and examined.

42,899. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A collar maker.

42,900. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,901. For whom?—Stracey.

42,902. What time in the day?—Half-past 10.

42,903. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

42,904. Or the promise of anything?—No.

42,905. Did you give anything to anybody else to induce them to vote?—No.

E. Jarrett.

EDWARD JARRETT sworn and examined.

42,906. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was this last election your first time of voting?—Yes.

42,907. For whom did you vote?—Stracey.

42,908. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

42,909. Did you try?—No.

42,910. Did you hear there was anything going?—No.

42,911. Either money or beer?—I did not hear anything.

42,912. Were you on the look out for it?—No.

42,913. What are you by trade?—A dyer.

42,914. Do you work by yourself?—Yes.

42,915. Where were you the whole day?—At work.

42,916. Were you occupied the whole of the day except when you went to vote?—Except when I went and voted.

42,917. Were you in any public-houses that day?—No.

42,918. Have you had anything since for your vote?—Nothing.

W. Trett.

WILLIAM TRETT sworn and examined.

42,919. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A labourer.

42,920. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,921. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Stracey.

42,922. What time of the day?—Between 1 and 2 o'clock.

42,923. In your dinner hour?—Yes.

42,924. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—There was two gentlemen came to my house, and I was not at home, so I never see anyone myself; they spoke to my wife and asked her if she knew what I thought about voting, and she said she did not know, and I never saw anyone myself.

42,925. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

42,926. Or the promise of anything?—No, not anything.

42,927. Did you work that day until your dinner?—Yes.

42,928. What did you do after you had voted?—Went to work again.

J. Winter.

JAMES WINTER sworn and examined.

42,929. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A weaver.

42,930. For whom did you vote this time?—Stracey.

42,931. Were you solicited for your vote?—No.

42,932. Had you ever voted before?—No.

42,933. What were you doing all the day of the election?—Walking about.

42,934. About the market?—Yes, and different places.

42,935. I suppose you were looking out for what you could get?—Yes, that I was.

42,936. Did you not hear of anything going?—No.

42,937. Did you not stroll down towards the "Woolpack"?—No, I did not.

42,938. You might have heard of it there?—That I did not.

42,939. I suppose you wanted to get 10*s.* for your vote?—I would have taken 1*l.*, if they had offered it to me.

42,940. You had no opportunity?—No.

42,941. You would have taken it from either side?—Yes. I did not care which side it was.

42,942. (*Mr. Biron.*) You are quite sure you did not get it?—Yes, that I am.

J. Laws.

JOHN LAWS sworn and examined.

42,943. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I keep a public-house.

42,944. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

42,945. For whom?—Stracey.

42,946. What time in the day?—About half-past 10 in the morning, or it might not be so late as that, I do not know to half an hour.

42,947. Did you get anything for it?—No.

42,948. Or the promise of anything?—No.

42,949. What did you do afterwards?—Went home to my business.

42,950. Were there men in your house who had not voted?—I am sure I do not know; I did not interfere about who had voted and who had not.

42,951. There were a lot of men there, I suppose?—Men were out and in during the day.

42,952. Drinking?—Sometimes.

42,953. Did anybody pay for drink for them there?—Not that I know of, I never saw anything.

42,954. Did anyone come in to get them up to the poll?—No; I do not recollect seeing any of them.

42,955. Do you know a man of the name of Tuck?—Yes.

42,956. Did he come to your house that day?—No.

42,957. Are you sure?—Well, if he did, he might, but I did not see him.

J. Lawrence.

JAMES LAWRENCE sworn and examined.

42,958. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is your occupation?—I am a musician.

42,959. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Stracey.

42,960. Were you solicited for your vote—Yes.

42,961. By whom?—Young Mr. Stracey and Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Balls; there were three.

42,962. Did you promise to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

42,963. Was any money offered to you?—No.

42,964. Has any been given you since?—No.

42,965. Were you treated on the day of the election with beer, or anything?—No.

JAMES MURRELL sworn and examined.

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J. Murrell.

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42,966. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A glass and china merchant.

42,967. Do you keep a shop of your own?—Yes.

42,968. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

42,969. For whom?—Stracey.

42,970. What time in the day?—I think it was something about dinner time.

42,971. Did you get anything for it?—No.

42,972. Or the promise of anything?—No, I never was asked for my vote, not by any soul breathing.

42,973. I believe the municipal elections are more in your way?—I don't know for that.

42,974. Did you not get something there?—No.

42,975. Oh, come, you got something there, you know?—Well, I have got this to say, that I never got 1*s.* in my life.

42,976. Well, I am very glad to hear it. You did not give anybody else anything, I suppose?—Well, I never gave any money away, and I never got any.

THOMAS CROPLEY sworn and examined.

T. Cropley.

42,977. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

42,978. Where were you on the election day?—At home the chief of the day.

42,979. Up to what time?—Until I went and voted, between 3 and 4.

42,980. Who came to get you up to vote?—I went myself and voted.

42,981. Although you went yourself, who came to fetch you?—Nobody fetched me; I went myself.

42,982. Did anybody come to you and ask you to go?—No.

42,983. Did no one come and speak to you about voting?—No, there was not anyone spoke to me until I got against the polling place.

42,984. Who was it came to you at the polling place?—A man by the name of Robert Fryer.

42,985. What did he give you?—*5s.*

42,986. Where does he live?—He lives in St. George's, as far as I know.

42,987. Did you go up with any other man?—No.

42,988. You went up by yourself?—Yes.

42,989. Did you see him give anything to anybody else?—No.

42,990. Did your father get it too?—No, he was not able to go and vote.

42,991. Do you know anybody else who got it?—No.

JAMES CLETHEROE sworn and examined.

J. Cletheroe.

42,292. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Are you a foreman in the works of Barnard and Bishop?—I am.

42,993. Did you take any part in the last election?—Not any.

42,994. Were you aware of the men of your establishment receiving money to go and parade the streets, and go to the nomination?—No.

42,995. You know nothing about that?—Nothing at all.

42,996. Have you heard nothing of it since?—No.

42,997. Was that man in the dock (*pointing to Frank Amiss*) in the service of your employers?—Yes.

42,998. Do you know of any part that he took in these matters?—No.

42,999. You never heard of that?—No.

43,000. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you got your pay-sheets here.—No.

43,001. You were summoned to produce your pay-sheets.—I am only foreman of the works, not pay clerk.

43,002. Who will produce the pay-sheets and those documents?—Mr. W. B. Hastings is the pay clerk.

43,003. You knew what we wanted; why did you not go and ask for them?—It is not my business to interfere with the books at all; my business is to conduct the works.

43,004. You were summoned to produce them, and not being able to produce them, why did you not go to the clerk who could?—I have nothing to do with the books whatever.

43,005. Who is the man who has charge of the books?—Mr. Hastings.

43,006. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know anything of the men in your employment being canvassed with regard to this election?—No.

43,007. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote?—No.

43,008. Had you a vote?—Yes, and have had for years, though I never use it.

43,009. Were you at the works when Sir Henry Stracey was there?—I saw him come into the works.

43,010. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What day was that?—I cannot tell you.

43,011. One or two days before the election?—Three or four days, I think, but I am not certain.

43,012. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Where does Mr. Barnard live?—At Bracon Ash.

43,013. Where is that?—About seven miles from Norwich.

43,014. Where does Mr. Bishop live?—Mr. Bishop lives just past Foundry Bridge, close by Thorpe station.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell, addressing Amiss.*) You may go now, but attend here to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

Friday, 15th October 1869.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

WILLIAM HAYLETT sworn and examined.

W. Haylett.

15 Oct. 1869.

43,015. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time did you vote?—A quarter before 4.

43,016. Did you get something for your day's pay?—I had not a chance to get anything.

43,017. Did you not know where to go for it?—There was no one never offered me anything.

43,018. Where were you all the morning?—In Ber Street.

43,019. Were you in any public-house?—No.

43,020. Did you not see anybody who had got money to give away?—No.

43,021, What induced you to vote?—Because I did vote about a quarter to 4.

43,022. Were you one of the men who went down to the "Trumpet"?—I never went that way at all. I never went out of Ber Street.

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W. Haylett.

15 Oct. 1869.

43,023. Did not you find anybody who would give you something for your day's pay?—I never went out of Ber Street at all.

43,024. Did not somebody come to your house for you?—They come to me when they brought me a Tory letter.

43,025. When did they bring you that?—Two or three days before the election; so they did the Blue letter.

43,026. Did you not promise to vote?—No; it's no use telling a story.

43,027. Could you not find anywhere where you could get a day's pay on the election day?—I never got a shilling.

43,028. Did you not get any beer?—Not a glass of beer.

43,029. You are sure of that?—I am quite sure of that; not for my vote.

43,030. Neither money or beer, or the promise of either?—What beer I had I paid for.

43,031. Did you get the promise of anything?—No. I would not take a farthing from anybody. If you offered me 50*l.* I would not take it.

43,032. You would not take 50*l.*?—No, I would not take no money.

43,033. Why did you not vote before a quarter to 4?—Business took up all my time. I was earning money somewhere else.

43,034. I can scarcely believe that. It is possible that you may not have found out where the money was to be had.—I was killing fowls all day. That is my trade.

43,035. You had not promised your vote?—No.

43,036. Then I don't think you would have refused 50*l.*—I would not take 50*l.*

43,037. I suppose it is all right that you did not get anything. It is very fortunate for you that nothing was offered you, and therefore that you were not corrupted.—I was not.

H. Smith.

HENRY SMITH recalled and further examined.

43,038. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A bricklayer.

43,039. For whom do you work?—Mr. Garson, shoe manufacturer now.

43,040. Did anybody ask you to vote?—I have only come because my name is wrong in the paper. Instead of George Smith you have put "Henry Smith," painter. Instead of that it is "George Smith," painter.

43,041. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We have nothing to do with the newspaper?—I have got a copy of my freedom, to show that my name is Henry,

43,042. We have nothing to do with that; complain to the newspaper and get it put right. Are you the man who was at the "Trumpet"?—I was at the "Trumpet."

43,043. Young Smith offered you something?—I never saw the man in the house that day.

43,044. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) How long were you at the "Trumpet"?—I went a little before 12, and then went home to dinner.

43,045. There were two Smiths?—That was my brother. I merely came up to say my name was not right in the paper; it should be George Smith.

43,046. Your name is Henry?—Henry Smith.

43,047. What is the name of the other man?—George Smith.

43,048. George Smith is the painter, Henry Smith the bricklayer?—Yes,

43,049. I will take very great care that Henry Smith the bricklayer is not reported as a person who was bribed; that, I suppose, is what you wish?—Yes, I do. I come here to clear up. Henry Smith is the bricklayer, and George Smith is the painter.

43,050. George Smith the painter is the man that had the money offered to him?—Yes.

43,051. Where does your brother live?—In Coburg Street.

43,052. (*Mr. Biron.*) You were right enough to come here; but upon the official notes it is all right. We have got that George Smith the painter is the man that had the money. You mean that George Smith is the man who was bribed at the "Trumpet"?—Yes.

43,053. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were at the "Trumpet;" you refused to take the money, and George Smith afterwards came, and the money was offered by young Smith, to him up in the room?—Yes; I don't know nothing about it.

43,054. You had left the "Trumpet" before that?—Yes.

43,055. (*Mr. Biron.*) George Smith lives in St. Peter's, Mancroft?—My name is Henry.

43,056. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) George Smith swore that he lived in St. Peter's, Mancroft?—So he do. He live in Coburg Street, that is Saint Peter's, Mancroft.

43,057. This is what is in the notes: "What are "you by business"? "A plumber." "Are you a "freeman"? "Yes." "How long have you been a "freeman"? "Thirty years." Were you examined on the same day as your brother?—No, the following day.

43,058. This is the examination of Henry Smith: "What are you"? "A bricklayer; I took my freedom up as a bricklayer."—I thought it right to come here to explain.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It is all right in the notes.

C. Howes.

CHARLES HOWES sworn and examined.

43,059. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

43,060. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

43,061. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

43,062. What time in the day?—Five minutes past 8.

43,063–4. Had you been canvassed for your vote?—No, I was not canvassed at all; I always had voted for the Conservatives; they have no occasion to canvass me.

43,365. You have voted on that side before?—Yes, I have always voted Conservative.

43,366. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a penny.

43,367. Or the promise of anything?—Not a penny.

43,368–9. Did you give anybody anything for voting that day?—Not a penny.

F. Amiss.

FRANK AMISS recalled and further examined.

43,370. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You stated yesterday there were some men at Barnard and Bishop's who attended the nomination, and that you paid them?—Yes. I wish to make a statement of all I know about it. I must apologise to the Court for the manner in which I gave my evidence yesterday. I gave it with the foolish impression that I might screen the firm from it, or not get the firm into it; but of course I find I must tell the truth. I understood that there was a lot of Mr. Colman's men going up, and I thought if I could get a lot of our men to go up we could counteract along with them; so I asked Mr. Bishop whether any of them might go. Mr. Bishop was very reluctant to let them go. I told him it would not take long.

43,071. Which Mr. Bishop was that?—Mr. John Bishop.

43,072. Is there more than one Mr. Bishop?—Not in the firm.

43,073. In the works?—Yes.

43,074. Is Mr. Bishop here?—Yes.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell to Mr. Bishop.*) I must request that you leave the court at the present moment. We shall call you directly.

(*The witness.*) I simply asked the men to go, and a great many volunteers went. I had no intention of paying them. After they went they came to me about paying them. Of course I had no authority to do anything of the kind. They worried me and threatened to annihilate me almost if I did not pay them. I went and told Mr. Bishop what a dilemma I had got into. I told him that the men were paid on the other side. "Well, then," he said, "if the men were paid on the "other side we will pay them." I got up the numbers as near as I could that went. There was over 100 that went altogether. My impression was that I paid them 3*s.* each; but I find it is not. It is 2*s.* 3*d.* and a pint of beer I think it was.

43,075. Were they paid at the "Eagle" tavern?—I remember that they were collected at the "Eagle" tavern. I paid them 2*s.* 3*d.* and a pint of beer. That was the whole total sum. I told Mr. Bishop it was. I could not have given you an accurate account yesterday. I thank you for letting me stop till to-day. I find the total sum is 14*l.* 10*s.* that I had of Mr. Bishop. You will allow me to state one thing that I forgot. I want to exonerate Mr. Hastings. There was no transaction through him. It was entirely through me and Mr. Bishop.

43,076. It was kept entirely distinct from the ordinary account?—Yes, I thought I would make that statement to save time.

43,077. You are quite right. Did you see Mr. Bishop last night?—Yes; and he reprimanded me for not speaking the truth.

43,078. The Mr. Bishop who is here now?—Yes; and he severely reprimanded me for not stating what I am stating now.

43,079. You talked this matter over?—Yes.

43,080. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What day were they paid?—On the Saturday after the election, about four days after the election.

43,081. What was said about payment when you engaged them to go?—I did not engage them at any amount at all. I had no impression then of paying them.

43,082. You did not expect them to go without?—I might say, "I have got no money, but if there is anything to be got you shall have it." I believe I said something of that sort.

43,083. You knew, and they knew, that about 2*s.* 6*d.* a day was the price for these services?—They knew it.

43,084. You knew it also?—I did not quite know. They told me afterwards when they came back that that was the price.

43,085. (*Mr. Biron.*) You had heard that men were being paid on the other side. That was your reason?—No. I heard they were going, and afterwards I heard that they were paid. That is what made me pay them.

43,086. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You knew that the nomination had always been a packed thing?—There were always a great many people I know.

43,087. Therefore if you arranged with men it is quite evident what they thought—that it was intended that they should be paid. That was their impression it is quite clear.—There is no doubt they had that impression on their mind.

43,088. And if it was a customary thing that had been done before, the people would expect to be paid, and of course you would take them on the usual terms unless you excepted that particularly, and said, "You shall not be paid." Unless you said something of that sort you would hire them just as if you went into the street and hired a man.—Well, that is how it was done.

43,089. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) They had the impression that they would be paid, and you took no steps to remove that impression?—No; I might have said that if there was anything to be had they should have it.

43,090. Therefore they acted under that impression?—There is not the slightest doubt about it.

43,091. Which of course you encouraged?—Just so.

43,092. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I have no doubt you thought it would be allowed. It had always been allowed and you thought it would be allowed again. Can you supply the names?—I might think of a few of them. The names of the men that went to the nomination do you mean?

43,093. Yes.—I might.

43,094. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You must have ticked them off on some list?—No, I have no list. I had a list but I did not keep it.

43,095. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Looking at the pay sheets you could find them out. You were supplied with the pay sheets?—No.

43,096. If you had the pay sheets in your hand you could tell in a moment who those men were?—No, I could not bring them all to remembrance.

43,097. You could tell some of them?—Some of them.

43,098. Well we must look at the pay sheets. They will be here I suppose?—Very well.

JOHN BISHOP sworn and examined. *J. Bishop.*

43,099. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are a member of the firm of Barnard and Bishop?—I am.

43,100. They are large ironfounders in this city?—Yes.

43,101. How many men do you employ?—The number varies from 350 to 500, according to the trade. Our trade depends a good deal upon the season.

43,102. Last November, how many men had you in your employment?—I don't know; I should think about 400; I should fancy so, but our clerk can tell you better than I can.

43,103. I am only asking you generally?—Just so.

43,104. You were an active supporter of Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

43,105. You were a supporter of Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes. I never moved in any election in my life.

43,106. Sir Henry Stracey came to your works?—Yes; he asked leave to do so, and we gave him leave to do so.

43,107. He addressed your men?—Yes; I introduced him to the men myself. My senior partner, Mr. Barnard, was ill, or else he would have introduced him. It was after the dinner hour, just after the men had returned from their dinner. I introduced him to the men, and before Sir Henry Stracey spoke I told the men that the firm wished them to vote whichever way they pleased; that the firm did not wish to bias them in any way whatever.

43,108. We all know that the way the master votes will necessarily influence the men, do what he will?—Yes, exactly.

43,109. There is no question about that.—No, but I never asked a man for his vote in my life.

43,110. I want to call your attention to another matter. Do you recollect the nomination?—Yes.

43,111. In what capacity in your workshop was that man (*pointing to Amiss*) engaged?—He is a forging smith. He is our oldest servant.

43,112. The head of the forging smiths?—No. He works by himself, therefore he is not the head of the forging smiths. He is our oldest servant.

43,113. I suppose he has a prominent position in your works?—Well, perhaps he has; he is our most valuable servant. We respect him the most, I daresay, of anybody there.

43,114. We have heard that in this city it has always been usual to secure the show of hands; at least each party attempts it.—Yes, I have heard so.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

J. Bishop.

15 Oct. 1869.

I take very little interest myself. If you wish me to tell you about this affair I will do so.

43,115. I want to know if you are cognisant at all of your men going up to the show of hands?—Yes. The evening before the nomination Amiss came to me and asked me if some of the men might go. I objected, because we were very busy, but, however, as it was to serve the cause I let them go, and they went.

43,116. How many men went, do you know?—No, I know nothing about any of them. I have understood that there were about 110. I daresay Mr. Hastings can tell better than I can, but really I do not know that he would know. I think it was about 110, or thereabouts.

43,117. Further than that, did you take any part in arranging that they should go up to the nomination?—None whatever. If I might have consulted my own wishes they should not have gone.

43,118. Did you suggest to them that they should go up, or did you take any part in employing them to go up?—No; none whatever.

43,119. Do you say that it was the suggestion of Amiss?—Yes.

43,120. Entirely?—Yes; and I daresay he has told you, that on the Saturday after he came and said the Radicals had been paid; and our men wanted to be paid, but I was not going to pay him. I said I was not going to pay him, and should not. Then he said he dare not go home unless I gave him the money; and at last I was obliged to give it him.

43,121. Then you paid it?—Yes; it was done on the other side; the lawyer did it, and I suppose they knew the law better than I did, so I paid Amiss to prevent him being ill used. I could not get out of it.

43,122. You allowed the payment in order to prevent Amiss getting himself into a hobble?—Exactly so. As far as concerned the men, if I had been consulted they should not have had a penny.

43,123. You heard that there was a payment on the other side?—Yes. He had heard so, and he said he knew it for a fact. I could not get out of it. It was to get Amiss out of a hobble, or else, I assure you, I had nothing to do with it at all.

43,124. Did you in any way attempt to influence the men in your employment?—Not in any way whatever; I never spoke to the men except on the day that Sir Henry Stracey was there, and then I told them to vote whichever way they pleased.

43,125. You intimated that to the men?—I told them so distinctly. I took the opportunity of doing so before Sir Henry Stracey. Sir Henry Stracey was present; and before introducing him I said to the men, "I wish you particularly to understand that the firm wishes you to vote whichever way you please." I think those were my words.

43,126. After the election was there a supper?—Yes.

43,127. Who gave the supper?—We did; the firm gave it.

43,128. To whom was it given?—It was given to a lot of workmen, principally Conservatives. It was two or three months after the election.

43,129. Was that given to any workmen who had voted the other way?—I don't know that it was. I do not think the men would have liked it if it had been.

43,130. Did it include workmen who had not voted at all?—There were some men there who had not voted at all.

43,131. Did the invitation include all who had voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—I daresay it did. I did not issue the invitations.

43,132. Have you any doubt that it did, so far as you know?—It was intended principally for the voters. It was two or three months after the election, therefore it could not have much to do with party feeling. If we had felt inclined to have had more the room would not have held them, or else we should have had more men.

43,133. In fact it was a Conservative gathering?—Well, you may call it so; I think it was.

43,134. I suppose both the members of your firm voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, we all voted for Sir Henry Stracey.

43,135. Was there any promise whatever made before, or any suggestion or hint thrown out that there would be any such thing given after the election?—I gave no such promise, and Mr. Barnard, my senior partner, says he never gave such a promise.

43,136. As far as you know was there any suggestion of that kind made before or during the election?—Not that I know of. I should say, decidedly not. We were very careful indeed. I never expected to pay a penny myself, but I was let into this hobble with Amiss.

43,137. I am speaking now about the supper?—No; there was no promise whatever.

43,138. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know at whose suggestion Amiss undertook the business of getting the men up?—I do not know. He has always been the active man in Conservative matters. Oh, getting the men up?

43,139. Yes.—I do not know about that.

43,140. Of course it is a thing he would not venture to do on his own responsibility; he must have been advised by some one before he came to you.—He might be. I have not asked him, and I know nothing about it.

43,141. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I suppose your clerk or other persons can tell us who were the men that went up to the nomination?—No; he has no list of them.

43,142. He and Amiss together can tell us I should think?—I don't know; he knows nothing about it. Until Mr. Hastings was called here to-day I do not think he knew anything about it.

43,143. I suppose it would be very easy to ascertain it; there are the pay sheets of that week in your possession I should think?—Yes, Mr. Hastings has them.

43,144. Amiss can tell from these pay sheets who were at the nomination?—He may do, I don't know, I am sure.

43,145. I should think he would be able to tick them off in a moment?—He may be, I know nothing about it.

43,146. I suppose your men are not men that change much. You have got a pretty good supply of regular hands?—Well, pretty well. I daresay we discharged 50 or 60 the last month or two.

43,147. That may be; no doubt there are persons casually in your employment, but there are others who are permanently in your employment, and who undergo no change, but I daresay remain in your service for years?—Yes, Amiss has been with us 36 years.

43,148. I should have thought from your knowledge of Amis and the way in which these things have been conducted that you would have known more of it?—I do not know. I never interfered with him, or with the men, and three-fourths of them I should not know if I met them in the street.

43,149. You would not know them personally, very likely, but you might know men who are allowed to go away on any particular day, such as this?—I do not know that I should. I was not at the works until after the nomination was over, and to all appearances all the men were at work.

43,150. Did anybody else besides Sir Henry Stracey canvass at your works?—Mr. Tillett came down one evening, I understand, but I was not there, and no one of the principals was in the works, so he was not admitted. He brought a lot of people with him that they did not seem to like the looks of, or something of that sort.

43,151–61. We continually hear that it is the wish of employers that men should be perfectly free in all their actions, and not be under any sort of influence.—I wish that Amiss had spoken the truth yesterday. I expected to have to come to-day and explain this. If he had come to me yesterday I should have told him to speak the truth.

43,162. It is our duty to get out everything.—Of course it is.

43,163. And it is far better for the city.—Of course.

43,164. (*Mr. Biron.*) I think it is only right to say that, so far as you are concerned, it was after a conversation with you that the man Amiss told us the truth.—I am obliged to you; he got me into the mess, and he did this to preserve me. There is no disguising it. I had to do it, and I should have to do it again under the same circumstances.

43,165. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We saw yesterday that the man was in a state of very great embarrassment.—I am very sorry for it; he is our best servant.

43,166. He was not giving us evidence upon which we could depend; and we were therefore obliged to put a restraint upon him which it is very painful for us to put upon any person; but we must extract the truth some way or other. There are powers vested in us for that purpose which we must exercise if men will not tell us the truth.—Of course.

43,167. And we should be betraying them if we did not exercise them to the best of our ability?—Of course you would.

FRANK AMISS recalled and further examined.

F. Amiss.

43,168. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Who suggested to you the taking of the men up to the nomination?—I think it was one of the young Barnards that suggested it first of all to me.

43,169. He suggested, it did he?—Yes.

43,170. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Anyone else besides him?—No.

43,171. What did he say when he made that suggestion?—Well, he said he thought, perhaps, some of the men might go up to the nomination if I would take them up. That is all.

43,172. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) He is not a member of the firm, is he?—No.

43,173. He is engaged in the works, but not a member of the firm?—That's it.

43,174. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you ever been engaged in such transactions before at other elections?—No; never in my life.

43,175. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did your men ever go up before to any nomination?—No; I never had anything to do with elections before in my life.

43,176. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What is the christian name of this Mr. Barnard?—I think it is Mr. Hilling Barnard.

WALTER HASTINGS sworn and examined.

W. Hastings.

43,177. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you the pay sheets of November last, the week commencing Monday the 16th?—Yes.

43,178. Will you turn to them?—Yes (*producing them.*)

43,179. Can you tell me how many men were in your employment that week?—I should think near 400 men and lads.

43,180. Now then, take it that 14*l.* 10*s.* was paid at 2*s.* 3*d.* a head it would make about 114 men; so that 114 or 116 men out of 400 attended the nomination?—It might be so. I don't know.

43,181. Can you go over that list and point out the men who attended?—It will take a long time.

43,182. Never mind that. Perhaps you will afford us that assistance by going over the list with Amiss?—It will take a long time.

43,183. I am quite aware of that, but we must ascertain it and the best way is to do it at once. If you will go down and render Amiss any assistance you can, we shall be obliged to you. Do you know anything of any arrangement by which these men were employed?—Not at all. I was not consulted.

43,184. You were in no way consulted about the matter?—Not in any way, nor had anything to do with it.

43,185. You are wholly unacquainted with any arrangement even with regard to the payment?—Quite so.

43,186. The payment was kept wholly distinct from the ordinary payments of the firm?—Yes.

43,187. They did not enter the books of the firm?—Not a farthing of it in my book.

43,188. Had you heard anything before the day of the nomination of the men going up to the nomination?—I do not recollect it.

43,189. Or of any anticipated holiday which the men were to have for attending the nomination? Were the works closed on the day of the nomination?—No; they were on the election day.

43,190. I think, if you will allow me to say so, it is an unfortunate thing at an election that the works should be closed upon the election day. I am quite aware there is some difficulty with regard to the men, but you can appreciate the fact that it leads to a great deal of drunkenness and disorder, and also a great many irregularities, such as occurred at the last election.—Many of the men would not have earned their wages if they had been on the place. That is an important consideration.

43,191. If some are absent they may throw others out of work; I quite understand that.—It was not to the interest of the firm to have a number of men talking together in clubs.

43,192. If I had seen Mr. Bishop I should have made that suggestion.—It would have been a serious thing to have paid wages that were not earned, and to have had the works open and so little done.

43,193. I am quite aware that on a day of license, some men being absent throw others out of work to a considerable extent and retard the progress of the works. In fact, unless you get your whole staff to work you may work at very considerable expense.—That would be the case.

43,194. It is nevertheless a great pity that the works should not be conducted so as to let the men go out at the right time. It would save a great deal of drunkenness and disorder, and would save a vast amount of malpractices. It is the idle people who have done all this mischief.—Yes.

WALTER BENJAMIN HOWES recalled and further examined.

W. B. Howes.

43,195. (*Mr. Biron.*) I asked you whether you gave anything to anybody else to vote?—No, I did not.

43,196. Did you spend any money that day?—Not a farthing in the shape of bribery or anything of the sort. I merely asked myself to drink.

43,197. Have you said that you spent 3*l.* in getting up voters?—Never.

43,198. Did you spend 3*l.*?—Never; certainly not.

43,199. Did you go about that day trying to get up voters?—Yes.

43,200. With whom?—Mr. Hibbett, Mr. Webb, and two or three others that were canvassers.

43,201. What parts of the city did you go to?—Different parts of the city.

43,202. To public-houses?—Sometimes I went to the houses.

43,203. And sometimes to the public-houses?—No, I never went to public-houses.

43,204. Did you not get them up?—I got some up.

43,205. Did you not give anything to anybody?—No.

43,206. Any beer?—There were two friends, one of them lived in the street I did; I treated them to a glass of beer after the election.

43,207. That is really all you did?—That is all I did.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

H. S. Patteson.

15 Oct. 1869.

HENRY STANIFORTH PATTESON sworn and examined.

43,208. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I believe you have been resident in this city for many years?—Yes, a great many years; all my lifetime.

43,209. And you have been engaged in business as a brewer in this city also for a number of years?—Yes.

43,210. You have taken an active part, I suppose, in its politics?—Yes, at times.

43,211. On the Conservative side?—On the Conservative side.

43,212. I will first ask you—because from what we have heard I do not think it will be our duty to go further back than that—do you know of any impure practice or impure acts (you know the sense in which I use the word "impure") which were committed by either party at the election of 1860, which was Lewis and Forlonge's election?—I was not aware of any on that side at that election.

43,213. Did you notice anything irregular committed on the other side?—I have heard reports that money was being used on the other side, but I do not know of anything positively; but on the Conservative side it was quite pure. I know that Mr. Lewis was very particular that nothing should be spent illegally.

43,214. The precautions taken in consequence of the arrangements with the candidate secured the seat from anything like an irregular practice?—Yes, I believe Mr. Lewis was very particular indeed to prevent any corrupt practice taking place.

43,215. So far as you know those precautions were successful?—As far as I know it was thoroughly carried out.

43,216. As to the other side, you say you heard some rumours. Beyond mere rumours was there any foundation for supposing that corrupt practices were going on?—No; I know nothing at all of what took place.

43,217. You canvassed the city pretty well for that election, did you not?—Yes, I canvassed some parts. I almost forget now, but I believe I did canvass.

43,218. You knew the results of the canvass?—I forget all about it; but I don't think the canvass was carried out regularly.

43,219. Is Mr. Lewis right in what he stated, that the result of the poll corresponded with the result of the canvass?—I really cannot answer that question, for I do not know enough of the particulars to say whether it was so or not.

43,220. Your attention was not sufficiently directed to it, perhaps, to give an answer to that question?—No, it was not.

43,221. You recollect the next election, which was Waters' election?—Yes.

43,222. You originally were a supporter both of Goldsmid and Waters?—Yes, in the first instance when Mr. Waters came down.

43,223. Who brought Mr. Waters down?—I don't know who brought him down; I always heard that Mr. Kitton and Mr. Arthur Bignold brought him down.

43,224. Before the day of the election, if I understand, you and a number of the leading Conservatives seceded from Mr. Waters?—Yes, on the Monday evening.

43,225. Did you continue your support to Mr. Goldsmid?—I continued to support Mr. Goldsmid, of course,

43,226. He was the other Conservative candidate?—He was the other Conservative candidate.

43,227. Now as far as Mr. Goldsmid is concerned, are you aware of any irregular acts upon his side?—None whatever. I believe all his actions, and all the actions of those who acted for him, were entirely pure.

43,228. Have you ever heard of any money being improperly spent on his behalf by volunteers or anybody else?—Not a sixpence. I never heard that there was anything spent on his behalf.

43,229. With regard to Mr. Waters, had you any personal knowledge of anything?—No, not any.

43,230. You ceased to be in his confidence?—Entirely. When we found out that he came under false colours and proved thoroughly false in every way, we could not give him any support whatever.

43,231. Then you took no further interest in him, and you knew nothing?—Rather the contrary; when I canvassed I asked people not to vote for him, but to vote for Goldsmid alone.

43,232. You took no part, I suppose, in anyway in his proceedings on the day of the election?—Not the least after the Monday evening.

43,233. I suppose you have heard rumours of irregularities committed on his behalf?—I have heard since, and of things which have come out during this Commission, and so on.

43,234. Had not you heard anything of the kind before?—I had heard reports that money had been spent on his behalf, but I do not know of anything personally.

43,235. In fact, looking at the state of the poll, and knowing as you do, the constituency, had you not formed some conclusion upon that point?—Well, not as regards the state of the poll. I thought that Mr. Waters was a very popular man, and if he had been straight and true he would have had a very good chance of being returned.

43,236. The poll did not awaken any suspicion in your mind?—No, not at all during the time.

43,237. Did the election go on till 4 o'clock, or was the poll stopped before that?—I think it went on till the end. It did not close till 4 o'clock.

43,238. Are you aware of any impropriety committed by the other side at that election?—Not personally. I did not hear of anything. I do not know of anything of my own knowledge at all.

43,239. We will now come to the last election. You were one of those who became instrumental in inducing Sir Henry Stracey to become a candidate?—I was not one of those who in the first instance waited upon him as a deputation, but when he came forward I, of course, gave him every support I could.

43,240. I thought Sir Henry Stracey said that you waited upon him?—Sir Henry was first of all waited upon by a deputation, of which I was not a member, and he said that before he started he must have the support of other gentlemen; that the whole should support him; and then we met together and agreed to support him all we could.

43,241. His candidature, then, was first suggested by the Eldon Club?—So I have seen mentioned here. I heard they went there, but I did not know that they were the first.

43,242. Then you united and gave your joint support to Sir Henry Stracey?—All united, and gave our warm support to Sir Henry Stracey.

43,243. You were active, I suppose, in his support during the whole of this election?—Yes, I did all I could for him. I did everything I could to secure his election.

43,244. With regard to your own conduct, I will ask you, and do not suppose that in asking you the question I am suggesting anything whatever; did you do any act in the shape of giving or promising money, or treating anybody, on the day of the election or before?—Not one farthing in any way. I neither treated, nor gave, nor promised anything, nor did anything of the kind.

43,245. Since the election have you given anything or paid anything of the kind?—Nothing whatever.

43,246. You were a member of Sir Henry Stracey's committee?—There was no regular committee, but I was one of his great supporters.

43,247. Has any claim been made upon you, or any request been made to you, for the payment of any sum?—No, I have not had a single application for anything.

43,248. Are you personally aware of anything of that kind having been done by any other person?—No, only as I have heard since; only what has come out.

43,249. We hear that persons were employed on the part of Sir Henry Stracey to look after the expenditure. You were not one of those?—I was not one of those; I had nothing to do with the money matters at all.

43,250. Do you know of any fund or subscription, or anything of the kind, which has been made or provided for the payment of any expenses whatever at that election other than the expenses paid by Sir Henry Stracey?—No, I am not aware of any fund whatever, except the guarantee list afterwards, in case Sir Henry Stracey's son came forward.

43,251. I am not speaking about the guarantee afterwards given. That was entirely a separate thing.—Entirely a separate thing altogether. It had nothing to do with the election.

43,252. I am speaking now of the time of or before the election. Was there any subscription or guarantee given with regard to the payment of money which might be expended by anybody?—No, I never heard of any, nor have I been applied to for any.

43,253. Are you a member of any of the clubs?—I am a member of the Conservative Club.

43,254. In your ward has there been any sort of subscription for the payment of any sums of money expended during the election day?—No, I never heard of anything of the kind.

43,255. Do you pretty often attend the meetings of your ward?—Once a year. I generally go to the annual meeting. That is all; not to any of the monthly meetings.

43,256. No suggestion has been made to you of anything of the kind being provided at your club?—Not anything whatever; nothing of the kind.

43,257. Have you heard of anything being done at any other club?—No, I never heard of anything.

43,258. Have you heard of any money being sent down from town for the purposes of the election?—No, not even the hint of such a thing.

43,259. You were with Sir Henry Stracey upon the day of the election?—Yes, nearly all the day, after about 12 o'clock or half-past 12.

43,260. You recollect, do you not, going with him to the "Trumpet"?—Oh, yes, quite well.

43,261. Do you recollect what time of the day it was when you first saw him on the election day?—I cannot say positively. It was somewhere between 12 and 1 o'clock.

43,262. What time did you go to the "Trumpet"?—Somewhere about 2 o'clock, or a little after 2.

43,263. What caused you to go there?—We had been going round with Sir Henry to the different ward committees. We had been round once, and were going round the second time, and coming out of the committee room of the fourth ward there was a great crowd and a great deal of hurraying, and somebody of the crowd came up and said, "Oh, Mr. Patteson, "there are several voters at the "Trumpet" who will "vote for Sir Henry if he will only ask them to go," and knowing there were a great many that had not voted, and feeling sure that there was no money being given away, I thought it would be advisable that he should go, so I asked him. "Do you mind, Sir Henry," I said, "going in and asking them? They say they "will vote if you will ask them." "No," he said, "I don't mind," and he went in. It was just done on the spur of the moment.

43,264. How far was that from the committee room?—Just about the length of this court; in the same street, just at the end of the street.

43,265. Had you heard anybody in the committee room say that there were men there who wanted a day's pay?—No, I never heard that mentioned; in fact, we were not in the committee room hardly two minutes. We only just went in, asked how things were going on, and came out directly.

43,266. I will call your attention particularly to this, because a person has stated upon his oath here that in your presence he stated that there were a number of men in the "Trumpet" who wanted a day's pay.—I have seen that in reading the evidence, but I have no recollection of his saying anything about a day's pay, or even alluding to it. If I had I should not, of course, have gone in, or asked Sir Henry to go in.

43,267. You went with Sir Henry?—I went with Sir Henry.

43,268. You found a number of men in what they call the market room?—We went in, and a great crowd went in with us, and I said to the landlord, or landlady, or whoever was in charge, "I understand "there are several voters here who have not yet "voted. Is that the case?" He said, "Yes." Then I went in. There were some 12 or 13 sitting round the room. I merely asked them, "Have you voted?" They said, "No." I said, "Why not?" and they answered, "There is plenty of time yet"; to which I said, "No, there is not plenty of time; do you wish Mr. Tillett returned or Sir Henry Stracey?" They answered, "Certainly not Tillett." I said, "He will "be if you don't go and vote for Sir Henry, and here "is Sir Henry come to ask you to vote." They said they had not made up their minds. Sir Henry asked them if it was anything connected with the rating question that he could satisfy them about. "No," they said, "Cannot you give us some beer?" Then Sir Henry Stracey said, "I am ashamed of you "asking such a question; I would not give you half "a pint of beer." Then we went out, and we were not in altogether three minutes.

43,269. Was there anything said either by yourself or Sir Henry which could induce anybody to pay those men any money?—Not a single word passed Sir Henry's lips or my own that would give the slightest impression of the kind.

43,270. Did you see either Hunt or Smith make payments to those men?—No; I did not even know Hunt or Smith till he came before Baron Martin, and then I heard who it was.

43,271. Did you go to any other public-houses in the same way?—I think there was one other that we called at, but there were no voters at all. After we had been in the Ber Street ward, we crossed over Foundry Bridge, and they said there were some voters at the "Coach and Horses" in the Foundry Bridge Road. We called there, and there were no voters, so we passed on.

43,272. Was that everything that occurred?—That is everything that occurred. Our object in going from one committee room to another was to see what was going on, and hear the reports.

43,273. To stimulate them as far as you could?—Entirely; in fact, I believe it was through me that Sir Henry Stracey went round. We simply drove round to the committee rooms to hear how things were going on, and urge them to do everything. We saw how very strong the feeling was in favour of Sir Henry Stracey, and adverse to Mr. Tillett, and of course we did all we could to stimulate the good cause, as we should call it.

43,274. I have asked you with respect to the Conservatives whether you knew of anything that was irregular. Did you know of Hardiment's proceedings?—Not the least. I did not even know anything about it till it came out in the evidence before Baron Martin; at that time I did not even know him by name.

43,275. There were one or two other men who were extremely active, Benfather, and a few more?—I don't know Mr. Benfather; I may know him by sight, but I should not know him if he was in the room.

43,276. Do you know any one of those persons who have been proved before us to have operated upon the voters in a small way?—No, I don't know them at all. I did not know they were going to commit such acts, and had never heard of it.

43,277. You in no way encouraged them?—Not the least; in fact, I was quite surprised when it came out that there had been that money expended. Sir Henry was particularly careful to instil into all of us not to sanction anything of the kind.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

H. S. Patteson.

15 Oct. 1869.

43,278. Are you aware at all of the matter of the 400 half-sovereigns?—Not at all till it came out before Baron Martin. It took me quite by surprise when I heard it.

43,279. Then as far as you were aware, on the day of the election all was fair and right?—All was fair and right as far as I know.

43,280. With regard to the other side, are you aware of any bribery, treating, or corrupt practices?—No, not at all.

43,281. No malpractice of any sort or kind?—I did not hear of any, and did not know of any.

43,282. You recollect, do you not, the election of 1859, which formed the subject of the investigation of a committee, when Lord Bury was unseated?—Yes; I was sheriff at that time.

43,283. Since that time have there been efforts made by the better part of Norwich to prevent these practices on both sides?—I think there has been a strong feeling to try to prevent it, and not encouraging anything of the kind.

43,284. On the part of the better classes?—Yes, quite so, I think, on both sides.

43,285. A little of the old leaven seems to remain?—Yes.

43,286. I do not know that we need detain you any longer. It is clear when we come to examine this that there were a sufficient number of persons operated upon who, when struck off the list, would have completely vitiated Sir Henry Stracey's return.—Yes; that we might expect.

W. Hastings.

WALTER HASTINGS recalled and further examined.

43,287. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Can you now give me their names?—We have got 44, but some of them are very doubtful. The time is so long ago that Amiss cannot be positive about them all. He is not sure about some, not knowing all the men personally.

43,288. Are those men who are still in the employment of the firm?—Oh, dear no; many of them have been paid off since then.

43,289. Surely there were a considerable number of men who are in your employment now who attended on that occasion. In fact, the great probability is that the greater portion of those who were what I may term your permanent servants were present at that nomination; I have no doubt at all about it. I want to avoid the necessity of sending to your works, and summoning every man you have got there, which will be a very great inconvenience to your works.—Very many of them were very young men, not old men.

43,290. Do you know who were at the "supper"?—We could tell you a great many of them; I cannot recollect to be positive about all.

43,291. Tickets were given for the supper?—No, I think not; I don't recollect it.

43,292. You may depend upon it that those who were present at the supper were also at the nomination.—Some might be.

43,293. I should say the whole, unless some men had been discharged in the interval.—Oh, a vast many.

43,294. If you know who were at the supper, I think we should find that they were men who had attended the nomination.—We may be able to ascertain, but I really could not tell it here; it is very long since. I was present, but I do not remember.

43,295. Cannot you tell me, looking at that list? You can tick off the men who are now in your employment, and were at that time?—Yes, the chief of them; many of them.

43,296. I want to get at those men merely who were at the nomination, and I am quite content if you check that by the persons who were at the supper.—That could not be done here.

43,297. How many men were at the supper?—I don't know; perhaps 100, or from 100 to 150. I cannot be sure.

43,298. You may depend upon it that the greater portion of those who were at the supper are the men who were at the nomination. I am quite content to take it so. If you can tell me the names of the men who were at the supper who are in your employment now, I should be content.—I could mention some, but I could not swear to half a dozen. I could not be positive to half a dozen.

43,299. To the best of your information. I do not want you to swear to them positively.—It might be done, but not here.

43,300. Could you do it by 2 o'clock?—I will endeavour to do so.

43,301. If you would I should be obliged to you. It may save great inconvenience.—I shall have to return to the works to do it; I could not do it here.

43,302. (*To Amiss.*) What proportion of the men who were at the nomination are in the employment of the firm now; a third, or one half?—The greater proportion of them are still at work there.

43,303. I thought so.—A few of them have left.

43,304. It would be the more permanent ones who would be sure to go; there is no doubt at all in the world.—Mr. Hastings made that remark because some few have left. Some of those I remember were there, and I put them down because I could remember their names.

43,305. It is your permanent staff, you may depend upon it, who attended the nomination. I have no doubt in the world about it, and everyone who attended the supper was at the nomination.—Not everyone. I was not at the nomination; I attended the supper.

43,306–7. I am not speaking about that. There were some who did not, because those who did not vote were invited.—There might be many at the supper who attended the nomination, but I think not all.

43,308. All who were at the nomination were Conservatives, and would be present at the supper. If you can afford us that information it will save a great deal of trouble to yourselves as well as to others.—I will endeavour to do it, but I must leave here and go to the works to do it.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do so, if you please.

J. B. Pitt.

JOHN BULLARD PITT sworn and examined.

43,309. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You are a medical man, practising in this city?—Yes.

43,310. You live in St. Stephen's?—In St. Stephen's Street.

43,311. At the last election you were rather an active member of the Conservative party?—Not a very active one.

43,312. You canvassed for Sir Henry Stracey?—I canvassed a short time.

43,313. When did you begin canvassing?—I think between 12 and 2 was the time that I went about.

43,314. Had you not canvassed previous to the day of the poll?—Yes, I had.

43,315. In what part of the city?—That was in the sixth ward, a different ward to that in which I resided. I am one of the town council, and I was told in the sixth ward that it was my duty to devote a little time to canvassing, and I did it on that ground, and that only, as a part of my duty. I did it, not because I had any wish to join in the canvass or in the election, Idid nothing more than what I considered to be my duty.

43,316. Did you make a house-to-house canvass in that part of the city?—Yes, I did.

43,317. Among the persons that you canvassed did

you find that great numbers of the voters refused to give a distinct answer as to their intentions?—There were a great number who did not positively promise, but I merely went as one of the party. I did not take the book, and therefore I could not give an accurate description of the canvass. I merely went with the gentlemen who took the book.

43,318. I suppose that some of those persons you canvassed intimated that they could not make up their mind without some consideration—money, or otherwise?—I did not hear that; they would not promise; that was the principal thing.

43,319. I suppose you were led to believe that on the part of the voters?—I did not know what their motives might be; they sometimes have, I dare say, but they did not say it to us.

43,320. Was this the first time you had been engaged in elections in Norwich?—I am an old inhabitant of Norwich.

43,321. You know, do you not, that a great many men wanted a day's work?—I did not promise any of them a day's work.

43,322. Did you lead any of them to believe that they would get money if there was any going?—No, I always set my face against that.

43,323. Were you in any committee rooms on the day of the election?—About perhaps half-past 11 I went into the fifth ward committee room, which was very near my house. I voted early, before breakfast. After breakfast I saw some of my patients. About 11 o'clock or half-past 11 I felt a little free, and able to go and aid the cause of the election, which I did from that time till about two o'clock.

43,324. What part did you take in that committee room?—I merely went in and out to satisfy myself how the election was going on.

43,325. Did you observe in the early part of the day that your party was much behind?—I saw a statement to that effect, which I never believed.

43,326. In consequence of that statement being known in the committee room, did you and others exert yourselves, and use greater activity than you had done previously?—I was asked myself to go with another gentleman or two to make a canvass about noontide, that being the time when the working men would be at home from their employment.

43,327. Did you do so?—I did.

43,328. Who were the gentlemen you went with?—I think the name of one gentleman was Parker.

43,329. A grocer?—Yes, Parker, a grocer.

43,330. Anybody else?—I think not, not that I am aware of.

43,331. What part of the city did you go to in company with Mr. Parker?—In the neighbourhood of Scoles Green.

43,332. To what houses did you go?—There is a new part called Paradise Place; we principally went there.

43,333. Did you succeed in that locality in getting up men to vote for Sir Henry?—We merely called and saw some of the men; and the answer which we got on several occasions was, "When we have had "our dinner we will go and vote for Sir Henry "Stracey."

43,334. In any of those houses which you entered in company with Mr. Parker the grocer, was any offer of money made to any person?—I am not aware of anything of the sort.

43,335. Are you aware of Mr. Parker having paid anything?—No, I do not believe he did.

43,336. Did you make any promise to any voter that he should receive money for voting?—Certainly not.

43,337. Did you give anything, however small, out of your own pocket?—No, not a farthing. I never thought about it.

43,338. Did you part with any money for the purpose of treating any of these voters?—Not a single penny.

43,339. You did not spend a single shilling yourself in connexion with this election?—Not a sixpence; not anything.

43,340. Has any money passed through your hands for the purpose of this election?—No, none whatever.

43,341. Your operations were simply confined, as I understand you, to personal canvassing, and you neither made nor offered any promise or favour to a single voter in this city?—Certainly not.

43,342. Do you know of any money having been given, or any such promise having been made by anybody else?—I am not aware of anything of the sort.

43,343. Did you know on the day of the election of any improper practices being resorted to by your side?—I am not aware of anything whatever. I never heard of anything of the kind on the day, and I am not personally aware of anything of the kind.

43,344. How soon did you become aware that any such practices had been resorted to?—Only when I heard of it at the inquiry before Baron Martin.

43,345. But during the day of the poll did you hear of any such thing being done on your side?—No.

43,346. You did not hear it either in the committee rooms or in the town?—No, I did not go out of my own ward on that day. I did not go to the part of the city where the practices to which you refer were supposed to be in operation.

43,347. You heard nothing of Hardiment that day?—No.

43,348. Or of what was going on at the "Trumpet"?—No, I did not go to the "Trumpet."

43,349. You might not have gone there, but still you might have heard what was going on there?—No, I did not; I merely heard that there were a certain number of people at the "Trumpet," but I never went near the "Trumpet."

43,350. Had you at any previous elections taken an active part in canvassing?—I took a similar part to that which I now have described.

43,351. Have you on any occasion given money or treated voters, in order to secure their votes?—No, never.

SIR ROBERT JOHN HARVEY HARVEY, Bart., sworn and examined.

Sir R. J. H. Harvey, Bart.

(*The witness.*) If you will allow me before I give my evidence, I think it is desirable that I should say and call upon you, if you please, to correct a statement that was made by the Attorney General, because I am quite sure that in the course of the investigation which you have made, you must have found that the half sovereigns which the Attorney General said were ready counted on the counter at the Conservative bank, were not so, and therefore I must call upon you to correct that, because when a member of the government states a thing like that, of course it has its effect, and you, I am quite sure, in the course of your investigation must have come to the conclusion that that could not be.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I think it is more by way of inference than anything else that that could have been said at all, and I do not know that it is a matter to be contradicted distinctly, or that it is material one way or the other.

(*The witness.*) But you may make a report, probably.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) It was, as you considered, an imputation upon you that you had been in some way in complicity, having got the half sovereigns ready on your counter.

(*The witness.*) The statement of the Attorney General was this, that "On the counter of the Con- "servative bank were the half sovereigns counted out "ready." That is a statement which you must have in your investigation found to be perfectly incorrect.

43,352. (*Mr. Biron.*) We can receive from you with the greatest pleasure a statement that you knew nothing of it. You are, I believe, a banker?—I am.

43,353. Carrying on business in this city?—Yes.

43,354. I believe that you are a Conservative in politics?—Yes, moderate.

43,355. At all events, you were in the city taking the part of the Conservatives, more or less, at different elections?—I have never voted on any occasion, considering the influence that a banker has indirectly, I consider that he should not take part in elections, and, therefore, I have studiously avoided it.

43,356. Do I understand that you have taken no part yourself?—I have never voted for years.

43,357. Or used your influence in any way?—Not at all.

43,358. Have you abstained from canvassing?—Yes, entirely.

43,359. And you have taken no part in any of the city elections?—No, none.

43,360. Do you remember the election of 1860?—Yes.

43,361. When Lewis and Forlonge were the candidates?—Yes; I stood for Thetford myself at that time, and, therefore, I was very little here; but I can answer any questions that you may think fit to put to me.

43,362. Were you in any way consulted, or had you anything to do with the management of that election?—Nothing whatever.

43,363. Had you anything to do with finding any funds for the purposes of that election?—Indirectly. I believe that this is what took place: Mr. Allen called at the bank two days before the election on the 11th.

43,364. That would be at a subsequent election in 1865; we will first take the election of 1860, if you please.—I forget who were the candidates at that time.

43,365. Lewis, and Forlonge, and Russell, and Warner?—No, I had nothing to do with that.

43,366. Neither directly nor indirectly?—No.

43,367. In the 1865 election, when Waters and Goldsmid stood on the Conservative side against Sir William Russell and Mr. Warner, had you anything to do with finding funds for the purposes of the election?—Mr. Allen called at the bank, and asked our bank to advance a sum of money upon some South Wales bonds. It was evident that they belonged to Mr. Waters, because Mr. Waters' name was at the back of them. This was two days before the election, and as a matter of business we said, "Yes, we will advance you some money upon these bonds." I did not know the value of the bonds at the moment, and, therefore, we consented at first to advance 500*l.* on two 500*l.* bonds. Mr. Allen asked us at the same time to sell those bonds immediately, and they were ordered to be sold by that post. The proceeds of the bonds amounted to 900*l.*, and on the 14th, I believe the day after the election, the other 400*l.* was put also to Mr. Allen's credit, for both sums were put to his account, both the 500*l.* and the 400*l.*

43,368. Had you personally any communication with Mr. Waters with reference to that transaction?—None whatever.

43,369. The money went into Mr. Allen's account, and I presume was drawn out by him by cheques?—Yes. I do not know how it was drawn out. He had a running account at the bank.

43,370. Then I understand your statement to be the same as his, that, although in fact there was technically a loan in the first instance, practically the bonds were sold through you, and the proceeds were put to Mr. Allen's account?—That is just it; it was a matter of business. We should have done the same thing for anybody else.

43,371. It was entirely a matter of business and had no reference to election purposes?—No, none whatever.

43,372. Beyond that, was no money got through you or your firm for the purposes of that election, so far as you know?—Not that I know of.

43,373. You have told me that you yourself were contesting a borough, and I presume you knew personally nothing of what went on here?—Merely that I had a daily report of what went on, and I saw this transaction mentioned among others.

43,374. I am speaking now of the general conduct of the election?—No, I knew nothing of it; I was too much engaged about my own election.

43,375. Coming to the present election, I believe there was a strong pressure put upon you to stand?—There was.

43,376. And you, for reasons which we can understand, and which you have given here to-day, thought it better not to come forward as a candidate?—Yes, I had letters from all parties.

43,377. We can quite understand that there was very strong pressure put upon you to induce you to come forward. After Sir Henry Stracey had started on the Conservative interest did you take any active part in promoting his return?—Perhaps I had better say at first that Sir Henry Stracey called upon me and said, "I have had numerous deputations asking me to "stand for Norwich. I am not a very willing candi-"date. I do not wish to stand in your way at all; "but if you do not mean to stand I have made up my "mind to stand." Sir Henry Stracey told me (and this I am sure you must tell is confirmed by all you have heard) that it was not his intention to spend a single shilling beyond what was necessary for perfectly legal expenses; that is all that transpired. He subsequently called and told me that he was really a candidate; and that is all I know upon that point.

43,378. You yourself did not personally interfere in this last election more than you had done heretofore?—No, I did not.

43,379. And I presume you know nothing of any corrupt practices at all that took place at that election?—No. My men at Crown Point, I may tell you, asked me for a holiday on the day. I happened to have 40 or 50 workmen there at the moment. I said to them at the time, "I am not going to be so silly as to give "you a whole day's holiday to record your votes, a "thing which can be done in two minutes." But it at last ended in their having a half holiday, which was deducted from their week's wages. I may say that they did not leave my place till 1 o'clock. They told me that they wanted to have dinner, then to dress in their Sunday best, then to have a little drink, and then to go and vote; and therefore I consider that to look on all voters voting after 2 o'clock or half-past 2 as bribed, or as having been brought up by illegal process, is not quite a correct way of looking at it, because that class of very poor people, that is the way in which they do a thing that is unusual.

But we have it in evidence, and there is no doubt about the fact, that money was not afloat at all events until 12 or 1 o'clock that day.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Nobody has assumed that everybody was bribed who voted after 2 o'clock, but we have found that the best test we could apply, and that it would save the city considerable expense.

43,380. (*Mr. Biron.*) I need not ask you whether you in any way attempted to influence those men who were in your employ?—No, not in any way, not in the least; they told me that Stracey was the cry.

43,381. I will now come to the half-sovereigns; did you directly or indirectly give any directions that 200*l.* should be put up in half-sovereigns ready for any purpose?—Most decidedly not; in the first place I may say that I was not here on the day of the election, and therefore I could not do it, and in the next place our cashier had to go to the inner safe to get the money in that particular form.

43,382. To put the question still more broadly, I will ask this; are you aware of anybody else in the employment of your firm who gave any orders that that money should be provided in that form?—Certainly not.

43,383. I put these questions to you in order to give you an opportunity of answering in the negative.—I am much obliged to you for doing so. Perhaps having been myself a member of the House, and

knowing it to be the great desire of all public men to do away with bribery, I may be permitted to point out that the real nursery of bribery is the municipal elections.

43,384. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You are aware that means are now being taken to put an end to that, and I hope that effectual measures will be adopted for the purpose.—Having been in the House of Commons I know the great desire is to arrive at some solution of the difficulty that will positively do away with bribery. I think that there ought to be no nominations. I consider that public-houses should not be allowed to be open during an election at all. No doubt the publicans would do a roaring trade afterwards, which would more than make up to them anything they might lose; and I should also consider that the state of the poll should not be declared until after an election was over.

43,385. Our duty is not to inquire into those matters, but merely to report as to what practices prevailed here. We may have our own individual opinions upon these matters, but they are not matters which fall within our province.—Quite so.

JOHN CARSAY CHITTOCK recalled and further examined.

J. C. Chittock.

43,386. (*Mr Dowdeswell.*) Since you were examined we have had Mr. Dawson before us, and he has presented us with accounts paid by him for the employment of a large number of men on days prior to the election, varying from the 4th of November up to the 16th of November, the day of the nomination, and some of them were paid on the 19th of November. He has produced an account rendered by him to you of that expenditure amounting, in the whole, to 114*l.* 7*s.*, including 24*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* for sundries, and a sum also for messengers; but the amount paid to them was 81*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*—Yes.

43,387. Will you point out to me in the account which you rendered to the election officer, where that item of 81*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* is included?—It is included in this way. I cannot shew it to you in separate items, but you will find a sum charged to each ward for messengers, and those receipts were divided among the different wards wherever the meetings happened to be, and the charge for messengers is included in the total charge to the ward.

43,388. Do you mean to say that these men, who were "roughs" employed for the purpose of what you call keeping the peace, but who were employed indirectly for purposes of bribery, were put down by you in the return to the election officer under the head of "messengers"?—Yes.

43,389. You mean to say that?—They certainly are.

43,390. Did you ever inform Sir Henry Stracey that you were including a sum 81*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* expended for such a purpose as that?—I merely sent him the total accounts. I did not inform him what the particular items were for.

43,391. Had you any authority from Sir Henry Stracey to employ men in that way?—I had no specific instructions.

43,392. Had you not, on the contrary, instructions to do nothing whatever that was illegal or improper?—Certainly I had.

43,393. Do you not know, or are you a person so ignorant as not to see that that is one of the modes of corruption which is deprecated as the very worst?—No, because I gave particular instructions that no voters should be employed.

43,394. Were not a number of the persons who were employed as captains themselves voters upon the register?—I did not employ the captains you are aware. Mr. Dawson did that.

43,395. But he was your clerk; and these receipts were presented to you, and you paid them?—Those were presented to me after the election.

43,396. But you were actually at that time arranging these things, and you knew that they were being carried out by Dawson. Do you say that you do not consider yourself responsible for the act of Dawson?—Certainly I do.

43,397. Why then did you not take proper precautions to ascertain that even the captains were not persons who were voters?—I will say simply this, that if a man is employed who is a voter, he is not able to vote, that is all. I do not know that there is anything illegal in employing a voter if he does not vote. My reason for giving instructions not to employ persons who were voters was, that if we did we should decrease the number of persons who would be able to vote for us.

43,398. Do you not know that that is one mode of corruption which is universally deprecated?—If voters were employed as under the previous law, I have no doubt that that would be so; but as the law now stands, I know that if a voter is employed he cannot vote. I therefore did not employ those men as a means of corruption at all.

43,399. Are you really so ignorant of anything like the ordinary influences, as to suppose that a payment of 10*s.* to a captain of a band, would not influence his vote on the day of the election?—I did not intend to employ as captain a man who was a voter, and you will find that there are not more than four or five of them after all.

43,400. And if a captain was a voter, do you think you had any security that the men who were employed under him were not voters also?—I can only say that I gave directions that voters should not be employed.

43,401. You may have given directions. It is very easy to give directions, and at the same time to be so thoroughly negligent, that the negligence amounts to an encouragement to violate the law.—My directions were that voters should not be employed.

43,402. I should like to see in the return to the sheriff where this 81*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* is included?—I will endeavour to point it out to you.

43,403. Were they messengers?—They would be included as messengers.

43,404. But were they messengers?—Certainly. I do not know what other description I could have given of them.

43,405. Do you mean on your oath to say that the number of men referred to here could be called messengers?—I will tell you, if you will allow me, how they were employed, and then you will be able to judge whether they are properly described as messengers or not.

43,406. I, knowing how they were employed, and you also knowing it, do you mean to say on your oath that you did not do that for the purpose of misleading persons, and of not truly stating for what they were employed?—Not for the purpose of misleading, certainly, but whether I correctly described them or not is a matter of opinion.

43,407. Did you do that for the purpose of disguising the matter?—Certainly not; it was well known to everybody that these men were employed.

43,408. And paid by you?—And paid by me; it could not be otherwise. I simply employed those men because I considered they were necessary.

43,409. Do you mean to say that those men were employed in the different wards?—At the different meetings.

43,410. Just show me how they were put down for the different wards, and how the different meetings corresponded to the wards?—I will endeavour to do that.

43,411. These (*referring to some vouchers*) were not charged to the wards?—They are charged to me, undoubtedly.

43,412. They are charged to the central committee.—They are charged so because the order for them was given from the central rooms.

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43,413. Then it was not a ward matter?—Yes; perhaps there were two meetings in a ward in the course of the evening, and those men were sent not to attend the meetings, but to keep order outside.

43,414. I was quite sure, when I examined you before, that there was a great deal reserved and kept back by you, and I am now convinced that the impression I then had was correct.—Any questions you asked me I answered. I was not invited to make any statement; those very papers I brought with me on that occasion.

43,415. But you did not show me those papers.—I handed in everything you asked me for.

43,416. How could I know of the employment of these men on days antecedent to the nomination. If you had been candid, and inclined to tell the truth, you would have explained this transaction in full, and you would have told me that the item put down for messengers included a payment which was not for messengers at all. If you suggest to me that you believed these were really messengers, I tell you that you are paltering with your oath, and that you are a disgrace to the profession to which you belong.—If I had been invited to make any statement I should have been glad to make it. I brought these papers here on that occasion. I also brought Mr. Dawson's accounts here, and every paper you could by possibility require.

43,417. I hope that Sir Henry Stracey will bring an action against you to recover this money. He indignantly repudiated the idea of doing anything of this sort, and then the very day afterwards this turns up. When we asked him whether such a thing as this had occurred, he told us upon his oath, "No, I never should have sanctioned such a thing;" and the very next day, when we came to examine Mr. Dawson, this was exhibited to us.

43,418. (*Mr. Biron.*) I do not think that the question was actually put to you. It was put as nearly as possible. You were asked a question which elicited from you this answer. "I am not aware that Mr. "Stanley took any part in the election beyond being "in the committee room. I do not know that he "had anything to do with the people out of doors. "Very likely he would go out during the day. I "never heard of his getting a mob together at the "election, or at any other time." You certainly answered most skilfully "by the card." Though your attention was called to the matter, you never suggested that other people had done it.—I had no idea of concealing it.

43,419. We can judge of what you would and what you would not conceal.

43,420. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I am really quite ashamed of the profession to which I belong that you should be a member of it.—The only answer I can make is that as a proof of my intention to give you what information I could, I brought those very receipts here, and also Mr. Dawson's accounts.

43,421. You were asked before Mr. Baron Martin this question: "Are you aware of one sixpence having "been spent in the election but in a legal and proper "manner?" and you answered, "I do not know so "much as a penny;" and then you go on, in order to cover that statement, "I have delivered my accounts "to the sheriff, and will swear that those accounts "include every penny that I have spent." You knew as well as possible at that moment that you were covering your oath with that. This was as much a false statement about "messengers" as if you had told a positive falsehood in the most direct terms. No man in his senses in your profession could suppose that that was a legal and proper expenditure. In your own clerk's account the items are for messengers, and then there is, "Paid men, as per account" (not "messengers"), 81*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*" The item for messengers is improperly described, as you know very well. The statement you made was a false statement, made deliberately for the purpose of deceit.

43,422. (*Mr. Biron.*) You actually knew it. They are in your own books properly described.—You will find a sum charged to the central committee room; for instance there were men who went to St. Andrew's Hall; the charge for that is not carried to the ward, but to the central committee rooms. And the meeting at the Corn Hall, I imagine, was not carried to the ward, but to the central account.

43,423. Why did you not put them down in the way your clerk had put them down. When you were asked for the receipts of the messengers you produced these receipts which we have got, which are the receipts of men who actually did act as messengers; why did you not also produce those receipts which have been produced by Mr. Dawson?—I will explain it to you. There were eight bundles of receipts, as sent in from the different wards; they were all tied up in one bundle; and I think you will remember that you asked me for the account of the third ward. I was about to take the third ward account out of the bundle, and you said "Hand the whole of the bundle over here;" and I did hand over the whole to you; they were monies which had been paid in the ward, and not paid by me at all; it was at your request I handed in a particular bundle which you asked for.

43,424. When you were speaking upon the subject of messengers, why did you not produce those other receipts, some of which related to that very ward?—I do not think we were upon the subject of messengers at all. You asked me for the ward manager's account, and you asked me to hand in that bundle, and I did so. I remember the circumstance quite well.

43,425. It seems to have made an impression on you because you were trying to conceal the matter from us?—No; I remember the way in which the bundle was handed in. I should like to go through the account, and then no doubt I could show you exactly where the different sums for messengers were put in the account; because I am now speaking of a matter which took place at some distant time.

43,426. Here are messengers for the central committee room, 153*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; messengers for first ward, 12*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*; and messengers again, 10*l.* 15*s.*—You will see, if you will have the goodness to refer.

43,427. I have no doubt that your statement is perfectly correct; that under the head of "messengers" you included those persons who were no more messengers than they were any other officers which you might describe by any other name.—I put them under the lowest office I could; I could not call them clerks; I might have said men.

43,428. You know as well as possible, as a lawyer, that nothing could be more objectionable than the employment of those men; common sense would dictate it to any man, and your knowledge of the law certainly must have dictated it to you, that they were not "messengers" in any sense whatever, and that no auditor would ever pass them as such; yet you deliberately, for the purpose of misleading the persons who had to audit these accounts, put them down as "messengers;" and so they were passed; you must have known, as a lawyer, that the employment of those men was perfectly improper, and yet, when you came before Mr. Baron Martin, you gave that answer before him, and you tell us in the same way, that you were not aware of anything improper, or that there had been, during the election, any illegal expense.—I may be wrong in my opinion, but at the same time I am not aware now of any law to prohibit the employment of persons for any of the purposes of the election; the only thing is, that they must not vote after they have been so employed.

43,429. There is no doubt whatever that these persons were employed for the deliberate purpose, and that Mr. Baron Martin would have had to inquire into the question whether they were not employed for the deliberate purpose of influencing the election. I have no doubt that their employment had a very considerable influence upon the election, and

that they were deliberately employed by you exactly in the same manner as the "roughs" were employed by Inspector Clarke for the purpose of influencing this election; and that both you and Inspector Clarke did it for that very purpose. I can conceive no legitimate purpose for which they could have been employed; and under those circumstances it was your duty to have given us the fullest information on your oath, which would have enabled us to have come to a right conclusion.—I do not know whether you have ever been properly informed as to the reason these men were employed.

43,430. We understand very well indeed why they were employed, and we understand the operation of their employment. If the captains who were employed were voters, beyond all question those who were employed under them, three parts of them, would be voters. Even if that were not so, they were persons connected with voters; and you, as a man of common sense, must know that that has been a mode of influencing elections for years and years, and that it has also formed the subject of the very highest condemnation.—You see, the employment of those men extended over a considerable number of days; I think about 10 days. There were generally two meetings in the evening, and if you were to reckon the number of persons necessary to keep the doors and prevent the people from rushing in, I do not think you would find that an excessive number was employed.

43,431. You say you required them to attend meetings. The payments are made upon the 1st, 4th, 10th, and 11th of November, the 9th of November, then the 11th of November again; another item upon the 10th of November, then again the 11th, 12th, and 13th of November, the 14th of November again, and the 16th of November; and another item on the 16th, the election being on the 17th; and then, on the 19th, here is actually a payment for men in respect of services immediately before the election, the payment being made afterwards; how can you say that those payments were not made with a view to influence the election?—Where you find two or three receipts or more for one day, you will find they relate or refer to the meeting at St. Andrew's Hall and the meeting at the Corn Hall.

43,432. You had in one place, on the 11th of November, 125 men in one item; and on the same day 25 more men; that is, 150 in all.—We had a large number at the Corn Hall.

43,433. Here are 22 men and two captains more on the same day.—I could tell you how those men were distributed. In the first place, it was necessary for us to have in St. Andrew's Hall, for instance, a double row of men, entirely across the hall, to prevent the people getting on the platform, and even with that we had not sufficient, for the reporters, I remember, were knocked over by the crush. Then, again, the door was kept in the same way; and it was in that way the men were employed.

43,434. You know as well as possible it is quite clear that those items would not have been allowed by the election auditor if they had been properly described. You therefore deliberately describe them as messengers, a term which you know was not in the slightest degree applicable to them, it was done for the purpose of imposing upon the election auditor, and you come before us with that consciousness in your mind. You are examined before Mr. Baron Martin, and then before us; and you tell Mr. Baron Martin and also us that there was no improper item whatever mixed up in these accounts, and it is only when we get your clerk Dawson into the box that we get at these facts; it is only then that the thing which has very greatly influenced this election is brought to our notice, our attention having been in the first instance directed to it by the proceedings of Inspector Clarke. There has been a system from the very beginning of this election, from the 4th of November, as it appears here in the vouchers, down to the day of the election on your part, with intermediate proceedings on the part of Inspector Clarke to keep a large number of people in play and pay so as seriously to interfere with this election beyond all question, and you as a man of common sense must have known that that was not only its effect, but you also well knew that that was its object?—Only one person can tell what was passing in my mind on the subject, and I can only say that that was not my object.

(*Mr. Biron.*) You should have set the accounts under their proper heads.

43,435. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) If you had been ingenuous and candid as you ought to have been in your accounts, and before us, you would never have been in the position in which you now stand.—I think it is a great pity I was not asked that particular question, I do not say why I was not asked, I think it is a great pity I was not asked whether there was any further information I could give. I had brought all those papers here.

43,436. And kept them back.—I brought them into this box.

43,437. Your object in bringing them was if by any possibility you would be asked to produce them you might do so, but your intention was if possible to escape producing them.—I think it is a great pity I was not asked whether I could not give any further information.

(*Mr. Biron.*) We did not know you quite so well then as we do now. If we had to examine you any further to-day no doubt we should put that question to you. We were not quite so well acquainted with you then as we are now.

EDWARD WARNER sworn and examined.

E. Warner.

43,438. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) I believe you served in two parliaments as one of the members of this city?—In three.

43,439. On the last occasion you did not become a candidate?—Just so.

43,440. Can you tell us what were the circumstances under which that determination was arrived at by yourself?—Do you wish me to give you the whole history? To give it shortly, it was in consequence of a split in the Liberal party.

43,441. As we have already understood from the evidence a conversation took place between you and Mr. Tillett with regard to your retirement?—Not exactly. In February 1868 Mr. Tillett called upon me in London by appointment, and told me that the advanced Liberal party were determined in future to have a candidate of their own, that they would not have Russell and Warner again, but they were quite content to have either of them, for himself he said he could take no part, he was acting with them and he had no choice between the two candidates, and was ready to accept either, but he certainly led me to believe that he considered me the more popular of the two, he recommended me to increase my subscription to the registration in consequence of the large increase in the constituency. Mr. Tillett was not a candidate at that time, and it was afterwards he came forward.

43,441*a*. I understand it was finally left to the gentlemen who are called the leaders of the party to decide between you and Sir William Russell, as to which of the two should become the candidate in 1868?—After that Sir William Foster invited us both to come down to a meeting of the leaders, and before we came down we agreed between ourselves that we would not both stand, that is to say, we would not interfere with what was called the Liberal organisation; we drew up a paper to that effect and gave it to Sir William Foster; after some delay and after they had held various meetings they chose Sir William Russell as their candidate.

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43,442. You and Sir William Russell having agreed to leave it entirely to the party?—Yes, quite so.

43,443. And there having been no bargain between you upon any terms that you were to withdraw?—No.

43,444. Nothing was said about any outstanding claims being then paid?—No, there was no allusion to it.

43,445. It was simply left to the party as to whom they would select to represent the city?—Yes.

43,446. The first time you became a candidate was in the year 1860?—No, 1852.

43,447. We need not go so far back as that; did you go to the poll in 1852?—Yes, I was elected in 1852 and sat for the whole of that Parliament.

43,448. Then you became a candidate in 1860?—Yes, that was on a vacancy.

43,449. At that time you and Sir William Russell were candidates for the same interest; there was a complete coalition between you, with an understanding that all expenses were to be shared?—Yes, exactly.

43,450. Every charge of every sort was divided between you?—Yes, exactly.

43,451. Do you recollect upon that occasion whether you knew of any money being improperly expended?—No, certainly not. I believed it was a pure election, and I believe so still.

43,452. Was that one of the elections in which there were any subsequent accounts sent in to you of any outstanding claims?—There was a claim for 200*l.* or 300*l.*, I do not remember the amount particularly sent in afterwards which we neither of us paid for some time; we objected to do so, but ultimately my half was paid, and Sir William Russell's half was paid. I think he told you so in his evidence yesterday.

43,453. It appears from his evidence that both of you thought they were expenses that ought not to have been incurred?—I do not think that was quite my view. I think our objection was rather this that the finance committee objected to pass them; I do not think we objected on principle to the accounts, it was a question with reference to watchers. There was a petition against the return as to which the watchers were made a strong point, and that petition was withdrawn without any action on our part.

43,454. Do you recollect upon that occasion whether anything had been said at preliminary meetings about watchers, or anything of that sort, to secure the nomination?—I do not know whether it was understood that the nomination was to be secured or not, but I know that it was not thought illegal at that time. I do not remember anything being said about it.

43,455. Or about watchers?—Watchers, I think, we all approved of, but the Finance Committee perhaps did not; it was proposed by some of the leading men; it was not our own idea.

43,456. It having been for some time the custom in the city to incur those expenses?—I am not sure of that. I rather thought it was a new invention upon the occasion. I do not remember people being employed under the name of watchers before.

43,457. Was it brought to your notice at the time, that it was a matter the legality of which was disputable?—Only upon the petition.

43,458. Not before?—No, certainly not.

43,459. So far as you recollect you had assented to the employment of watchers?—Yes.

43,460. Do you call to mind any conversation that took place about it?—No; I think it was the subject of very general conversation.

43,461. I mean about the arrangements that were made?—Yes, the most strict resolutions were come to that nothing was to be paid except through the finance committee.

43,462. Do you know anything about the employment of watchers?—I always expected the finance committee would have passed the item.

43,463. You had consented to the employment of watchers antecedently to the election?—I do not think I knew anything about it until they were actually employed.

43,464. You simply took it as a matter of course?—I left it in other people's hands.

43,465. Beyond that, were you in 1860 aware of any money having been expended on your side which could be said to have been employed for illegal practices?—No.

43,466. You were not a party to anything of the sort?—No, certainly not.

43,467. Not in the way of making any promises of any sort or kind, to induce the men to vote?—No, I never made a promise to a voter in my life.

43,468. With the exception of that subsequent payment which was shared between you and Sir William Russell, there was nothing paid beyond the original lump sum shortly after the election?—That is so.

43,469. Was no other claim presented to you?—No other claim was presented; and my impression is, that the lump sum was not so large as Sir William Russell stated in his evidence, but possibly he knows better than I do. I do not think it exceeded 1,050*l.*, including the watchers; but I am only speaking from memory.

43,470. No other sum was presented to you?—No.

43,471. In the year 1865 you were again a candidate in conjunction with Sir William Russell?—Yes.

43,472. What kind of an election was that on your side? Was it an expensive one?—It was a much more expensive one than the previous election, but I believe there was nothing corrupt in it. We were put in considerable difficulty by the withdrawal of the finance committee upon which we counted, but they declined to act again, and I do not wonder at it, because it is a most ungracious office. We were obliged to shift for ourselves more than we had done in the former election.

43,473. Are you aware of any money having been spent on your side to secure votes upon that occasion?—No, nothing to secure votes, but I think there was something spent upon the return.

43,474. Was that again for these sort of payments, watchers, bands, and so on?—Yes, it was for that sort of thing, though I do not suppose it was for watchers, but for bands, and expenses of that kind. I am not very clear in my recollection of it, but I feel confident Mr. Coaks brought me an account sometime after the election of 200*l.* or 300*l.* I think he showed me the items of the account, if not, at all events he satisfied me they were not corrupt. He wanted me to pay the whole of it, and said that Sir William had paid it. I was rather put out at this, and positively refused to pay anything more than half. I thought with regard to anything that was legal I would pay half, but beyond that I will not go. Afterwards Mr. Tillett wrote to me and asked me to pay my half, and I paid it through him to Mr. Coaks. Mr. Tillett was acting partly as my agent at that time.

43,475. You only paid your half?—Yes, I only paid my half.

43,476. And that as far as you know was for expenses of the kind you have mentioned?—I think I saw the items, and they were all correct expenses, there was nothing corrupt in them.

43,477. Did you in the year 1865 spend any money in hiring public-houses for the purpose of treating voters?—No, certainly not.

43,478. Were you aware of any volunteers amongst your supporters doing things of that kind?—No, nothing of that sort.

43,479. Did you become aware of any volunteers going about in a small way getting up individual voters for 2*s.* 6*d.* or 5*s.*?—I never heard of anything of the kind. I do not know that I was in the way of hearing of it, but certainly such an instance was never brought to my notice in any way. I do not suppose it was ever done.

43,480. At that election we know a great deal of money was spent by the agents of Mr. Waters, and I presume by his partisans, do you think anything of the same kind may have been done by your more active and zealous partisans?—I should think our partisans

were more actively engaged in putting down Mr. Waters. I am told that the printing bill upon that occasion was unusually large, some hundreds of pounds more than usual.

43,481. On your side?—Yes.

43,482. That being for placards and warnings to people not to break the law?—Yes, and that sort of thing.

43,483. You are not aware of any expenditure for corrupt practices at that election?—No.

43,484. You are only cognisant of that sum that was paid to Mr. Coaks?—Yes, exactly.

43,485. I suppose you are not in a position to give us any information of what was going on on the other side, except by mere report?—Only by report. After the break among the Conservatives we considered the election safe.

43,486. When you first came here, were you ever asked to pay any outstanding claims of the party?—I think I was once asked, and refused. I never heard anything more about it, but it was a very small sum; it was, I think, in 1860, and it was a sum of, I think, 10*l.*, or something of that sort; but I refused to have anything to do with it at once. I do not think the leaders of the party approved of it.

43,487. There never was any proposal made to you that a payment of that kind would be a necessary condition to your becoming a candidate?—No.

WILLIAM GUY sworn and examined.

W. Guy.

43,488. (*Mr. Biron.*) Are you in practice as a medical man in this city?—I am.

43,489. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

43,490. For whom?—For Stracey.

43,491. At what time in the day?—About 9 o'clock in the morning, or a little after.

43,492. Did you take any active part during the day?—I did.

43,493. In getting up voters, or were you busy at the committee rooms?—No, I was not busy at the committee rooms. I took up two or three voters only.

43,494. Were they men you had canvassed?—Yes.

43,495. Had they promised you to vote for your candidate?—Yes, they had.

43,496. And during the day did you learn that they had not yet come up to poll, and was that your reason for going after them, or how was it?—No, they had not decided.

43,497. You thought you had better go after them, and see whether they had polled or not?—Yes.

43,498. Is that what led you to go to them?—Yes.

43,499. Did you see them?—Yes.

43,500. Did you get them to poll?—Yes.

43,501. How many?—I only took up three.

43,502. Only three during the whole of the day?—Yes, during the whole of the day.

43,503. Did you give anything to any of these men?—Yes.

43,504. To them all?—There were more than that at the place where I got these men.

43,505. Where was it you went to for them?—The "Derby Arms."

43,506. In what ward is that?—Heigham.

43,507. North Heigham?—I do not know whether it is North or South Heigham.

43,508. Do you know the name of the landlord?—Chaplin.

43,509. Did you get the whole of the three men from there?—Yes.

43,510. What did you give them to get them up?—They had some beer—that was merely given to them casually—they asked for some beer, and I gave it to them.

43,511. You ordered ten shillings' worth of beer?—No, I did not order any amount of beer.

43,512. What did you say about the beer?—They asked for the beer, and I said they might have some, and they had some; that was after they had promised to vote.

43,513. Did you give any order about the supply of the beer?—No, no further than that I said, "Let them have it."

43,514. Did you pay for it?—Yes.

43,515. How much?—I think it was 3*s.* 8*d.*, if I remember rightly; it was not more than that.

43,516. How many men were there?—I should think there were 10 or 12 men there.

43,517. Were there any others besides the three who promised you who were voters?—Yes, several more.

43,518. Can you give me the names of the three who had promised you?—No, I cannot remember any of them.

43,519. Where had they made the promise?—At the "Derby Arms."

43,520. When did you canvass them?—I canvassed them in the morning.

43,521. You went to the "Derby Arms" in the morning?—Yes; the reason I was at the "Derby Arms" was, that I was with a patient who lived within a few doors of the "Derby Arms," and I casually heard that there were some men there who were voters, and that is the reason I went in.

43,522. Men not very ready to vote, I presume?—They were not.

43,523. You went in to the "Derby Arms" to try if you could get them?—Yes.

43,524. And spent this money?—Yes, I did.

43,525. Out of the lot did you only get up three?—They all promised to vote.

43,526. How many did vote, do you think?—I do not know. I did not see the others go up.

43,527. You know three did?—Yes.

43,528. And the others promised to go?—Yes.

43,529. And as far as you know they went and voted?—Yes, I suppose so.

43,530. What time in the day was this?—Between 12 and 1 I think; I am not certain as to the time.

43,531. A little later, was it not?—I do not think it was much later than that.

43,532. Did you not give any money or beer anywhere else during the day?—No, no money nor beer.

43,533. Do not understand me as pressing you unduly. I put the question to you to bring it to your mind if anything of the sort did occur?—No, it did not; if it had I would have told you directly.

43,534. After this, did you go home or go about your business?—I went to some of the committee rooms by myself.

43,535. Did you see any money given there?—No, not any.

43,536. Or any beer?—No, not any.

43,537. Did any corrupt practice of any sort come within your own knowledge, or before your own eyes, that day?—No, not any.

43,538. Nothing but this matter of the "Derby Arms," that you have told me of?—Nothing else, I assure you.

43,539. Did you canvass at all before the day?—No.

43,540–1. I understand you heard of these men being there and were determined to secure them if you could?—Yes, I heard of it by accident. I was at a labour close by that morning.

43,542. That brought you on the spot, and you heard that the voters were there and you were tempted?—Yes, I was tempted; that was it.

43,543. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

43,544. Or the promise of anything?—No.

43,545. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you find any voters who were inclined to vote for a very small consideration?—No.

43,546–7. Your attention was not attracted beyond these men that you found at the "Derby Arms"?—No.

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S. Grint.

15 Oct. 1869.

SAMUEL GRINT sworn and examined.

43,548. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

43,549. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

43,550. At what time?—Between 3 and 4.

43,551. Were you at any public-house before you went to vote?—Not one; not the whole day. I never went into a public-house at all.

43,552. What is your employment?—A master shoemaker and shoe manufacturer.

43,553. Why did you not vote earlier?—That was left to my own option. I knew the poll was open from 8 to 4, and I did not think that there was any particular time to vote so exact.

43,554. Did you receive anything for your vote?—Not a farthing.

43,555. Or the promise of anything?—Not a farthing from anybody.

43,556. Did you pay or give anybody any money to vote?—Not a farthing; not for voting, certainly not.

43,557. Not to vote at all?—No, not to vote at all.

43,558. You gave a sum of 4*s.* to a man, did you not?—No, not a farthing.

43,559. Did you not give 4*s.* to a man of the name of George Brown?—No, certainly not.

43,560. John Brown?—No, certainly not for voting.

43,561. Did you not upon that day or some other day give 4*s.* to Brown?—Not for voting.

43,562. What did you give it for?—I bought some leather of him.

43,563. When was it you paid him?—About two or three days after when I bought this leather.

43,564. Did you give it to George or John Brown?—I think it must be George, but I would not say.

43,565. Did you not give it to George for John?—Certainly not. I paid the man himself. I bought the things of him.

43,566. You gave it to George?—Yes, I am pretty well sure his name is George. I might say I am certain his name is George.

43,567. Did you not give it to George that he might go and vote in the name of John?—No, it had nothing whatever to do with voting. I bought some leather two or three days after the election.

43,568. You paid him 4*s.*?—Yes, for the things I bought of him.

43,569. Did you ever get any bill for it?—No, not for that sum of money. I did not ask for anything of the kind.

43,570. You know John Brown, do you not?—No, I cannot say I do.

43,571. You know John Brown had a vote?—I cannot say I know John Brown.

43,572. You know George Brown's brother-in-law?—That I cannot say.

43,573. You heard that George Brown's brother-in-law had a vote?—No, I do not know of any of George's brothers.

43,574. You have heard of John Brown?—No, I do not know him.

43,575. You may not know him, but you knew John Brown had a vote?—I do not know anything about that. I bought the leather of George Brown.

43,576. Have you not said that you paid George Brown 4*s.* to put in the name of his brother-in-law, John?—No.

43,577. Do you mean to say it is untrue that you paid George Brown any money to vote in the name of John?—I never paid any man any money to vote for anyone, neither for myself nor yet for anybody else.

43,578. Where does George Brown live?—I think he used to live in Rose Yard.

43,579. Does he live there now?—No, I think not.

43,580. Where does he live now?—They told me some time back that he had gone away.

43,581. Do you not know where he is?—No, I cannotsay where he is now; they tell me he has left Norwich.

43,582. Do you mean to say you do not know where George Brown, the man who sold you the leather, is now?—No, certainly not.

43,583. When did you see him last?—It is several months ago, now; three or four, or four or five months.

43,584. Where did you see him?—I saw him in my own house last time.

43,585. He came and called upon you?—Yes, sometimes I buy a little job lot of him.

43,586. Have you not seen him since?—No.

43,587. Did you pay anybody else any money?—No, not a farthing to anybody; not for anything of that kind.

43,588. You say you bought some leather of him?—Yes, a little job lot.

43,589. He has got no shop?—No.

43,590. How came you to be buying leather of a man who has no shop?—I do not know.

43,591. Had you ever done it before?—Yes.

43,592. Have you ever bought leather of George Brown before?—Yes, a few little pieces.

43,593. How comes he to have leather for sale?—What they have overplus in the works, the same as they have at my own.

43,594. He is employed in a factory, is he?—No, he works at home, I believe.

43,595. It looks to me as if he got his overplus from somewhere, and you were the receiver.

(*Mr. Biron.*) That certainly seems to be your own opinion.

43,596. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) He is a workman in other people's employ, and he has got an overplus, which is nothing more or less than something which belongs to his master, which he appropriates to himself. It certainly looks very like it, but I hope it is not so. However, we have not got anything to do with that. Are you sure you did not give him the 4*s.* to vote?—No, certainly not.

43,597. Are you sure you gave nobody else any money?—Not a farthing.

43,598. Did anybody give you any money to go and spend among voters?—No, not a farthing.

43,599. Did you take any voters up?—No, not one.

43,600. Did you induce any persons to go up to the poll?—No, not one.

W. W. Kett.

WILLIAM WOODHOUSE KETT sworn and examined.

43,601. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A calico merchant or draper.

43,602. Did you take a busy part at the last election?—Yes, very active.

43,603. You were manager for Mr. Tillett?—I did what I conceived every thorough Englishman ought to do, that is to try and defeat those people who are trying to pull down Church and Queen. But another object I had in view was this; there is a compromise in this city, and my determination is to oppose all compromise men.

43,604. Were you a paid manager?—No.

43,605. Did you afterwards receive any acknowledgment or payment?—No. I can say what a candid gentleman in the Whig interest would not like to say, that I never paid anything or received anything; and further than that, I never subscribed anything to debase my fellow-citizens.

43,606. You are not one shilling out of pocket by the last election?—Not a farthing. I do not think I spent one farthing upon the day.

43,607. Did any money go through your hands for the purpose of influencing the election?—Not a fraction, nor yet at any other election.

43,608. You were a manager simply from zeal for your party?—Yes. On the day before the election I went into the seventh ward, and said, "Is there anything I can do?" and they said, "Oh, oh; Hulme has got the second ward, go and help him." I said, "I am off," and went down to the second ward. I met with several voters, who said, "If I do not get what I am in the habit of getting I will vote for Stracey;" and I heard another account, that Mr. Colman was to slip a sovereign into a teapot for some woman.

43,609. Do you know that he did it?—No, it was only talk.

(*Mr. Biron.*) And very idle talk.

43,610. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Can you say anything about the election?—Nothing beyond what I have done; nothing in the shape of bribery or treating, or anything of the kind. I was working in the second ward, and I should have said that Mr. Hulme never had a shilling—I mean the gentleman who has committed himself so strangely.

43,611. You did not suspect he had been at work?—No. I should like to make a little comment upon the evidence of the other gentlemen who have been before you.

(*Mr. Biron.*) We do not want your comments.

43,612. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Is it anything reflecting upon you?—No, not anything reflecting upon me; simply upon my ward.

43,613. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I am afraid we cannot protect your ward against slander.—Some gentlemen say that some wards vote straight, when I know the contrary.

(*Mr. Biron.*) You had better go and tell it in the ward.

JAMES TUCK sworn and examined. *J. Tuck.*

43,614. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A master shoe manufacturer.

43,615. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

43,616. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

43,617. At what time in the day?—About a quarter past 3.

43,618. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

43,619. Or the promise of anything?—No, nothing.

43,620. Had you promised to vote for him?—Yes.

43,621. To whom did you give your promise?—To one of the young Straceys.

43,622. Did he come to you before the election?—Yes, two or three days before the election.

ROBERT FULLER recalled and further examined. *R. Fuller.*

43,623. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you know where the money came from that went down to the "Trumpet"?—No, I do not.

43,624. Do you know anything about any money being sent down, or given to your brother at the "Trumpet"?—I know nothing about it, only what I told you. I received 7*s.* 6*d.*, but whether it was Mr. Hunt's money or anybody else's I cannot say. I did not see any brought.

43,625. Do you not know anything about a sum of money which was taken down to the "Trumpet"?—I do not know anything about it, not one word; but if you think I do I am able to take any punishment you may think proper to inflict upon me. I do not know anything of it.

43,626–7. Have you not said you knew something about it?—I never said a word of the kind. I did not say so because I did not know it.

43,628. Have you ever heard from your brother that there was any money sent down?—No. I am not often in Norwich, sometimes I am away two or three months.

43,629. Have you heard from your brother's wife that there was any money sent down?—No, not one farthing.

43,630. Have you ever had any conversation with her about it?—No.

43,631. Have you ever had any conversation with a person in the employment of Messrs. Green and Bennett?—My son-in-law that is.

43,632. Have you had any conversation with him about it?—No, none at all, and if he has committed himself he must suffer for it.

43,633. Have you never said anything to him about money?—No, not one farthing.

43,634. Is it wholly untrue?—It is actually the truth, and if I knew anything I would tell you.

43,635. I mean the statement that you said anything about it is wholly untrue?—Yes, it is an untruth, and I am willing to suffer for anything anybody may bring against me; if I had known it I would have told you. I have told you the truth now as I did before.

JOSHUA CADYWOLD sworn and examined. *J. Cadywold.*

43,636. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—A warehouseman and wine cellarman.

43,637. Are you in the employment of Mr. Lacey?—No.

43,638. In whose employment are you?—Bosworth and Baxter of Magdalen Street.

43,639. For whom did you vote?—Sir Henry Stracey.

43,640. Did you get anything for it?—No.

43,641. Did you try?—I should like to have had it but I could not get it.

43,642. Did anyone offer it to you?—No.

43,643. Did you have any beer?—Yes, I had some beer.

43,644. Who paid for it?—My master.

43,645. Was that for voting?—No.

43,646. What was it for?—We are allowed so much beer a day.

43,647. That is in your trade. You were not paid or promised anything for voting?—No, not a fraction.

43,648. You would have been glad to have got anything if you could?—Yes, I should.

43,649. From either side?—Yes, either side. I would have taken it both sides.

FREDERICK PEARMAN sworn and examined. *F. Pearman.*

43,650. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—A hay trusser.

43,651. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

43,652. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

43,653. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock.

43,654. Did you get anything for voting?—No.

43,655. Or the promise of anything?—No, nor yet the promise of anything. I never see nothing.

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F. Pearman.

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43,656. No money ?—No.

43,657. No beer ?—No, except what I paid for myself.

43,658. Why did you not vote earlier ?—Because I was out. My work lay in the country.

43,659. Had you promised to vote ?—No.

43,660. Did you ever vote Tory before ?—No.

43,661. This was your first vote ?—Yes, my first vote.

43,662. And you gave it without any undue influence being put upon you ?—Yes.

H. Lacey.

HORACE LACEY sworn and examined.

43,663. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Are you a builder ?—Yes.

43,664. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey ?—No.

43,665. For whom did you vote ?—For Russell.

43,666. On the day of the election had you some men at work at Crown point ?—Yes.

43,667. Were Charles Cousins and George Willimot in your employment there ?—Yes.

43,668. And was John Nicholls also there ?—John Nicholls was there.

43,669. Was he at work at Crown point on the day of the election ?—I think not, our books will show that, but he was in our employment.

43,670. How many men had you at work at Crown Point ?—I cannot tell you, the pay sheets will show you. I have my books (*the books and pay sheets are handed up to the Commissioners*).

43,671. Would it not appear in the books ?—No.

43,672. Were all these men that appear on these two pay sheets in your employment at that time ?—Yes, on the job.

43,673. At Crown point ?—Yes.

43,674. Is this the week ending November the 19th —Yes, we end our weeks on Thursday.

43,675. From Thursday to Thursday ?—From Friday morning to Thursday.

43,676. In what capacity was Nicholls in your employment ?—A carpenter.

43,677. And Willimot was another carpenter ?—Yes.

43,678. And Cousins was also a carpenter ?—Yes.

43,679. Did you offer anything to the men on the day of the election ?—No, I did not.

43,680. Can you tell me where Charles Cousins and George Willmot are ?—No, I am not aware where they live at all. We have so many in our employment that I do not know where they all live of course. I have not the slightest knowledge of where they live.

43,681. Did you not promise the men a day's pay ?—No, certainly not, they asked for it, but I never promised. They never had it that I know of.

43,682. They did not work that day ?—I believe some of them worked part of the day.

43,683. They did not work nearly a full day ?—No.

43,684. They did not work a full day, but they were allowed a full day ?—They were only allowed what they worked.

43,685. Nicholls made eight hours, Cousins and Willimot did not make a day ?—No, you will see several of them lost time. You will see if you look at our book that some of the foremen lost time.

43,686. I see Elliott was in your employment then; can you tell me where that man lived ?—I do not know all of them ; I know several of their names, but I do not know half our men to see to.

43,687. I only want to know whether you know where they live ?—No, I do not know where they live at all ; it is a thing we never inquire into.

43,688. Had you a man of the name of Norton then in your employment. I do not see him down in the list of carpenters ?—No, sir, Norton is there; you will find him lower down in the list of carpenters, on the second sheet, I think.

43,689. He made his 10 hours that day ?—He is the timekeeper ; he would not leave under any circumstances.

43,690. There was a man of the name of Robert Chesman ?—Robert Chesney, I think you will find it is ; he is the foreman on the job.

43,691. Where would his name appear in the list ?—It would not appear in that list at all ; he was not paid by time.

43,692. It would appear in your general book, would it not ?—No, not in that account ; we keep a book purposely for him ; he is always on the job, and we pay him so much a month.

43,693. And it would not appear in this book ?—No.

43,694. Only on this pay sheet ?—No, not on that pay sheet.

43,695. Did you make that suggestion to any other man in your employment ?—No ; I am quite sure no man was coerced in any way in our firm ; there was as many, I believe, voted one way as another. I think, if you look through the yard men, you will find they voted generally as they liked on either side.

43,696. They might have voted just as they liked, and yet you might have said that you would give particular men a day's pay ?—No, I never used any interference of any kind I am sure, neither before nor after.

43,697. You yourself did not vote for Stracey ?—No, I did not.

43,698. And you did not split your vote ?—No, I did not split my vote either. Of course they all asked for a day's pay.

43,699. You say they did ask you for a day's pay ?—Oh, yes, that is the usual thing with all men of that class to do, but I did not do it. If you look through all my home sheets, you will find all the men's time kept exactly as they made it during that day and every other day, just the same as you did on the other sheet.

43,700. Did you hold out any promise or inducement to the men to vote ?—No, I have not ; I did not.

43,701. Did you give them anything ?—I have given them nothing.

43,702. Nor promise anything ? — Nor promise anything ; neither have they had anything whatever at my hands, whatever they may say.

43,703. What are these sheets here ? Do they show what was paid ?—You said in your summons that I was to bring the November month, but I left that week open for you that you might not have any trouble to find it.

43,704. I only wanted to know whether the other sheets would show what was actually paid ?—Yes, that month will show what all the men had, just as this one does, if you like to look at it. I left that week open so that you might not have the trouble to undo it.

43,705. Does this show the actual payments for that week ?—Yes, on that particular job.

43,706. This represents the cash at 3*l.* 3*s.*, and that would carry out that work according to the number of days done ?—Yes ; if you add it up you will find it is right.

43,707. I see, for instance, Elliott only got 7*s.* 6¼*d.*, and others got 10*s.* 4½*d.*—It is according to the time ; you will see the prices, some of them are 2¼*d.*

43,708. Was nothing paid for besides that, which is down on this sheet ?—That is all.

43,709. You can swear that ?—Yes, I can.

43,710. I suppose that would be verified to a considerable extent by the cash in your books?—The cash is always sent up according to the amount of the sheets. The sheet comes home, and our clerk carries it out according to the prices here, 4¼*d.*, 5¼*d.*, and so on.

43,711. Does your cash book correspond with this 43*l.* ?—I have no doubt I could find a cheque for that amount, because I always got a separate cheque.

43,712. Would it appear in any way in this (*pointing to a book*) ?—No; this is what I call the home wages book.

43,713. The men in the yard ?—The men in the yard and in the city; we keep a separate sheet for each job, and any out job has a separate sheet.

43,714. I must ask you to leave this till to-morrow morning.—I shall want the book to-night, if you please, because this is our pay night.

43,715. Yes, you may have that book; but the man Cousins has positively sworn that you offered to him and to some other men in the yard a day's pay on the election day ?—He did not say that I gave it to him, I suppose ?

43,716. He said that you promised it him ?—Well, I did not; neither did I give it to him, I am sure.

43,717. (*Mr. Biron.*) They did ask you for it ?—Oh, yes.

43,718. Did you say you could not give them anything of the sort, or simply hold your tongue ?—I merely said, "Go and vote, and leave the rest;" I did not hold out to them any expectation that I should pay them.

43,719. They said, "Give us a day's pay if we vote," and you said, "Go and vote ?"—Yes, that is about the substance of it, as near as possible. I never promised them anything or gave them anything.

43,720. I can very well understand that you might not have thought it a promise, but the men to whom you said it might ?—Yes, they might infer what they liked; but I did not carry it out.

43,721. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You never allowed it ?—I never allowed it that I know of; I never heard of it since, at any rate; they have never mentioned it to me since, either.

43,722. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You never intended to offer them any inducement whatever ?—No, I should not like to trust to them.

43,723. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) All that you said when they asked for it was "Go and vote?"—Yes.

43,724. Had you any inducement whatever to tell them to vote for Stracey ?—No, not any.

43,725. You did not yourself vote for Stracey ?—I did not myself vote for Stracey, either.

43,726. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You did not coalesce with Mr. Tillett, and you did not coalesce with Stracey ?—No, certainly not.

43,727. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Very likely they may have misunderstood what you said.—The general understanding with them is to get money; that is all I have ever found with them.

43,728. What time in the day was it that that conversation took place ?—Not on the day of the election at all, I am sure, because I was not there on that day; this must have been a day or two before, or something like that, because I was not at Crown Point at all on that day.

William Bailey sworn and examined.

W. Bailey.

43,729. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you to-day seen Robert Wiseman ?—Yes, I have.

43,730. Can you say from your professional experience that it would be dangerous to his health to come and give evidence in this court ?—I am sure it would.

43,731. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Would it endanger his life ?—Yes, I believe it would.

43,732. What is the matter with him ?—He is suffering from heart disease.

43,733. Have you been attending him ?—No.

43,734. Who has been attending him ?—Mr. Firth.

43,735. What is the nature of his disease ?—He is suffering from valvular disease of the heart; Mr. Firth has been attending him for a very long while, and I believe he gave a certificate to that effect. Mr. Firth is away from town and I have been to see him this morning.

43,736. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) In what state was he when you saw him just now ?—Well, I tell you he is suffering from heart disease, and he is not certainly in a fit state to come here. He says he is perfectly willing if you will send anyone down to examine him, and any evidence he can give he shall be only too glad to do it.

43,737. (*Mr. Biron.*) Do you think it would endanger his life to examine him here; is that your opinion as a professional man ?—I do think so; if you were to see him you would then judge for yourself.

43,738. I would rather take your opinion than my own ?—He is thoroughly ill; there is no mistake about it; I have been about an hour ago to see him.

43,739. We are very anxious indeed that Mr. Wiseman should be examined publicly in open court if he could, but if you tell us that there would be any risk of his life of course we should be doing a wrongful act in calling him here ?—I think it would endanger his life in the state in which he is at the present time.

43,740. There is no danger in examining him privately ?—Not at all; he says he is perfectly willing, if you do not mind examining him at his own house.

43,741. Would it not be safe for him to drive down to our lodgings ?—Anywhere, not in public.

43,742. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I suppose he can go about his ordinary business ?—Yes, without any excitement he can.

43,743. But you are afraid of the excitement of an examination in open court ?—I think the excitement in an open court would be detrimental to his health.

43,744–5. That unusual state of exertion of the heart might bring on death ?—I have not the least doubt about it.

Abel Tillett sworn and examined.

A. Tillett.

43,746. (*Mr. Biron.*) Were you manager of one of the wards at the last election ?—I was the manager of the eighth ward.

43,747. For whom ?—For my uncle Mr. Tillett.

43,748. For Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett ?—For Mr. Tillett.

43,749. Did you keep to the committee room, or did you go about canvassing in the ward ?—I did not canvass, and I kept in the committee room.

43,750. Checking the returns that were brought to you by the canvassers ?—Yes.

43,751. And on the polling-day, I suppose, watching the returns of the poll, comparing the returns with the canvass-books, and sending about to get up voters ?—Yes.

43,752. You yourself stayed at the committee room, giving directions ?—Yes.

43,753. In the course of the day did anything occur

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A. Tillett.

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to arouse your suspicions as to what was being done by the other side?—I was told about 12 o'clock that a meeting was about being held by the Conservatives, and that in about three quarters of an hour I should know whether it was decided that money was to be spent, or not.

43,754. When the three quarters of an hour had elapsed, was anything said to you about money being on the point of being spent?—From the doubtful voters polling I believed that money was being spent.

43,755. How did you get at your notion of the doubtful voters; were they men that had been returned to you as doubtful?—Yes.

43,756. Not men whom you knew of your own knowledge to be doubtful?—No, certainly not.

43,757. Were they men who had promised you who were voting on the other side?—I canvassed no one.

43,758. Or who were returned to you as having promised?—They were returned as doubtful.

43,759. And you observed that a great number of those men turned up voting for Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

43,760. And did that go on, more or less, until the end of the polling?—It went on more and more until about half-past 3, and they polled then very quickly indeed.

43,761. Can you tell me who the people were that gave you this information in the committee room?—I believe that Mr. Smith Gilbert was the principal one.

43,762. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Could he give us any more information than you can give us?—I do not think he can.

43,763. (*Mr. Biron.*) Can you give us any information which will enable us to get at those men who were doubtful, and who voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—You will find them on my brief, I believe.

43,764. Can you give us no information beyond what we have already had in the brief which was delivered by you at the time of the petition?—Not much, I think, there is only one circumstance that is not mentioned in the brief.

43,765. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was this a person who voted for Stracey after 2 o'clock?—Smith Gilbert was one of the committee in the eighth ward.

43,766. I am speaking of this person whom you thought you could name; was he a person that voted for Stracey after 2 o'clock?—I beg your pardon.

43,767. (*Mr. Biron.*) Will you just tell us what it was you were going to say?—In the course of the afternoon some one saw me, I cannot remember the person, and named to me that thirty or forty persons were in Clarke's beerhouse in Jenkin's Lane, and that if I would only give them a pot of beer each, they would vote for Russell and Tillett; if not, they would vote for Stracey, and I said, "Not sixpence."

43,768. Did you take no action upon that?—None at all.

43,769. Did you send anybody to prevent the other side getting at them?—I did.

43,770. You know we have gone into Clarke's beerhouse most fully?—I believe you have.

43,771. I mean to say, can you give me any names with regard to it?—No, I cannot; I cannot remember it.

43,772. We have gone into Clarke's beerhouse in every way we could; we have called everybody we could find out as being there, and everybody who knows anything about it; but beyond Clarke's beerhouse can you tell me anything?—Nothing but what was on the brief.

Then I think we need not trouble you any further; we have thoroughly investigated everything there was in the brief.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10.30.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

At the Commissioners' Lodgings, Queen Street, Saturday, 16th October 1869.

ROBERT PURLAND WISEMAN recalled and further examined.

43,774. (*Mr. Biron.*) Since we last saw you we have called a number of witnesses before us, and some of them I regret to say tell us matters that do not at all agree with the information you gave us here, and we are anxious before we leave the city to give you one more opportunity of setting anything right.—Any question you put to me, and I can answer it, I will do so.

43,775. I will call your attention in order of time to the name of one man, Lake. If you remember you told us that you gave Lake 3*l.* 10*s.* ?—No, I beg your pardon. I told you I could not swear to him, but I thought I gave him from 2*l.* to 3*l.* 10*s.*

43,776. Your answer was, "I believe it was 3*l.* or 3*l.* 10*s.*" ?—Yes, but I said I could not swear as to him.

43,777. We have had him before us, and he says you only gave him two half sovereigns.—I would not even swear to that; but you have had others before you who have told you that they received 5*l.* when I gave them 3*l.* 10*s.*; in every instance, according to the evidence as I have read it, it has exceeded what I told you.

43,778. That is not so, unfortunately. With reference to Lake, do you accept his version as the true one, or do you wish to put a contradiction to it upon the record?—The first statement was that I could not swear to anything as to Lake, but I believed in my mind that I gave him something, and I thought it might be from 2*l.* to 3*l.* 10*s.* He told all his best friends that he did not receive a farthing up to the time you compelled him to tell the truth; that I think is some proof that he does not always stick to the truth.

43,779. It is perfectly true you said you did not remember clearly what you gave Lake, but you put it at 3*l.* or 3*l.* 10*s.*, and he puts it at 1*l.*—I said that I gave him something, and if he says that I gave him 1*l.* I think it is more likely I gave him 2*l.*, but I would rather not be upon my oath as to the matter.

43,780. You will not take upon yourself to contradict his statement?—No; he has acknowledged now to having received beyond what he told his neighbours. He told them he did not receive a farthing from me. I would tell you in a moment if I could recollect it.

43,781. Here is another more serious matter, with regard to Green, the plasterer. If you remember you told us that you gave Green, the plasterer, 20*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, I swore to 20*l.*

43,782. 20*l.* 10*s.*?—Let it be so. It would be so; first 8*l.* 10*s.*, then 7*l.* and 5*l.* I repeat the same, and wish to contradict him, if you please.

43,783. You still adhere to the statement that you gave him 20*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, decidedly.

43,784. Have you seen Green's evidence that he gave before us? After his statement to us that he did not get it, did you try all you could to bring your mind back to the matter so far as you could?—Yes, and I say my original statement was correct.

43,785. You wish to adhere to the original statement?—Yes, and I lent him 5*l.* beside that.

43,786. This is a matter which deeply concerns you. Can you give us any clue?—I gave him 8*l.* 10*s.* to start with.

43,787. Can you give us any clue by which we can ascertain the truth between you and him? Do you know of any person to whom he made statements?—Only as I read it in the papers, and those persons I do not know from Adam. I have been looking through a new directory and cannot find the name of Hughes, although he has stated to you that he has been in a gentleman's employ for 20 years.

43,788. You cannot help us to form a comparison between your evidence and Green's?—No.

43,789. You cannot tell us anybody to whom Green has made any statement with reference to the matter?—No, I do not know the parties, but he took a handful of money out and showed it to someone, and said, "This is what I have got out of the election."

43,790. You cannot give us any names?—No. I have not seen him since. He was to have called upon me two or three mornings afterwards and make arrangements, and tell me how he spent it, and to whom he gave it.

43,791. There is another matter which is not quite satisfactory. You told us you gave your son 25*l.*, have you no notion of what your son did with that money?—Only as he told me when he came home, and as I have read the evidence.

43,792. What did he tell you when he came home?—He told me that he gave Mr. White 5*l.* I said, "What did you do with the rest?" and he says, "I "had no time. No one was standing about that I "could trust to."

43,793. Did he give you back the 20*l.*?—Yes.

43,794. You did not tell us that before, nor did your son tell it to us in his examination.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) No, he did not say he gave it back. On the contrary, he said he spent a part of it.

43,795. (*Mr. Biron.*) He gave it back to you?—Yes.

43,796. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you got that money still in your possession?—Yes, and I can give you a cheque for it if you like.

43,797. You know well enough to whom it belongs. We can give no direction upon it.—It is in my possession now.

43,798. You know to whom it belongs, and to whom it ought to be paid, and if you have a particle of honesty about you, you will take very good care that it is returned.—I mean to do so, certainly.

43,799. We have no control over it.—I mean to do so if possible.

43,800. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Have you any further statement to make with respect to your practices at the last election or the election before?—I had very little to do with this, and you know all about the other.

43,801. Have you nothing to add to your evidence?—No.

43,802. (*Mr. Biron.*) You told us what you got into your hands on the last occasion?—Yes, and you did not ask Lake anything about that.

43,803. Did you give Tom Worledge anything, or either of the Worledges?—Not a farthing.

43,804. Do you know where he got it?—No. He came to me and said, "We shall lose the election;" and I said, "Not a farthing,"

43,805. Was that before you had got the money?—Yes, exactly. I said, "Not half a pint of beer, not a farthing."

43,806. Do you know anything of the way in which Hardiment got his money?—No, not at all. I would tell you in a moment, but I have no more idea than this chair.

43,807. You are an old hand here. Surely you do not believe Mr. Hardiment spent it out of his own pocket?—No, but I do not know where he got it.

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R. P. Wiseman.

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43,808. Do you not know where he got credit from?—I would tell you in a moment if I did.

43,809. Do you know that Hardiment gave Worledge money?—I do not know. I did not see him afterwards.

43,810. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you any idea where the man at the "Trumpet" got the money from?—No, I never ascertained how one farthing of it was arrived at.

43,811. You do not suppose it was their own money?—Was there any at all supplied?

43,812. There is no doubt about that?—I wish you would find it out. I would tell you if I knew anything about it, but I know nothing further than what I have told you about Mr. Joseph Allen.

43,813. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) There is nothing that you wish to clear up about this transaction?—I do not know of anything. There is not anything that I have not told you that I know of.

43,814. (*Mr. Biron.*) This contradiction between yourself an Green is most unfortunate?—That is most audacious, and I should be most happy to face him and you. I only wish I was well. I had eleven hours of palpitation of the heart yesterday. I told you that Green had that money of me, but he stated in his evidence that it was at a quarter to 4, but he had the first at a quarter-past 3.

43,815. You never got it till after 3?—I got it at about two minutes past 3. I heard that clock strike. I could not be many minutes after it; at all events it would not be more than a quarter past 3. I was only just going to get it—a stone's throw. I had nothing else whatever to do with it in any shape.

43,816. This is what you said about it: "Richard "Green lived in St. Paul's. I sent for him three or "four times to come and speak to me. He is now a "plasterer at the new bank at Bristol." Where did you get the statement that he was a plasterer at the new bank at Bristol?—That is the message I received when I sent to him. I sent to him once to come and speak to me, and tell me the particulars of how he spent the money, because he has not told you in his evidence that he gave Sexton 10*s*.

43,817. Yes, I think he told us that. We need not detain you longer, but I would impress upon you the very great importance, for your own sake, of clearing up this matter about Green, the plasterer. Although perhaps you yourself are not capable of taking any great physical exertion, you have a son who is young and active, and who ought to be very keen about your honour as well as his own?—I am very glad to see that it is cleared up by people who are utter strangers to me. I think I can rest upon those remarks very satisfactorily. I should like you to come to an acquaintance with those three people, but I think Mr. Green must have gone and told these people who volunteered their evidence.

43,818. You will bear that last remark of mine in mind?—Yes, I am correct. I will not turn from what I have said under any consideration.

Adjourned to the court.

J. B. Morgan.

JOHN BRANDRAM MORGAN sworn and examined.

43,819. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You were an active supporter of Sir Henry Stracey at the last election, were you not?—Yes.

43,820. Your name has been mentioned several times during the course of the present inquiry, and you having been an active supporter, I want to ask you, are you aware during the course of your progress in the assistance given by you to Sir Henry Stracey, or otherwise, of any sum of money or anything having been given to any man to induce him to vote?—No.

43,821. Were you active upon the day of the election?—I was at Yarmouth in the morning stopping there with my family, I came up by the first train, reaching Norwich I think about a quarter to 11, and left just after the election was over.

43,822. During the day were you traversing the city for the purpose of getting up voters?—Yes. I confined myself principally to my own neighbourhood.

43,823. Did you find that there were a considerable number of men who were hanging back?—Certainly hanging back.

43,824. Did they make any suggestion to you that they required payment?—No, no suggestion of the sort.

43,825. Was anything said about a day's pay, or anything of that kind?—Certainly not by any means generally. It might have been so in one or two, or three cases, but I so thoroughly turned a deaf ear to anything of the sort, saying that nothing whatever would be given.

43,826. Did you receive injunctions both to refrain yourself and see that others refrained from any illegal practices?—Yes; I should perhaps say that I was one of those that are sometimes called "heads of the party." I do not know for what reason, but we are so called. I was at the original meeting at which Sir Henry Stracey came into the room and acknowledged himself as our candidate. Sir Samuel Bignold, Mr. Patteson, Mr. Watson, Mr. Tuck, and myself were there, and others; in fact there were about eight or 10 of us, and Sir Henry Stracey distinctly said that if the election was not carried on upon strictly legal principles he would not stand.

43,827. Did you tacitly pledge yourself to Sir Henry Stracey that that should be the case?—Yes, I did so; it so thoroughly accorded with my own feelings and principles.

43,828. Not only tacitly but expressly?—Yes.

43,829. Did you do everything in your power to see that that pledge was carried out?—Yes, everything; and in fact my belief was that nothing was given, that was my belief till after the election was over, and in fact for some little time afterwards I believed it was a pure election. I stated in public more than once that I thought it was the purest election that had ever taken place in Norwich.

43,830. I need hardly ask you whether you yourself gave or offered any money whatever to any person upon the day of the election?—No, nor gave any promise.

43,831. Were you privy to it, either directly or indirectly?—No.

43,832. Do you know of any treating having been resorted to during the election?—No, certainly not.

43,833. Did you authorise any?—No, I authorised none. I knew it would be illegal, and I was perfectly satisfied that Sir Henry Stracey would disapprove of it most entirely. He expressed himself so to myself privately as well as at the public meeting to which I have referred. It so agreed with my own feelings that I would not sanction it.

43,834. You would know from your connexion with the city, I think most probably, whether there was any fund, subscription, or guarantee of any sort or kind for the purpose of supplying money for any purpose connected with the election other than that which we heard of afterwards?—No, there was none; there was no fund of the sort, because I think I should have heard of it had there been any such a thing, in the position I was; that is to say, if it were known by others in my position I should have known of it.

43,835. I may take it almost that you and Mr. Patteson were the two most active men in the city in support of Sir Henry Stracey?—I confined myself almost entirely to the neighbourhood around my own brewery, and as far as the station. I canvassed the station, and in fact I was rather active in the canvass for three or four days, or perhaps a week, before the election.

43,836. As far as activity in the support of Sir Henry Stracey is to be regarded, you and Mr. Patteson

seem almost to have been two of the most active men of the party in the city on his behalf?—Yes, I should think so, I took a great interest in it.

43,837. I only said that with a view to ascertain whether we had got those persons who are most likely to know anything?—Yes, I should say so. I do not know anybody that was more active than myself.

43,838. Have you any reason to suppose that any means were provided for the repayment of the money to Hardiment, or the repayment of any monies to those other persons whose names have transpired as persons having given bribes during the last election?—I do not know of any such fund at all.

43,839. Can you suggest to me any person who could have held out any inducement to them with regard to repayment?—No.

43,840. Can you suggest anybody?—You see, of course, one is a little influenced by having constantly read the evidence given here. I should not have suspected it before having read the evidence, and for this reason, that I believed the election was thoroughly pure.

43,841. Carrying your knowledge back, now has anything transpired which would enable you to give us any idea as to whether there was any person who could have guaranteed those persons their expenditure?—No, not the least. I never was so taken by surprise as when I read what had transpired.

43,842. We find there were a number of little bribers as well as those two persons who were more prominent in it; you are aware of nothing that will throw any light upon the matter?—No, I have not the slightest idea.

43,843. Have you an idea that that was not done independently on their own account?—I do not know Hardiment; in fact I do not know that I knew there was such a person till after the inquiry took place.

43,844. Is it your impression, may I ask you, from what you know of the city, and what you know of the circumstances connected with the last elections, that that was done of their own sheer impulse?—I think very likely, but I do not know what his position is, I mean his financial position.

43,845. He had the means of doing it beyond all question; we have ascertained that he had the means of credit?—Then I should think he is just the sort of man to do it, from a sort of bravado.

43,846. I am speaking with reference to what has transpired since, and what you know of the city, and would ask you whether you would come to the conclusion that there was anybody behind, or whether they were in fact doing it as their own independent speculation, not only those men but the other persons?—I should say so; it is just possible, although it is merely a suggestion of mine, that they might have trusted to chance to be repaid, but I cannot say even so much as that; it is merely my suggestion.

43,847. They might have done it with a speculation of repayment?—Yes, with a chance of being repaid or not.

43,848. And they may have looked for some remuneration for it besides?—Yes, exactly, it is possible.

43,849. Can you give us any other information which is material to the present inquiry?—No.

43,850. We have called everybody before us upon whom suspicion could attach. We have not called you before us because suspicion attached to you, but we have called you simply in order to ascertain whether you could give us any further information to assist us in carrying on the inquiry.—Had I any further information to give I should be most ready and willing to furnish it.

HENRY READ sworn and examined.

H. Read.

43,851. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you?—A harness maker.

43,852. You are not a voter for the city?—No.

43,853. Did you at the time of the election receive some money for the purpose of paying voters?—Yes.

43,854. From whom did you receive that money?—Robert Bunn.

43,855. How much was that in amount?—2*l.* I received it in four half sovereigns.

43,856. What did you do with that money?—I gave 10*s.* to Brock, and 5*s.* I also gave to Brock to give to another man of the name of Chenery; 7*s.* 6*d.* I gave to Lincoln, and the rest I spent about myself.

43,857. Is that all the money you received?—Yes, that is all I had.

43,858. Have you received any money since?—No.

43,859. Were you instrumental in treating voters?—No, not to half a pint of beer.

43,860. Is that the whole amount of your work during the election?—Yes.

43,861. Did you take up any voters?—No, not one.

43,862. What hour of the day was it that Bunn gave you the money?—It was some time after 3, but I do not know exactly, between 3 and 4.

43,863. Where was it that he gave it to you?—At the corner of Ber Street.

43,864. Was anyone present?—No, no one, only him and me.

43,865. Are you aware of Bunn giving money to anyone else?—No, only as I have read it in the paper.

43,866. Were you about the whole day?—Yes.

43,867. Did you see Durrant during the election?—I saw him in the afternoon.

43,868. Getting voters?—No.

43,869. What did you see him about?—I saw him standing by his own shop door at the time I received the 2*l.*; it was very near there that I received it.

43,870. Did you see him taking any part in the election?—No, not any.

43,871. Did you see him receive any money?—No.

43,872. Is that all you can tell us about this last election?—That is all I know. I know nothing more.

43,873. Have you ever been engaged at other elections here?—I was here at Waters' election.

43,874. Did you get anything then?—Yes, a little, but very little, 2*l.* or 3*l.*

43,875. To put about in the same way?—No, I kept that myself.

43,876. Were you a voter then?—Yes.

43,877. Do you recollect who paid you the money?—Yes.

43,878. Who was it?—Bunn.

43,879. That is the reason he came to you this time?—Yes, very likely.

43,880. Upon any other occasion have you been concerned in any elections?—No, not in any other.

43,881. Have you received nothing since?—No, nothing.

THOMAS CUBITT sworn and examined.

T. Cubitt.

43,882. (*Mr. Biron.*) What are you?—I am a publican.

43,883. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

43,884. For whom?—Sir Henry Stracey.

43,885. At what time in the day?—I think I was the third in the booth at which I voted in the morning.

43,886. You were pretty active that day on the part of Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes, I did what I could for him, and persuaded all I could to vote for him.

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T. Cubitt.

16 Oct. 1869.

43,887. Were there men at your house that day?—Yes, a great many backwards and forwards.

43,888. And there were a good many, I suppose, reluctant to vote?—There was a great many hanging back.

43,889. Did you treat any of them?—Not to vote; not till after the election.

43,890. Did you say, "Go and vote"?—No, I gave no inducement whatever. A lot said they would not go without they were treated, but I dare not do it. I thought the law was very stringent, and I was very particular about it.

43,891. What did you say?—I persuaded them to go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey.

43,892. Did you stand any beer at all that day?—I did not give anyone a pint or half a pint on my oath, not till after the election was over.

43,893. Were there any men that came into your house to treat the voters?—I daresay folks came in for a pot or two of beer. I believe Mr. Maris came in and stood a pot.

43,894. How much did he stand?—I do not think it was above a pot.

43,895. Did anybody else stand anything, that you remember?—No, I do not remember; there was no treating during the day, not that I can remember.

43,896. Were there no orders for large quantities of beer to be taken in in gallons at a time?—No, no one gave orders for anything.

43,897. Did anyone come to your place with money to bribe voters?—No, I do not think there was any money in the seventh ward. I never see any, and never heard of any. I was surprised when I heard there was any at the other places. I never see any.

43,898. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, nor I never did, not at any election.

43,899. Nor the promise of anything?—No.

F. Amiss.

FRANK AMISS recalled and further examined.

43,900. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Have you got a list of those persons who went to the hall on the nomination day?—I have that list that I made out yesterday, and I have made out a list, as you requested, of those that were at the supper. I wish to make one remark, that I hope the Commissioners will not draw the inference that all the men at the supper were at the nomination; there might be a few of them, but not the greater portion of them.

43,901. The greater portion of those that were at the nomination were at the supper, were they not?—No, I think not, the greater proportion of them.

43,902. Cannot you give us the names of those who were at the nomination simply?—I got the list of them that I could remember out yesterday.

43,903. I should not draw the conclusion necessarily that all who were at the supper were at the nomination, but, unless we had some further information, the presumption would be almost that that would be the case. If you have the two lists that will save us great trouble?—That (*handing a paper*) is what I can remember of those that were at the nomination, and this (*handing another paper*) is the list of them that I can remember that were at the supper. Any information that I can give you of them that were at the supper I will give you. You will find the residence is given as near as we can give it. Mr. Hastings was under the impression that we kept a book giving the residences of the men, but we do not.

43,904. The greater portion of these men that were at the nomination were also at the supper?—No, those on the list for the nomination were none of them at the supper, but a few of those who were at the supper were at the nomination.

43,905. Do you mean that none of those that were at the nomination were at the supper?—I have drawn out a lot of men who were not at the supper, and some of those no doubt were at the nomination, a small proportion of them.

43,906. This is not an entire list of the men who were at the nomination?—Yes, as far as I can remember that is the one.

43,907. (*Mr. Biron.*) You have not been able to remember all the names?—No; unfortunately I did not keep the list, and I am sorry to think I did not, because it would have saved a lot of trouble. Those are the names of them that I can remember were there.

43,908. There are only 46 in this list?—That is all I can remember, but there were a great many more there. Probably there may have been a few of those in the other list who were there. I will not say they were not.

43,909. I do not find that any of the men who were at the nomination were at the supper?—No, you will not find them; those are the men that I could remember were at the nomination, and you asked for a list of those that were at the supper, and we have got that out.

43,910. Do you mean to say you do not recollect any of the men who were at the nomination being at the supper?—Yes; I daresay there might be a few of them.

43,911. Have you compared *this* at all with the list of those that were at the supper?—No, I have not looked at it, to the best of my knowledge.

43,912. It may be that a good number of these men are included in the supper list. Looking at this list can you tell me whether any of them were at the supper?—No. They were at the supper that are on that list. Any information that I can give I shall be happy to furnish.

43,913. Have you looked over the list of those who were at the supper to see whether some of them were not at the nomination?—I had better go over it to see whether any of those men were there. There might be a small proportion of them, but not the general body of them were not there.

43,914. Could you mark upon the list of those who were at the supper those persons who you recollect were at the nomination?—I will endeavour to do so.

43,915. I suppose they would be pretty nearly all householders?—I cannot say. I think a great many of them would not be householders, not the young lads.

43,916. You have been many years in the service of Messrs. Barnard and Bishop; have they generally had a supper after an election?—Yes, they generally have had. It has been the custom.

43,917. After an election?—Yes.

43,918. And I suppose it has been a supper conducted in the same way as the last?—Yes, generally.

43,919. For Conservative workmen?—Yes.

W. Turner.

WILLIAM TURNER sworn and examined.

43,920. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What do you do for a living?—I hawk potatoes about.

43,921. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Henry Stracey.

43,922. What did you get for it?—Nothing.

43,923. At what time did you vote?—It was half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

43,924. Were you not promised anything for voting?—No, nothing.

43,925. Did your wife get anything?—No, nothing at all.

43,926. Was nothing left for you at your house?—No, nothing.

43,927. Have you had anything since?—No.

43,928. Did you get treated that day?—No, not half a glass of beer from anybody.

43,929. I suppose you were looking about for what you could get?—No, I was not at home that day not till 3 o'clock, I was out in the country after my business.

43,930. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—No, I went and voted on my own account for Sir Henry Stracey.

JAMES WILLIAM GENT recalled and further examined.

43,931. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you? — A plumber.

43,932. What were you doing during the day of the election?—Nothing particular, I was about and about. I do not know that I stopped anywhere half an hour in particular.

43,933. Who were you about with?—Sometimes one person and sometimes another. I think the chief of my time was with a Mr. Abel, in St. Martin's.

43,934. The horse dealer?—No, he lives in Chapel Fields; this is another man.

43,935. Were you about with Hardiment that day?—No.

43,936. Do you know Hardiment?—I know him very well.

43,937. How much money did you get from him that day?—Not a farthing.

43,938. Did you not get a farthing from anybody?—No.

43,939. Not to give to any other man?—No.

43,940. Did you not take up anybody?—No.

43,941. Have you got nothing since;—No.

43,942. Were you promised anything?—No; the case you are aware of was with Notley and me, and that was the only thing I had to do with in the shape of money, that was the 5*s.* that you know of.

43,943. Who gave you the 5*s.*?—Nobody; there was no money given.

43,944. (*Mr. Biron.*) You promised 5*s.*?—I said if he would go there would be 5*s.* for him, but I had no reason to promise it; it would have been out of my own pocket if I had given it.

43,945. Was that the only promise you gave?—Yes; the chief man I was with was Mr. William Abel, at St. Martin's-at-Oak.

43,946. Is that the only man you got to vote by promising 5*s.*?—That is the only man; the man did not vote.

43,947. Did you not try to make other people vote?—No.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) This court will now stand adjourned, with the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, to London for the present. But before quitting the city we think it right to express to the corporation, and to those who have superintended our arrangements, and especially to the police who have been in attendance here, our very thankful acknowledgments for the efficient assistance they have rendered to us, both in the preservation of order and in arranging the attendance of the witnesses The manner in which those duties have been performed we are satisfied has saved the city a very large sum of money, which would have been expended in the protraction of the proceedings if that order and strict regularity which they have ensured had not been secured through their attendance. We cannot leave the city without expressing also to the guardians of the poor and the officers employed by them our sense of the very great service they have rendered to us in reducing the number of persons whom we should otherwise have felt it to be our duty to call before us, in order to elicit the facts which we had to inquire into. It has not only saved the city a very large amount of expense, but it has also saved a very considerable portion of its inhabitants the inconvenience of attending here, and the sort of unpleasant reflection which it might have exposed them to of their being summoned and mixed up with a class of persons whose conduct has been of the most equivocal character. We feel that both those bodies have rendered us the most efficient and valuable assistance. I only wish that other inhabitants had also afforded us that assistance, and that we had not experienced obstacles on their part. We also fear that the encouragement which has been given by them to persons to withhold information has led to many of those spectacles which have been to us a source of signal pain and annoyance in the course of our inquiries.

Adjourned.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

House of Commons, Saturday, 20th November 1869.

ARTHUR HUNT sworn and examined.

43,948. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You reside in Norwich?—Yes.

43,949. And you are a dealer in fowls and pigs?—Yes.

43,950. Were you a voter at the last election?—Yes.

43,951. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Henry Stracey.

43,952. At what time in the day?—I do not know exactly what time I voted, but it was some time in the afternoon, about 3 o'clock.

43,953. Did you take any part in the election before the day?—No, not at all.

43,954. Did you not canvass any voters?—No.

43,955. Did you not ask any persons to vote?—No.

43,956. Not before the day of the election?—No.

43,957. At the time of the election were you living or was the place of your abode the "Trumpet" public-house?—I have a stable there; that is close to my home.

43,958. On the day of the election were you at the "Trumpet"?—Yes.

43,959. At what time did you go there?—About 8 o'clock; between 8 and 9 in the morning; I cannot exactly say the time, but it was early in the morning.

43,960. Did you remain there till the time when you went to vote?—Yes. I do not believe that I scarcely left the door. I do not believe that I went two yards from the door of the house.

43,961. Were there a number of persons there during the day who were voters?—There were a good many, I believe.

43,962. Do you recollect Sir Henry Stracey coming there in the course of the day?—I just remember it.

43,963. Did he come into the room called the market room?—Yes.

43,964. And you were there at that time?—Yes.

43,965. Were there at that time a number of voters in the room?—The room was full; how many there were there I cannot say.

43,966. I believe that he addressed the voters?—He said something to them; I do not know what it was.

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43,967. Do you recollect anything being said to him as to what they wanted?—No.

43,968. Before that time had there been any conversation about what the men who were staying in the public-house wanted?—I never heard it.

43,969. Do you not recollect anything being said to Sir Henry Stracey by the men who were there about rates, or anything of that sort?—No; I do not know what he did say.

43,970. Do you recollect what they said to him?—No.

43,971. Mr. Patteson, I believe, was with them?—They said it was Mr. Patteson. I did not know him till a day or two afterwards. I believe he was there; they told me that afterwards.

43,972. How long did Sir Henry Stracey stay there?—Two or three minutes, I should think.

43,973. Did you go out with Sir Henry Stracey?—I do not remember speaking to him at all.

43,974. Do you not recollect going to the door with him?—No, I do not.

43,975. Do you recollect speaking to him outside?—No, I do not.

43,976. When he was getting into his carriage?—No.

43,977. What time in the day was it, do you recollect?—I cannot say; about the middle part of the day, I believe. I do not know the time.

43,978. After he had gone do you recollect being in the market room?—Well, I go all over the house; I did go back into the market room, I believe.

43,979. Was there then a talk between the people who were there as to what they wanted?—I did not hear it.

43,980. You recollect talking to them about 5*s.*, do you not?—No, I do not.

43,981. Pray be careful.—I do not.

43,982. Do you mean to say that you do not recollect talking to any men about money at all?—No, I do not.

43,983. You know Smith who is a fowl dealer?—Yes.

43,984. He was there in the room, was he not?—Yes, he was there.

43,985. Do you recollect offering the men a crown and their objecting to it, and his saying that he would give a sovereign and make it up 7*s.* 6*d.*?—No.

43,986. Do you recollect giving the men money?—No. I recollect it being said that I gave money. I was tipsy, I am aware.

43,987. This was the middle of the day; how was it that you came to be so drunk?—I never gave any money away at the time I was sober. I am quite sure of that.

43,988. But do you not recollect giving it away when you were drunk?—I can recollect giving something away to some men.

43,989. And did you not give it to them to vote?—I do not know; I was drunk.

43,990. Did you not give them money to vote?—No; I did not know whether they voted or not.

43,991. But was there not a talk about their voting?—No.

43,992. Pray be careful.—I do not remember it.

43,993. Surely you must recollect parting with money and giving it for some purpose?—I remember giving somebody money, I have a slight recollection of that; but what it was for, or who it was given to, I do not know.

43,994. Were you not all talking about the election?—In the course of the forenoon we were talking about it perhaps.

43,995. You were a strong supporter of Sir Henry Stracey's, were you not?—I do not know for that; I never spoke to him in my life; I might mention it; very likely I did.

43,996. But you were that way inclined?—Yes.

43,997. You voted for him?—Yes.

43,998. You were sober enough to go up and vote for him?—I do not remember at what time I did vote.

43,999. But you recollect voting for him?—I am blowed if I do; I did not know where I went to until I was told.

44,000. Were you in the habit of getting drunk?—No.

44,001. How came you to be so drunk this morning that you do not know what you were about?—I am not drunk now.

44,002. I mean that morning?—I was over excited.

44,003. Were you not excited about the election?—My inclination was that way; I wished to see Sir Henry Stracey returned.

44,004. Having that feeling, did you not talk to the men who were there, and who had votes, about voting for him?—No; I do not remember such a thing.

44,005. Do you recollect who were the men who were in the room?—I remember four or five of them, I think.

44,006. Just give me their names. I mean the men who were drinking there that morning?—I do not know all of them; I can tell you the names of some; there was Barnes, he was one, and Fuller.

44,007. Is that Fuller the brother of the landlord?—Yes, and Cracknell, and Wright, and Ward, and Mr. Smith was there.

44,008. Was that Smith, the painter?—No, the fowl dealer.

44,009. Do you know Smith, the painter?—Yes, I do.

44,010. Was he there?—I think he was there in the forenoon, or some part of the time.

44,011. Do you know Bygrave?—I know him by sight; I never spoke to him in my life.

44,012. Was he there?—I do not remember seeing him.

44,013. Who else was there?—I do not know who else was there; there were lots of people coming backwards and forwards; I did not know who they were.

44,014. How many were there in the room?—There might be 15 or 16 of them.

44,015. Was young Smith there, the son?—I do not remember seeing him there.

44,016. Do you not recollect Smith speaking to the men about a sovereign?—I do not.

44,017. What money had you in your pocket that morning?—About 10*l.*, I think; I cannot say to a shilling or two.

44,018. Where did you get that money from?—It was my own; I earned it.

44,019. Had anybody given you any money?—Not a farthing.

44,020. Did nobody give you any money on the day of the election?—Not a farthing.

44,021. Did anybody promise you any money?—No.

44,022. What made you get so drunk on this day?—I was there all day.

44,023. How much money had you in your pocket at the end of the day?—I missed 2*s.* or 3*s.* of 6*l.*

44,024. Did you count your money at night?—Not till the next day.

44,025. How much money had you in your pocket on the morning of the election?—I had about 10*l.*

44,026. And you say that the next morning you only had within 2*s.* or 3*s.* of 6*l.*?—Yes.

44,027. Had you not parted with more?—No.

44,028. Do you recollect going upstairs?—I remember going up in the forenoon two or three different times.

44,029. Do you recollect going up with a lot of men who went up with you to the bagatelle room?—I do not know; they said I did, and I cannot contradict them.

44,030. Do you recollect a number of men going up into the bagatelle room with you and talking to you there?—No, I do not.

44,031. Before you went up into that room, do you not recollect that the men were talking about the election?—It was mentioned, I believe.

44,032. Was it not said that they wanted some money?—I never heard it.

44,033. Did you not ask them to go and vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I might mention that; I am not certain that I did not.

44,034. Did you not mention it?—I do not remember saying so.

44,035. Do you mean to say that you did not say, "Well, you go and vote for Stracey"?—I might say so. I do not say that I did not, but I do not remember saying so.

44,036–7. I caution you, and tell you that I have got your evidence before me. Did you not say, "Well, you go and vote for Stracey"?—I do not remember saying so, but I do not know that I did not.

44,038. Did you not say, "Go on, and I will give you so and so; I will give you 7*s.* 6*d.* apiece"?—I do not remember saying any such thing.

44,039. You have been examined before?—Yes.

44,040. If you then said that, is it false?—I do not remember saying any such thing.

44,041. Do you mean to say that that is false?—I would not say; I was tipsy.

44,042. You were not tipsy when you were examined before?—No.

44,043. Did you not say when you were sworn before that you said, "Well, you go and vote for Stracey;" and "Go on, and I will give you so and so; I will give you 7*s.* 6*d.* apiece"?—No, I do not remember it.

44,044. Will you swear that you did not say that when you were examined before?—I do not think I did.

44,045. Will you undertake to swear that you did not?—I do not think I did; I do not remember it.

44,046. Did not the judge ask you this: "You "said, 'If you will go and vote for Stracey I will "give you money,'" is that correct? and did you not say "Yes"?—I do not remember it.

44,047. Will you undertake to swear that you did not say that before the judge?—No, I will not.

44,048. You recollect seeing Mr. Edward Stracey there, do you not?—The young gentleman?

44,049. Yes.—I saw him outside the door.

44,050. Was anybody with him?—No.

44,051. He was alone?—Yes.

44,052. Was it after his father had been there that you saw him?—No, it was in the morning time about 10 o'clock when young Mr. Stracey was there.

44,053. That was before you got drunk?—Yes.

44,054. What did Mr. Stracey come there for?—I cannot say.

44,055. What did he say to you?—I spoke to him first.

44,056. What did you say to him?—I said, "I think there are some voters here for you, sir."

44,057. And what did he say to that?—He said, "Bring them up, my man, as quick as possible."

44,058. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) That was at 10 o'clock?—Yes.

44,059. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Did you tell him that they wanted some money?—No.

44,060. They did want money, did they not?—I do not know.

44,061. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What were the names of the men who were there then?—I have told you, Wright, Ward, and others.

44,062. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) They were men who would not vote without money, were they not?—I do not know.

44,063. They were there at 10 o'clock in the morning, and were talking about the election?—I do not remember what they said.

44,064. But you knew they were voters for Stracey?—No, I did not.

44,065. Then how came you to say to Mr. Edward Stracey, "Here are some voters for you"?—I said, "Here are some voters;" and he said, "Bring them up as quick as possible."

44,066. How came you to say that unless you had been talking to them about the election?—It might have been mentioned; I do not know.

44,067. Was it not mentioned?—I do not remember about its being mentioned at all.

44,068. He told you to tell them to go up as quick as possible. Did you upon that go and talk to the men to induce them to go up?—No.

44,069. Do you mean to say that you did not talk to the men about going up?—No.

44,070. How came you not to do it?—I do not know, I am sure; it was no interest to me.

44,071. But you had been talking to Mr. Edward Stracey about it, and you say that you took an interest in Sir Henry Stracey's election?—I have no recollection of having said anything of the sort.

44,072. How came you, having had that conversation with Mr. Edward Stracey, not to go to the voters and try to get them to go up and vote?—I do not know.

44,073. You saw Mr. Edward Stracey there, and you had that conversation with him. Did Mr. Stracey come into the house?—I did not see him.

44,074. Did you not expect some money?—No.

44,075. Was nothing said about money?—No.

44,076. How came you to part with 4*l.*?—I was drunk and over excited.

44,077. When a man is drunk that will not make him part with 4*l.* without some reason for it?—I should not have done it if I had not been drunk.

44,078. But how came you to part with 4*l.* You did not do it because you were drunk?—I was drunk. I did not know what I was doing, or else I should not have done it.

44,079. You do not part with 4*l.* every time you get drunk, do you?—I do not often get drunk. I had not need.

44,080. But when you do, do you part with 4*l.* without anybody promising to repay you?—I never had no promise at all.

44,081. Was any money given to you?—No.

44,082. Unless something was said to you about it how came you to part with 4*l.*; people do not pick up sums of 4*l.* in the street every day?—No. I wish I could.

44,083. Why did you part with this 4*l.*?—Because I was foolish.

44,084. How foolish?—I did not know what I was doing.

44,085. You know Smith the fowl dealer well?—Yes; he is my landlord.

44,086. He was the landlord also of several of the other men who were in the "Trumpet" at this time, was he not?—I think two or three of them are his tenants; Ward is his tenant, and Wright is his tenant. I do not know anyone else.

44,087. Who were his tenants among those who were there?—Ward and Wright, I do not know any more.

44,088. Was Smith a tenant of his?—I do not think he is. I do not know.

44,089. Who were the other men who were tenants?—I do not know; he owns all that place about there, but I do not know who are his tenants.

44,090. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Were all these men drunk?—I do not know.

44,091. Was Smith drunk?—I believe he was tipsy.

44,092. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Old Smith?—The fowl dealer.

44,093. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Was he drunk all day?—I do not know about all day.

44,094. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Smith is called a gentleman; do you mean to say that he was drunk in a public-house all day?—He very often gets drunk.

44,095. But he was not so drunk as you were; you were so drunk as not to know what you were doing, and you have forgotten every single thing that you did. Have you talked this matter over with Smith since?—No.

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44,096. Have you never talked to him about it?—We were talking about it coming here in the train.

44,097. Did you talk to him about it before you were examined before the judge?—No; I will not say but what it has been mentioned.

44,098. You have talked about it, and he has told you that you gave 7*s.* 6*d.* to the men?—I have been told so.

44,099. He told you so, did he not?—No; he did not tell me that at all.

44,100. Have you talked to young Smith about it?—No.

44,101. Have you never had any conversation with young Smith about it?—No.

44,102. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Who asked you for your vote at this election?—Not anyone.

44,103. Did you promise your vote?—No.

44,104. Had you no communication with any person upon the subject of your vote before the day of the election?—No.

44,105. Did you not talk to anyone about your vote before that day?—No.

44,106. Did you ever take any part in an election at Norwich before?—I never had a vote before.

44,107. Do you mean to say that on this occasion, when you had a vote for the first time, you never spoke a word about the election, or about the candidates, to anyone before the day of the polling?—I did not.

44,108. Had you never told anybody that you meant to support Sir Henry Stracey?—No.

44,109. Had you known young Mr. Stracey by sight before?—I had seen him before, but I had never spoken to him in my life.

44,110. When he came to the "Trumpet" did he speak to you first, or did you speak to him?—I spoke to him first.

44,111. And he was the first person to whom you spoke about the election?—Yes.

44,112. You taking a great interest in the success of Sir Henry Stracey?—I never took any interest in it.

44,113. You said at the beginning of your examination that you had determined to support him, and that he was your man?—I was that way inclined. I wished to give him my vote, that was all I wished to do.

44,114. You never mentioned the subject to anyone?—No.

44,115. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you recollect Mr. Edward Stracey coming there after his father left?—No.

44,116. (*Mr. Biron.*) Why did you not vote earlier in the day?—I do not know. I never gave it a thought. I did not know that it was of any consequence when I voted.

44,117. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You said that young Mr. Stracey asked you to go and get those men to go and vote early?—I told Mr. Stracey that there were some voters there.

44,118. (*Mr. Biron.*) And he said, "Then go and get them up at once"?—Yes.

44,119. You knew it was important that they should go and vote at once?—I do not understand electioneering.

44,120. But you were told by Mr. Edward Stracey to get them to go up at once?—Yes, but I did not follow his example.

44,121. When you said, "Here are some voters," Mr. Edward Stracey said, "Then go and get them up at once"?—Yes, he said so.

44,122. You knew, then, that he thought it important to get the voters to go up at once?—I should have done so if I had any interest in it, but I had not.

44,123. You had interest enough in it to tell him that there were voters there. He said, "Then go and get them to go up at once;" why did not you yourself go up at once?—I did not know that it was of any consequence when I voted.

44,124. He told you to go and get them to go up at once?—That had nothing to do with me.

44,125. You told him that there were voters there, and he said, "Get them to go up at once." When he said that, did you not know that it was important that they should go up at once?—No, I did not.

44,126. You remember the judge coming down, I suppose?—Yes.

44,127. Did any gentleman come to you to ask what evidence you could give?—No.

44,128. Did not Dawson come to you?—No.

44,129. You know Mr. Skipper's office?—Yes.

44,130. Were you taken there?—No, I was told to go by some person.

44,131. And did you go there?—Yes.

44,132. Did you then say what it was that you knew about the doings at the "Trumpet"?—Only what I have now said, that I was drunk and foolish, and did not know what I did. I told him what people told me I did, that I fooled away money and gave money, but what for I did not know.

44,133. Do you mean to say that is what you told him?—I did.

44,134. We can learn from whoever took your story down there what you did say. You were examined soon afterwards, you know?—I am telling you the truth.

44,135. Do you mean to say that you told him you recollected nothing about it?—I do.

44,136. Your landlord, Mr. Smith, is pretty well off, is he not?—Yes.

44,137. Did he not tell you that he would give you back any money you spent that day?—No, he did not.

44,138. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Has he given it you back?—No.

44,139. Or allowed it to you in rent?—No.

44,140. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did you never talk this matter over with Smith until you were coming up in the train this morning?—No. I might have said that if I had been sober I should not have got into this muddle.

44,141. You and Smith came to offer yourselves for examination at Norwich.—I was subpœnaed.

44,142. But you asked to be examined?—By whom?

44,143. By us down at Norwich?—I do not remember that.

44,144. You came into court one morning and asked to be examined. Do you mean to say that when you were waiting there you did not talk the matter over with Smith?—No.

44,145. What time on the election day was it when you lost your recollection?—I was drinking all the day, and I did not know what I was doing after dinner time.

44,146. When was that?—One o'clock, we will say.

44,147. You recollect nothing that happened after 1 o'clock; is that your story?—No, I do not.

44,148. How did you know that these men were voters for Sir Henry Stracey?—I did not know that they would vote for him more than for anyone else, only I heard them say they had a vote.

44,149. Did you hear them say who they would vote for?—No.

44,150. What did they say about voting?—Only that they had a vote, that is all they told me; in fact I was aware that they had votes, because they all lived close by me.

44,151. Had you heard them talking about the way they were going to vote?—No.

44,152. Had you heard them say that they would not vote without money?—No; I never heard of such a thing as that.

44,153. Without money or a day's pay?—I never heard that mentioned.

44,154. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) After young Mr. Stracey came to the "Trumpet," did anyone else come there that you spoke to?—I do not recollect it.

44,155. Did you see Mr. Gowing there?—I did not see him.

44,156. Did you see no one?—People came in and took a glass of ale; people came in and out.

44,157. When you went to Mr. Skipper's office, were you not asked who you had received money from?—No.

44,158. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

44,159. Was nothing said about it?—I told him how I had committed myself; that was all I said about it.

44,160. Did you tell that to Mr. Skipper?—No. I do not know who it was I said it to.

44,161. Had you any conversation with Dawson before the trial of the petition?—No. I never spoke to him to the best of my recollection.

44,162. Who was it that you spoke to at Mr. Skipper's office?—I do not know; there were two gentlemen.

44,163. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Do you not recollect seeing somebody on the part of Mr. Tillett, who afterwards required your attendance as a witness; they came and asked you what you could say, did they not?—No.

44,164. They never came and asked you what you could say?—No.

44,165. Can you tell me when it was that you saw Dawson?—At the election time?

44,166. Yes.—I do not remember seeing him then.

44,167. You saw him after the election I suppose?—Yes.

44,168. When did you see him?—I spoke to him yesterday.

44,169. What did you say?—I told Mr. Dawson that I had received a subpœna to London.

44,170. And what did he say?—He said, "Then you must go," and I said, "Yes."

44,171. Why did you tell Dawson that you had received a subpœna?—I do not know. I told two or three people of it.

44,172. But why did you tell it to Dawson?—We used to have a glass together.

44,173. When had you your last glass with Dawson?—Yesterday.

44,174. When had you your last glass before that?—I do not remember.

44,175. How many months ago?—I cannot say.

44,176. Yesterday after you had got your summons how came it that you happened to see Dawson and have a glass with him?—I met him in St. Stephen's.

44,177. (*Mr. Biron.*) By appointment?—No.

44,178. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You were looking for him, I suppose?—No, I was not.

44,179. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) You stopped him?—Yes. I said, "Mr. Dawson, I have got a subpœna for London."

44,180. Where did you go to?—I had to go to Mr. Abel's.

44,181. What about?—I had told him about a cock that there was to sell, and he had told me to go and try and buy it, and he would give me a sovereign, and I told him afterwards that I could not go as I had to go to London.

44,182. Why did you talk to Dawson about it?—I do not know. I told lots of people that I had to go to London.

44,183. How came he to tell you that you must go?—I showed him the paper.

44,184. Had you any doubt about coming?—No.

44,185. Why did you ask him about it?—I do not know. I did not ask him. I showed him the paper and told him that I had to come.

44,186. Why did you show him the paper?—I do not know. I showed it to lots of people.

44,187. Did you show it to them to ask their advice as to coming?—No, not for advice at all.

44,188–9. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you know Mr. Fisher?—The grocer? Yes, I slightly know him.

44,190. When did you see him last?—I saw him one day last week.

44,191. What passed between you then?—Not anything; he is a man that does not talk much to me. I do not know that I ever spoke to him ten words in my life.

44,192. Did you see him during the election?—No.

44,193. Had you no communication with him at all then?—No.

44,194. Did you know Mr. Parker, the grocer?—Yes.

44,195. Did you have any communication with him during the election?—I never spoke to him in my life.

44,196. Do you know Mr. Stockings, the chemist?—Yes.

44,197. Did you ever speak to him about the election?—No.

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44,198. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) What are you by trade?—I am out of business now, and have been for two years and a half.

44,199. You have retired on considerable means, and are the owner of house property?—I have house property. I have a list of my tenants here (*producing a paper and handing it to the Commissioners*). I had it in my pocket at Norwich, though I was not called on, and there is not a soul among them who will say that I ever asked them to vote in any shape or form whatever.

44,200. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Is this which you have produced a list of the persons who were your tenants at the time of the last election?—Yes.

44,201. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You took an active part in the last election?—I never did take an active part in any election. I never was a party man in my life.

44,202. Was your vote canvassed at the last election?—No, not for Norwich.

44,203. Did you promise anyone to vote?—No, I did not. I never was asked.

44,204. Did you canvass other people to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I never on any occasion canvassed any man. I never was a party man in my life, and I should not have been in that house only a man named Cooper asked me to go into the "Trumpet." I never was in that house before in my life. After I had voted I was going up to see how Cooper was getting on with some painting he was doing to some houses, and as I passed the "Trumpet" he called me in.

44,205. What time in the day was it when you were called into the "Trumpet"?—About 10.

44,206. After you had voted?—Yes, and I went in and we had glass after glass and I got tipsy.

44,207. How long did you remain at the "Trumpet"?—I do not recollect coming home at all. I do not know when I did come away.

44,208. Do you recollect seeing Sir Henry Stracey at the "Trumpet"?—I recollect his coming there, and they hurrah'd when he came in. I was in the bar room.

44,209. Did you speak to him?—I never spoke to the man in my life.

44,210. Did you see Mr. Edward Stracey that day?—I do not know him.

44,211. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Was there a younger gentleman who was there about 10 o'clock?—No.

44,212. Who afterwards came with Mr. John Bignold; do you recollect his coming?—No.

44,213. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Do you recollect any person coming to the "Trumpet" and speaking to you about the progress of the election?—No, I do not.

44,214. In which room were you at the "Trumpet"?—I cannot tell.

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44,215. When you went into the "Trumpet" in the morning how much money had you in your pocket?—As nigh as I can tell four or five shillings.

44,216. Did you get some more money in the course of the day?—No, certainly not.

44,217. Had you no money left when you went home?—At my house do you mean?

44,218. Yes.—No.

44,219. Or in your pocket?—No.

44,220. Do you mean to say that during the polling day you only had four or five shillings about you?—That is all, and when I got up the next morning I think I had about threepence halfpenny.

44,221. Did you receive any money in the course of the day from anyone?—Certainly not.

44,222. Did you give any money away?—I had none to give away.

44,223. Did you see any money given away in that house?—No.

44,224. Were you present when a bargain was made between certain voters and Hunt?—Not that I know of. If I did I know nothing about it.

44,225. Do you mean to say that you did not promise any money to anyone that day?—Certainly not, why should I? I would not give 5*s.* for Sir Henry Stracey, why should I? There are the names of all my tenants there (*referring to the paper handed in*), and I defy any of them to say that I ever forced his vote in any shape or way.

44,226. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) But there were other people besides your tenants who were at the "Trumpet" that day?—Very likely. If I had been a man for bribing, I should have worked among my tenants that I am with every Monday, and not a soul can say that I named voting to him in any shape or form. I never was an electioneering man in my life. I never took any part in it; I never took delight in it; I am as apt to vote Liberal as Tory; I vote for the man and not for the colour. I voted for Peto and Warner.

44,227. But at the last election you voted for Sir Henry Stracey?—I did.

44,228. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you not offer any men 2*s.* 6*d.* apiece for voting?—Not to the best of my knowledge. I had no money.

44,229. But you might have borrowed it, you know, or obtained it in some way?—No, I did not.

44,230. What time in the day was it that you became so drunk that you ceased to recollect anything?—I got in about 10 o'clock, and Cooper and I sat, and it was drink, drink, drink. I got home about half-past 3 or a quarter to 4, but I know nothing about going home. I do not recollect leaving the house at all. I never was in that house before in my life.

44,231. Your property is in that neighbourhood, is it not?—Yes; that was what brought me there.

44,232. And you knew all the people living about there, and many of them were your own tenants?—I should think that within five minutes' walk there are 100 tenants of mine; here are the names of them, and not one of them can tell you that I ever asked him for a vote in any shape or form.

44,233. Did you not give a promise to any of them in order to induce them to vote?—No. I never named a vote; not one of my tenants can say that I ever named a vote in any shape or form whatsoever.

44,234. Do you recollect seeing Hunt at the "Trumpet" that day?—I saw him there several times before I lost myself.

44,235. You talked with him about the election, I suppose?—No, not anything of the sort. I and Mr. Cooper sat there drinking all day.

44,236. Which Mr. Cooper is that?—He is a plumber, glazier, and painter.

44,237. Did you see Mr. George Gowing there that day?—I think I saw him come in that day, I am not certain.

44,238. He was getting up voters, was he not?—I do not know. I was not anywise interested, nor did I take any part towards voters or anybody else.

44,239. Are you quite sure that when you were so drunk as you describe yourself to have been, you did not make promises to anyone of money to vote?—Why should I?

44,240. Are you sure that you did not?—I am certain I did not.

44,241. You can recollect that?—I am certain I did not; why should I? I am not so liberal as that.

44,242. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Will you swear that you did not?—I will.

44,243. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) You were sober enough to enable you to recollect that?—I will swear that I would not give a penny piece to any man to vote.

44,244. And you did not promise anything?—No.

44,245. As your memory is so good on that point, perhaps you can remember whether you did not hear people asked at the "Trumpet" for their votes?—No. I would not have anything to do with it for anybody's sake.

44,246. Did you not hear other people talk about what money was to be had for voting?—Well, I was in the bar.

44,247. Did you not know that the two Fullers were about there?—I did not; I heard they were, but what they did I cannot say.

44,248. Do you not know that there was money going at the "Trumpet"?—I have heard so since.

44,249. Did you not know it on that day?—No.

44,250. How soon did you know it?—I heard it the next day. I heard Hunt say that he had fooled away 5*l.* or 6*l.*

44,251. Did you hear of any other money being got rid of?—No.

44,252. Did you not hear of 7*s.* 6*d.* a vote being paid?—No.

44,253. (*Mr. Biron.*) Did Hunt ask you for the pound you had promised to stand?—Never in my life; if he had he would not have got it.

44,254. Did he not ask you for it the very next day?—Never.

44,255. Did he say how he had fooled away his money?—He said that he had fooled away his money, and that he would not get it any more, and I said I I supposed not.

44,256. Did he tell you how he had fooled his money away?—He said he had given it to people to vote.

44,257. Where was he when he said that?—I met him in the market.

44,258. Was anybody else present at the time?—No.

44,259. Did he tell you how many he had got for it?—No, he did not.

44,260. Did he say what he gave them each?—No; he said that he had fooled away 5*l.* or 6*l.* I said, "More fool you. I would not fool away 5*l.* or 6*l.* myself." No more I would for no man.

44,261. What did he say?—He said that he would not have done it if he had not been drunk.

44,262. Did he tell you who he meant to apply to for the money?—No; he never named it to me.

44,263. He only told you that he had fooled it away, and that he gave it to men to vote?—Yes.

44,264. Did you see him on the polling day?—I saw him two or three times about the house.

44,265. How was he?—According to my recollection, when I knew what people did do, he was drinking very hard.

44,266. But he knew what he was about?—This was about 12 o'clock.

44,267. Do you mean to say that you lost your recollection at 12 o'clock?—Yes, I am not a man to drink; the principal place I go to is the Temperance coffee house. I never was in that house (the "Trumpet") in my life before, and I should not have gone in then only Mr. Cooper called me in to have a glass; he was painting 47 houses for me at that time.

44,268. Did he stand the drink?—No, I spent my money as well as he.

44,269. And then you went on and got drunk?—Yes.

44,270. You say you do not often do that?—No, I never touched a drop for over 14 years.

44,271. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) What time in the morning did you go into the house?—About 10 o'clock.

44,272. Do you recollect Sir Henry Stracey coming there?—I recollect some little about it. I recollect his coming in.

44,273. Do you not recollect Hunt saying that he would stand 5*s.* apiece to the men, and the men saying that that was too little?—No.

44,274. Will you swear that that did not take place in your presence?—I will swear positively that I do not know a word about it.

44,275. Will you swear that it did not take place in your presence?—If I had lost myself I could not say, but to the best of my knowledge such a thing never took place in my presence.

44,276. Did you go upstairs into the bagatelle room?—Not that I know of; if I did it was unknown to me.

44,277. When Hunt saw you the next day and said he had spent this money, did he not say that you had promised the men half-a-crown apiece?—He never named it to me.

44,278. You saw your own tenants there, did you not?—Yes, I knew who were there, because they were up before Baron Martin.

44,279. Smith the painter was there, was he not?—He is not a tenant of mine.

44,280. Do you recollect his being there?—I saw him there in the morning when I first went in.

44,281. Your son was there?—My son came after me to fetch me home.

44,282. You were upstairs with them in the afternoon, were you not?—I do not know; if I was it was unknown to me.

44,283. William Blanchflower, he was there, was he not?—I never saw him.

44,284. Browes was there, was he not?—I never saw him.

44,285. Do you not recollect Browes being there?—No, I never saw him.

44,286. Ward was there?—I saw him there when I first went into the house.

44,287. Was Henry Walker there?—I do not know.

44,288. He is one of your own tenants, you know?—I might know him if I saw him.

44,289. James Clark, was he there?—No, not to the best of my knowledge.

44,290. Was William Leggett there?—No, not that I know of.

44,291. Daniel Greengrass was there, was he not?—No, I did not see him; if he was there he came in after I was tipsy.

44,292. William Hall, was he there?—I do not know him.

44,293. One of your own tenants.—I do not know him.

44,294. Was William Baker there?—No.

44,295. Was neither Greengrass there to your recollection; there were two of them, you know Daniel and John?—No.

44,296. What did you drink?—We were drinking best ale.

44,297. Did you run up a score?—No.

44,298. Did you pay for it as you had it?—I paid for it as I had it. I had 4*s.* or 5*s.* in my pocket, and when I got up the next morning I think I had 3½*d.*

44,299. You knew Mr. Edward Stracey, did you not?—No. I never saw the man in my life.

44,300. Had you not been at Sir Henry Stracey's committee room?—Not that I know of; if I went there I went when I was drunk. I know nothing about that.

44,301. You were not drunk at 10 o'clock in the morning?—No.

44,302. Had you not been in the committee room that morning?—No, I was not; that I am positive of. I can swear that on my solemn oath.

44,303. Did you not see Mr. Edward Stracey that morning?—I do not know him.

44,304. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Did you see Mr. John Bignold that morning?—The humpy one?

44,305. The lame one?—I never saw him.

44,306. Did you see Mr. Arthur Bignold?—I do not know him.

44,307. (*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Which Mr. Bignold did you see that morning?—I think I saw the humpy one come in about dinner time.

44,308. What did he say?—He never said anything to me.

44,309. But he spoke to somebody else, did he not?—I do not know.

44,310. Where did he go?—I was in the bar when he came in and he went through.

44,311. You were in the market room, were you not?—When I was sober so that I knew what I was up to I was in the bar, and to the best of my knowledge if I went out of the bar it is more than I know of.

44,312. Then you do not recollect being upstairs with your son?—No; if I was upstairs it is more than I know of.

44,313. Do you undertake to say that you do not recollect being in the bagatelle room, or in the passage outside the bagatelle room?—I am here speaking on my solemn oath, and I say to the best of my belief that I was not either in the passage or in the bagatelle room.

44,314. Do you recollect Smith, the painter, coming there with your son?—No; I know I saw him in the morning come round through the bar and into a room there.

44,315. Do you not recollect his coming back in the afternoon, and being there with your son?—No; I was too forward then.

44,316. How came you to get forward on this day?—Well, I do not know; it is not often that I do. I will tell you the reason that brought me in; it was Mr. Cooper, the plumber and glazier; we got in and there we sat.

44,317. When a man asks you to go into a public-house and have a glass, you do not usually get beastly drunk, do you?—I did then.

44,318. How often had you done it before?—I do not suppose that I do such a thing once in five years.

44,319. It is very odd that you should have been beastly drunk on this particular day.—The fact is that I cannot stand drink, and very little drink knocks me right over altogether.

44,320. It is a very odd thing that both you and Hunt should be there together, and that you should both get beastly drunk?—I never was in that house before that day, that I can solemnly swear on my oath, and I should not have been in there at all if Cooper, the plumber, who was painting 47 houses for me, had not called me in.

44,321. Did not your tenants tell you that you had promised them half-a-crown apiece?—Never one applied to me for it.

44,322. They may not have applied to you for it, but did they not ask you to allow it to them out of their rent?—No, that I solemnly swear.

44,323. Have none of them made that application to you?—No, not one.

44,324. Have you allowed them nothing against their rent?—Not a penny.

44,325. (*Mr. Mansfield.*) Has anybody told you that you promised money that day?—No, no one.

44,326. Did not every one of your tenants that voted vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I do not know.

44,327. You never inquired?—I never inquired.

44,328. You never tried to ascertain?—Never in my life, whether there was one, two, or 10, or 40, voted for Sir Henry Stracey. I cannot tell for I never asked the question, never in my life; it is no business of mine.

44,329. Had you ever taken an active part in an election before?—Never in my life. I defy any party

in Norwich to say that they ever saw me take any part in an election in my life. I never did.

44,330. Have you ever had anything given to you for voting?—Never in my life. I never was bribed in my life, and I have voted both ways too. I voted for Mr. Peto and Mr. Warner; and if Mr. Peto had come forward 40 times I should have voted for him.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We have nothing more to ask you.

(*The witness.*) Will you give me a certificate?

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) Certainly we shall not give a certificate to a person who we think has not told us the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

(*The witness.*) I would not have come here and told you a falsehood, nor would I to any other gentlemen.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) We should have had great pleasure in giving you a certificate if we believed that you had told the truth.

(*The witness.*) On my solemn oath I have told you the truth.

(*Mr. Dowdeswell.*) I believe your son told us the truth.

(*The witness.*) And so have I.

Adjourned.

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